

SECTION 4: Options

Further Education (college)

Colleges offer courses at all levels of ability, so there is usually a course to suit you. To find out more:

- Use **websites**
- Attend college **Open days**
- Ask about doing a **Shadowing Day** – try the course before you sign up.
- **Apply online** from September the year before you want to start.
- Attend the **interview**
- **Accept your place** even if you are not sure as this holds it for you until enrolment.
- Make your final decision to accept the place when you **enrol** September.

College	Contact	Levels offered
Bournemouth & Poole College Broad range of vocational subjects available	01202 205205 www.thecollege.co.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation Level Courses • Vocational Courses to Level 3
Brockenhurst College, New Forest Broad range of vocational subjects available	01590 625555 www.brock.ac.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation Level Courses • Vocational Courses to Level 3 • A Levels
Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester Mainly agriculture, plants and animals	01305 215000 www.kmc.ac.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation Level Courses • Vocational Courses to Level 3
Sparsholt College, Winchester Mainly agriculture, plants and animals	01962 776441 www.sparsholt.ac.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation Level Courses • Vocational Courses to Level 3 • Higher Education (degree)
Totton College, Nr Southampton Broad range of vocational subjects available	02380 874874 www.totton.ac.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation Level Courses • Vocational Courses to Level 3
Weymouth College, Dorset Broad range of vocational subjects available	01305 761100 www.weymouth.ac.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation Level Courses • Vocational Courses to Level 3 • A Levels
Yeovil College, Somerset Broad range of vocational subjects available	01935 423921 www.yeovil.ac.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation Level Courses • Vocational Courses to Level 3 • A Levels

Adult Learning – 19+

Are you interested in part time learning? You may wish to learn new skills or gain those English and Maths qualifications that you missed out on before.

Learndirect offer Functional Skills Maths and English Entry Level 1 to Entry Level 3 online for free for any age. Level 1 and level 2 incur a charge.
<https://www.learndirect.com/>

Skills and Learning <https://www.skillsandlearningace.com/>
Many colleges also offer part time

Higher Education (university)

Thinking about university?

- Speak to your careers adviser
- Look at www.ucas.com
- Look at www.open.ac.uk

Here are the local universities and colleges offering HE. However, you will need to research further than your local area when considering this option.

University	Website
Arts University Bournemouth	https://aub.ac.uk/
Bournemouth University	https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/
Brockenhurst College	https://www.brock.ac.uk/higher-education/
Bournemouth & Poole College	https://www.thecollege.co.uk/degree-level
Kingston Maurward College	https://www.kmc.ac.uk/
Southampton Solent University	https://www.solent.ac.uk/
Sparsholt College	https://www.sparsholt.ac.uk/university-centre/

For more information, speak to your careers adviser or go to

- www.gov.uk/higher-education-courses-find-and-apply
- www.ucas.com

As an alternative to university, why not consider higher level apprenticeships. These are in the next section.

Supported Internships and Apprenticeships

Supported Internships

Training for those with EHCPs who are not ready for a full apprenticeship.

- Part time work, part time education
- Job coaches to help you
- Gain more work skills
- May lead to paid employment where opportunities exist

Apprenticeships: what are they?

- 20% of your time will be in training.
- You get paid a training wage.
- You achieve a professional qualification.
- You don't always need qualifications to get an apprenticeship.

Apprenticeship Levels

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| • Intermediate | Level 2 (same as GCSEs at grades 4-9) |
| • Advanced | Level 3 (same as A Levels) |
| • Higher | Levels 4 & 5 (same as foundation degree) |
| • Degree of Post Graduate | Levels 6 & 7 (a degree or master's degree) |

Apprenticeship Vacancies

- Go to www.apprenticeships.gov.uk
- Click on Become an Apprentice
- Click on Browse Apprenticeships
- Choose your area of interest
- Put in your postcode
- Look through vacancies and click on those of interest.
- Read through the details and decide if its what you are interested in.
- Apply for all that appeal to you
- Once you create an account, you will receive updates.

You can also look at:

- Amazing Apprenticeships – www.amazingapprenticeships.com
- UCAS – www.ucas.com/apprenticeships-uk

Local Apprenticeships Providers

Vocational areas covered by some local training providers and their contacts

Provider Name:	Aspire	B & P College	HIT	Kingston Maurward College	Paragon Skills	Peta	Sparsholt College
Accountancy					X		X
Adult Care					X		
Animal Care & Equine				X			X
Automotive		X			X		
Business Admin	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Childcare and Education	X				X		
Construction		X					
Countryside Management				X			X
Customer Service / Experience	X				X		
Digital, Computing & IT		X				X	
Engineering		X				X	
Event Management							
Hair and Beauty		X			X		
Health, Care & Education		X					
Horticulture				X			X
Hospitality & Catering	X	X	X		X		
Leadership & Management					X	X	X
Marine		X			X		
Sales					X		
Retail			X				
Talent Management					X		
Theatrical Make up		X					

Provider	Website
Aspire	www.aspiretrainingteam.co.uk
Bournemouth & Poole College	www.thecollege.co.uk/apprenticeships
HIT Training	https://hittraining.co.uk/
Kingston Maurward College	https://www.kmc.ac.uk/college/courses/apprenticeships/
Paragon Skills, Boscombe	https://paragonskills.co.uk/
Peta	www.peta.co.uk
Sparsholt College, Winchester	https://www.sparsholt.ac.uk/apprenticeships/
Weymouth Collee	https://www.weymouth.ac.uk/level-of-study/apprenticeships/
Yeovil College	https://www.yeovil.ac.uk/apprenticeships/current-vacancies/

Employment

Types of employment

- **Full time** – usually 40 hours per week
- **Part time** – anything up to full time
- **Permanent** – the job is yours until you choose to leave
- **Temporary**, eg maternity cover, holiday cover, for a set project
- **Zero hours** – allocated to an organisation that will provide work when they need you. No guarantee of hours and therefore no guarantee of salary.
- **Self-Employment** – your own boss

Minimum Wage

The rates which will apply from 1 April 2024 are as follows:

	National Minimum Wage Rate	Increase in pence	Percentage increase
National Living Wage (21 and over)	£ 11.44	£ 1.02	9.8%
18–20-Year-Old Rate	£ 8.60	£ 1.11	14.8%
16–17-Year-Old Rate	£ 6.40	£ 1.12	21.2%
Apprentice Rate	£ 6.40	£ 1.12	21.2%

This increases each year. For the latest information, check <https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>

Self-Employment

You are your own boss!

There is no minimum wage – that's down to you to earn your money (and pay your tax, national insurance and pension contributions).

There are no particular hours – you choose the hours you work.

If you like the idea of being your own boss, you can use Career Pilot to find out more:

www.careerpilot.org.uk

- Click on Explore Your Options
- Click on Choices at 18+
- Click on Help with Employment and Self Employment
- Click on Find out about Entrepreneurship and Self Employment

Also, look at the following websites:

- **Digital Skills Hub**, Royal Arcade, Boscombe – Drop in Mondays 2pm-4pm
<https://www.digitalskillshub.org.uk/business-connect-mondays>
- **Dorset County Council** – Starting up and running a business
<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/business-consumers-licences/business-support-and-advice>
- **Federation of Small Businesses** - <https://www.fsb.org.uk/>
- **Government** - <https://www.gov.uk/working-for-yourself>
- **SAMEE** – <https://samee.co.uk>
SAMEE support people with disabilities to set up their own businesses.
- **Prince's Trust** - <https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/how-we-can-help/support-starting-business>
Prince's Trust help people aged 18-30 to set up their own businesses.

Volunteering

Benefits of volunteering:

- Gain transferrable skills for the workplace.
- Try something you may not try otherwise.
- Gain a new hobby or interest.
- Make new friends.
- Open up new opportunities for career ideas.
- Opportunities to travel.
- Looks good to potential employers.
- Builds confidence and a sense of achievement.

Where to look for volunteering – useful websites

Locally / in the UK	
BCHA	https://www.bcha.org.uk/
CAN100	https://www.can100.org/ Drop in at the Digital Skills Hub, Royal Arcade, Boscombe on Tuesdays between 2pm and 4pm to find out more about volunteering
Dorset volunteering	www.volunteeringdorset.org.uk
Gov.UK	www.gov.uk/government/get-involved/take-part/volunteer
Bournemouth Hospital	https://www.uhd.nhs.uk/hospitals-bournemouth
Poole Hospital	https://www.poole.nhs.uk/
Dorchester Hospital	www.dchft.nhs.uk
Poole Culture Volunteers	www.poole.gov.uk
Reach Volunteering	www.reachvolunteering.org.uk
Volunteering Matters	www.volunteeringmatters.org.uk

Examples of overseas volunteering opportunities	
Bunac	www.bunac.org/uk/volunteer-abroad
Camp America	www.campamerica.com

Does it cost money to volunteer?

Check with each organisation as there may be costs, eg, transport or accommodation.