

Careers Session 4 - Life after Year 11...

Personal Learning Criteria

PLC 1

I know the advantages and disadvantages of Apprenticeships.

PLC 2

I know the differences between college and sixth form college

PLC 3

I know the different colleges here in Wirral, their entry requirements and how to apply.

1. Advantages of apprenticeships

2.



Watch the 2 video clips and create a concept map on the advantages of apprenticeships.

Advantages of
Apprenticeships

**Gain Qualifications
(Paid for by the
employer)**



**Helps to develop
soft skills**



**Advantages of
Apprenticeships**

**On the job
experience/training**



Paid



What are the differences between college and sixth form?

**SHOULD I GO TO COLLEGE
OR SIXTH FORM?**

The infographic features a central white silhouette of a person's head and shoulders. To the right of the person's head are two white question marks, one above the other, suggesting a state of uncertainty or a question about the choice between college and sixth form.

At the bottom of the infographic, there are three logos:

- Uni Connect Programme**: A logo consisting of a white square with a blue diagonal line and the text "Uni Connect Programme" to its right.
- Aimhigher**: A logo with the word "Aimhigher" in white and a stylized white figure of a person jumping or running to its right.
- Aimhigher Free Schools**: A logo with a stylized white tree icon above the word "Aimhigher" and "Free Schools" in a white rounded rectangle below it.

How many did you get?

College V Sixth Form

College gives you more independence.

Sixth form may want you to dress smart/have a uniform.

No uniform.

Sixth form is familiar, same friends, teachers.

Meet new people of different ages.

Sixth form teachers will chase you for essays/assignments.

Free periods where you can go off site.

No transition process.

Better resourced.

Colleges: Wirral Met College

Wirral Met is a large college of Further and Higher Education, supporting over 10,000 students every year with a range of courses from entry level to higher education.

There are 5 different campuses

1. Wirral Water Campus
2. The Oval Campus
3. Twelve Quays Campus
4. Conway Park Campus
5. Hamilton Campus



Each Campus specialises on a specific vocation. Have a virtual tour of each by following this link: <https://www.wmc.ac.uk/virtual-tours>

Courses at Wirral Met:

BTec

T-Levels

A- Levels

Apprenticeship

CPD (Continued Professional
Development)

19+

Full Time Education

University

What is a Btec?

A Btec, or 'Business and Technology Education Council' (the name of the body which originally oversaw it) is a practical-based, vocational qualification. It can be studied at a college or school.

Btecs provide the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a subject. They're an alternative to the more theory-focused, classroom-based ways of learning which you might be put off by.

Btecs are increasingly becoming a more popular path to both university and particular jobs in place of – or in addition to – A-levels.

While they are commonly known as an alternative to A-levels, Btec qualifications can actually be studied at a number of levels including GCSE and even degree-level.

Entry requirements vary depending on the school or college and the particular BTEC course you are interested in. **You may need up to five GCSEs at grade 9 to 4.**

Types of Btec:

- **BTEC Firsts** are available from entry level to Level 2 (similar standard to GCSEs)
- **BTEC Nationals** are available from Level 3 (similar standard to A levels)
- **BTEC Apprenticeships** are available at Levels 2 to 5 across more than 25 sectors.

Btec equivalent to GCSE

Level / Qualification Grade	Grade Equivalent
Level 2 / Distinction*	8.5
Level 2 / Distinction	7
Level 2 / Merit	5.5
Level 2 / Pass	4
Level 1 / Distinction	3
Level 1 / Merit	2
Level 1 / Pass	1.25

Watch the clips below and then complete the 'everyone writes' task:



Everyone writes task:

What is a Btec?

What are the advantages of a Btec?

What are the minimum entry requirements to study a Btec?

What is a T-Level?



Available September 2023

- // Digital Support Services
- // Digital Production, Design and Development
- // Onsite Construction - Carpentry and Joinery
- // Building Services Engineering for Construction
- // Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control - Fabrication and Welding
- // Education & Childcare
- // Health

NEW for September 2024

- // Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing
- // Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Therapy
- // Media, Broadcast and Production
- // Science

HOW ARE T LEVELS DIFFERENT TO OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

T Level	80% classroom	20% industry placement
Apprenticeship	20% classroom	80% employment
A Level	100% classroom	

PROGRESSING TO UNIVERSITY

T Level grades are equivalent to UCAS points in the same way as A Level or BTEC courses.

T Level grade	A Level	UCAS tariff points
Distinction*	A*A*A*	168
Distinction	AAA	144
Merit	BBB	120
Pass (C or above on core component)	CCC	96
Pass (D or E on core component)	DDD	72

Everyone writes task:

Imagine you are a careers adviser. Describe T-Levels to a young person you are advising.

Sentence starters:

A T-Level is...

You can do a T level in...

The advantages of T Levels are...

The disadvantages of T Levels are...

A T-level is worth...