
MIDSUMMER CAREERS BULLETIN SPECIAL



Dear Parent/Carer,

GCSE Results Day – what happens next?

Throughout the year, I am sure there have been as many conversations at home, as there have been in school, with your Yr11 student about what they want to do next. There may have been shifts in ambition from A Levels to apprenticeships, or college to Traineeships or T-Levels. Some destinations will be dependent on GCSE results and others, such as apprenticeships, may not even have been found yet.

SET Careers Team is available during and after results day to support with any changes of mind, unexpected results or anything you or your student is unsure about.

A few quick checks for you to think about:

- If you have applied to a college or sixth form, make sure you know how to let them know what your GCSE results are and fully enrol on your course, or arrange another interview to review options.
- If you have an offer of an apprenticeship, make sure you let the employer know your results if your position is dependent on them. Make sure you know when and where you are expected to start work, have a bank account set up and have sorted all the details and paperwork for your employment.
- If you are still looking for an apprenticeship, you may need to spend more time each day proactively looking for opportunities, or consider other options. Talk to your careers Advisor and seek some help if you need to.
- If you do not pass your Maths or English with grade 4 or above, you must resit these in college, sixth form or as part of your apprenticeship.



If you're reconsidering your plans, don't panic! Do some research and seek advice. Here are some links and suggestions you may find useful:

For apprenticeships - [National Apprenticeships](#) website, [Apprenticeships Suffolk](#), [Apprenticeships New Anglia](#) Also check out jobs sites like Indeed, individual college websites as they list their apprenticeships, individual businesses/industries as some only advertise their vacancies on their website. Your search needs to be extensive and not just for a single vocation that you think is of interest to you. Keep an open mind.

Check through the list of courses at colleges and sixth forms and get in touch with them if you find something that interests you – it is not too late to access a place on some courses but you will need to talk to them.

Make sure you know the difference between BTECs and A Levels. A Levels are mainly exam-based, whereas BTECs use written assignments throughout the year. Both may include practical elements, depending on the course.

Get in touch with your SET Careers Advisor or a member of teaching staff if you have any questions or need a little support or direction.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, celebrate your achievements and embrace your future.

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