



Moving on

YEAR 11 ASSEMBLY

Learning about the different
routes available to you after
GCSEs



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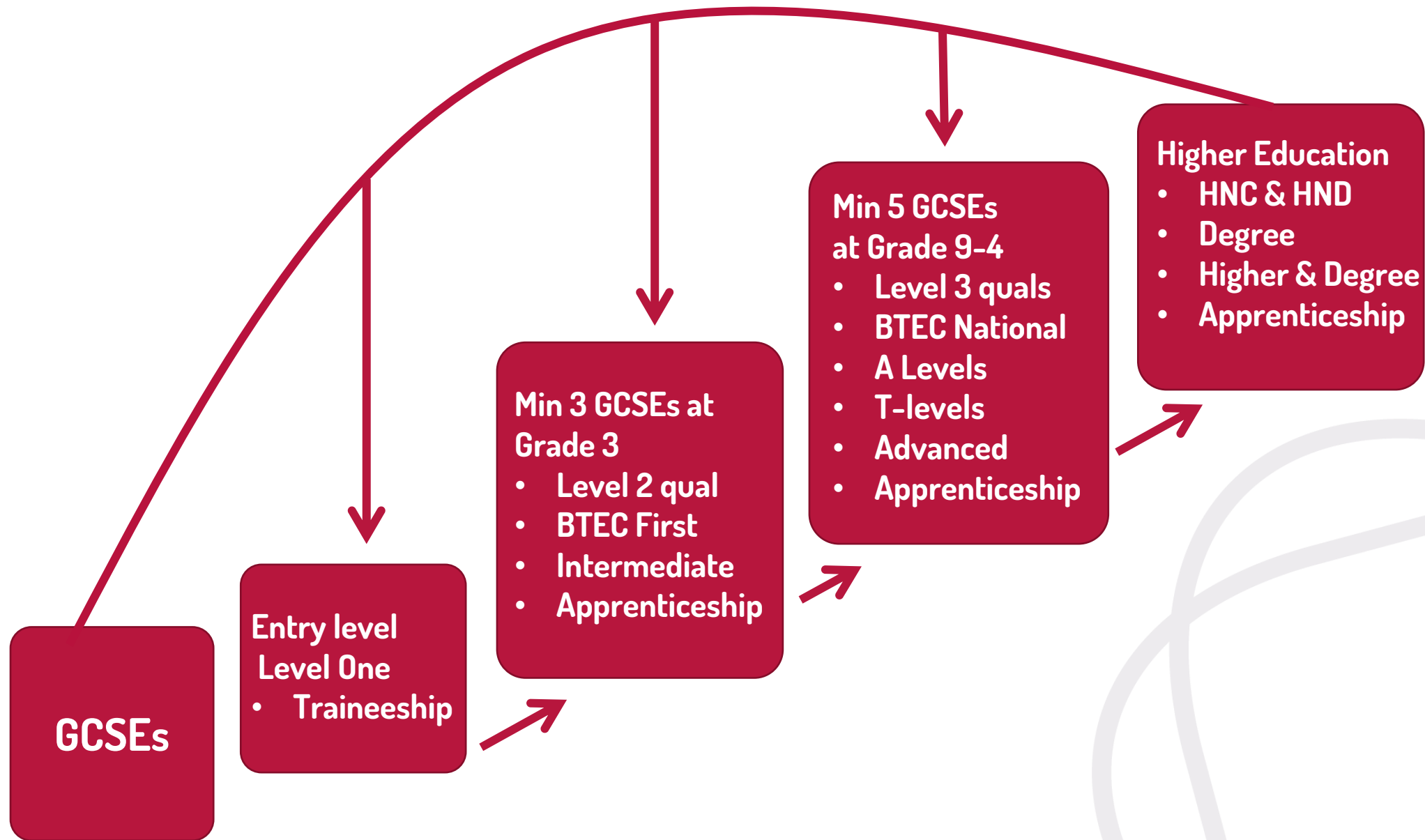
Aims

1. To understand the different progression routes available to you after your GCSEs.
2. To also understand the importance of researching the career you are interested in, the routes available to this career and the grades you will need.

Key words:

- Labour Market
- Academic
- Vocational
- Occupational





What are my options?

Vocational pathway

- BTEC; CTEC; Applied General;
T Levels 80% coursework 20% in work
- Entry at various levels
- Last 1 or 2 years
- Focus on a sector
- Coursework focus
- Some exams
- Work experience

Academic pathway

- A Levels
- Five GCSEs 9*-5
- 2 years
- Three to four subjects
- Exam focus

Occupational pathways

Traineeship

- 6 weeks to 6 months
- Entry level

Apprenticeship

- 1 or 2 years
- A paid job with training
- Qualification achieved

Can sometimes be combined

FE College

Sixth Form

Training
provider

Employer



A levels – what are they? What do I need?

You would usually study 3 A levels – 2 year course.

At Edgbarrow Sixth Form, students are required to have achieved 5 grade 5s or distinctions to study A levels

One of the 5 grades should be from GCSE English (Lit or Lang).

In most cases you also require a grade 6 in the subject you would like to study.

- Some subjects have further requirements so please use the sixth form prospectus and read the 'entry requirements' sections carefully.
- **Other colleges and sixth forms may have different requirements so please check this carefully.**
- A levels are exam based courses with very little or no coursework

Opportunities at Edgbarrow 6th form



A Level subject choices at Edgbarrow

- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Design and Technology - Product Design
- Drama and Theatre Studies
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- French
- Spanish
- Politics
- Geography
- History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Religion, Philosophy & Ethics
- Sociology
- Core Maths

Vocational Subjects * Level 3 Diploma

- ▶ Business
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Performing Arts
- ▶ Criminology
- ▶ Travel and Tourism
- ▶ Applied Science
- ▶ Health and Social Care *
- ▶ Information Technology *
- ▶ Sports and Exercise Science *



They are a single course (equivalent to 1 A Level) The subjects with an asterisk are offered as a double course

At Edgbarrow Sixth Form, students are required to have **achieved 5 grade 4s or merits**. One of the 5 grades should be from **GCSE English (Lit or Lang)**.

We also offer a one year level 2 course in IT, Retail and Travel and Tourism

T-Levels

- 2 year course
- Equivalent to 3 A-Levels
- A 45 day industry placement
- 80% Classroom based, 20% work
- Have been developed in conjunction with industry



<https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students/find>



Vocational subjects – What are they?

- A vocational course is more practical than A levels, they prepare you for work in a specific job sector.
- You study 1 subject in a lot more depth and develop the relevant practical skills i.e. Business, IT, Health and Social Care, Applied Science, Music, Sport, Criminology, Travel and Tourism. At College; Construction, Motor Vehicle, Engineering.
- Assessment is more varied (practical /projects/portfolios, etc.) and there are few exams.
- Work experience opportunities as part of your course
- Progress to University, into a full time job or on to an advanced or higher apprenticeship.

Vocational subjects – where can I study them?

Edgbarrow 6th form or another school 6th form

Local Colleges such as:

- Activate - Bracknell & Wokingham and Reading College
- BCA
- Farnborough College of Technology
- Farnborough 6th Form

What are apprenticeships?



Earn a wage



Work for at least
30 hours per week



Study towards a
job related qualification



Contract of employment
including holiday pay



Real job with
real responsibilities

**Brought to you
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Apprenticeship
Service**

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Service**



Apprenticeships - facts and figures

- **COMPETITION FOR SOME APPRENTICESHIP PLACES CAN BE FIERCE**
- **CONTACTS IN THE OCCUPATION OR SOME WORK EXPERIENCE PUTS YOU AT A DISTINCT ADVANTAGE**
- Available in over 170 industries covering 1500 job roles
- On completion 84% stay in employment – 64% with same employer

Whichever option you choose you will need

- A good school report
- Good attendance report for year 11
- For some courses i.e. Childcare, Health and Social Care, Sport, Police, Education, Nursing you will need a DBS check – criminal record check

Activities to help me find the right choice



Edgbarrow School

- 6th form Open Evening - Thursday 16th November 2023, 6.00pm - 8.00pm - Atrium
- Sixth Form Experience Day – Friday 1st December 2023
- Careers Convention – Thursday 7th March 2024, 6.30pm - 8.30pm – Hall & Sixth Form Atrium
- 1 to 1 or group careers guidance session with Adviza on Friday's
- All 6th forms will have open events and these will be advertised on their websites
- College Open Days / October onwards – you will need to book online
- Apply to 6th Forms and / or colleges (apply to more than one place as a back up)
- Register on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

IMPORTANT – You can make applications to a number of places if you wish.

How to find out more about careers that interest you

The world of work is very competitive, to make yourself more employable you need to be pro-active and consider:

- Work experience / work shadowing opportunities
- Voluntary work in the local community
- D of E award
- Talk to people you know who work in areas that interest you
- Explore career resources – eclips career leaflets with over 1400 careers on the Adviza portal <https://www.adviza.org.uk/careers-guidance-for-you>

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Things to think about

Investigate all ideas

Have a back-up plan

Keep your options open



Thank you for listening today.



If you want to discuss your Career Ideas further request a review via your tutor with me in school.