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What's Next?

2023 Provision Guide – South Essex

Employability & Skills Team

A guide to support a young person's next steps.

The purpose of this guide is to give you an overview of the options for post-16 provision in your local area. Delivery and availability of the opportunities listed may change.

Many of you will expect to achieve the grades needed and will be staying in your school sixth form, have secured a place at college, or have a start date agreed for an apprenticeship. If you do not have any firm plans in place, then please read on.

Planning

When considering your next steps, it can seem confusing as there are so many options to choose from. Whether you are looking at further education, apprenticeships, work or training, we recommend that you research thoroughly.

There are several websites listed in this resource which can help you to explore courses and careers. In addition, it is important to identify existing skills as well as your hobbies and interests to help you when considering your options.

You could also speak with school or college staff, careers advisers and family networks to help you to make a strong choice. Remember to have a backup plan.

Extension to Child Benefit

If you are a school or college leaver, under 18, unemployed and do not have a course or training programme to start in September 2023, your parent/carer may be entitled to claim Extension to Child Benefit. There is a time limit in which you can register your claim. For more information contact the **Employability and Skills Team** on **0800 707 6384**, and we can put you in touch with a local adviser for advice and guidance.

College and Further Education options

If you have not already applied, then we suggest that you make applications quickly as some providers have deadlines early in the academic year. There are broadly two different types of college course:

Academic Courses (e.g. A levels/ International Baccalaureate)

Usually involves studying multiple subjects. This may provide increased progression options at the end of the course.

- Assessment is usually weighted towards exams with less emphasis on continuous assessment.
- Entry Criteria: Typically, applicants will be expected to achieve at least five GCSEs at grades 9 to 4. The specific requirements vary across schools and colleges.
- Some schools and Sixth Form Colleges may offer GCSE resit options for young people that have narrowly missed out on GCSE grades.

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Vocational Courses (e.g. BTECs/T Levels/NVQ/CACHE)

Vocational courses are typically designed around a specific industry/occupation.

Courses usually range from Level 1 and go up to Level 3 and higher.

Vocational courses are an opportunity to specialise early in a subject that interests you.

It often means studying one main subject (some schools and colleges allow you to blend academic and vocational options).

If you have not achieved Grade 4 in GCSE Maths or English, you will be required to complete these qualifications alongside your main course.

Sixth Form & College options for summer 2023

For more information about course availability, application procedures, open events and entry requirements, please contact the establishment directly.

School Sixth Forms

Anglo European School, Ingatestone

Telephone: 01277 354018

Website: www.aesessex.co.uk

Basildon Academies

Telephone: 01268 552536

Website: www.basildonacademies.org.uk

Beauchamps High School, Wickford

Telephone: 01268 735466

Website: www.beauchamps.essex.sch.uk

Becket Keys, Brentwood

Telephone: 01277 286600

Website: www.becketkeys

Brentwood County High

Telephone: 01277 238900

Website: www.bchs.essex.sch.uk

Brentwood Ursuline Convent School

Telephone: 01277 277156

Website: www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk

Greensward Academy, Hockley

Telephone: 01702 202571

Website:

www.sites.google.com/aetinet.org/greenswardwebsite/home

Mayflower High School, Billericay

Telephone: 01277 623171

Website: www.mayflowerhigh.essex.sch.uk

Shenfield High School

Telephone: 01277 219131

Website: www.shenfield.essex.sch.uk

St Martins School, Hutton

Telephone: 01277 238300

Website: www.st-martins.essex.sch.uk

The Appleton School, Benfleet

Telephone: 01268 794215

Website: www.theappletonschool.org

The Billericay School

Telephone: 01277 655191

Website: www.billericayschool.com

The FitzWimarc School, Rayleigh

Telephone: 01268 743884

Website: www.fitzwimarc.com

The Bromfords School, Wickford

Telephone: 01268 471201

Website: www.bromfords.essex.sch.uk

The King Edmund School, Rochford

Telephone: 01702 545771

Website: www.kes.essex.sch.uk

The King John School, Benfleet

Telephone: 01702 558284

Website: www.thekjs.essex.sch.uk

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The Sweyne Park School, Rayleigh

Telephone: 01268 784721

Website: www.sweynepark.com

Colleges & Sixth Form Colleges

South Essex College, Basildon, Canvey, Southend and Thurrock

Telephone: 0345 52 12345

Website: www.southessex.ac.uk

USP College

Unified SEEVIC and Palmers College

Benfleet/Grays/Canvey

Telephone: **SEEVIC** 01268 756111

Telephone: **Palmers** 01375 370121

Telephone: **XTEND Digital** 01268 882688

Website: www.uspcollege.ac.uk

Other Colleges close to South Essex

Barking and Dagenham College, Romford

Telephone: 020 8090 3020

Website:

www.barkingdagenhamcollege.ac.uk

Chelmsford College

Telephone: 01245 265611

Website: www.chelmsford.ac.uk

New City College,

Havering Sixth Form Campus Hornchurch

Telephone: 0330 135 9000

Website: www.ncclondon.ac.uk/havering-sixth-form-campus

Writtle University College, near Chelmsford

Telephone: 01245 424200

Website: www.writtle.ac.uk

Still unsure?

Where possible, speak with the Careers Adviser at your school or college who will have access to information about subject choices and career paths. Please check websites for contact details.

From Monday 26th June: If you are aged 16–18, do not have access to a school or college Careers Adviser and do not have a firm plan for September, then please get in touch.

Employability and Skills Team

0800 7076384

KeepInContactTeam@essex.gov.uk

Website: www.youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/education-employment-and-training-support/

Apprenticeships

What is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship gives you the opportunity to gain work experience, a qualification and earn a wage at the same time.

Apprenticeships are available from Level 2 (equivalent to GCSE 9-4) all the way up to Degree level in some occupational areas.

For current information on local vacancies and further support, please visit:

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

apprenticesupportcentre.apprenticeships.gov.uk

essexopportunities.co.uk/apprenticeship-hub

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Training Providers that frequently deliver apprenticeship opportunities for young people in the local area:

ACL Essex County Council

Apprenticeships in Business Administration, Customer service and more

www.aclessex.com/apprenticeships

Central Training

Hairdressing, Barbering, Retail & Customer Service, Digital Marketing, Teaching Assistant and Business Administration

www.centraltraininggroup.com

Crown College

Business Administration, Customer Service, Estate Agency, Lettings and Property Management, Learning and Development and Retail

www.crownvocationaltraining.co.uk/apprenticeships/

Debut Training Academy

Apprenticeships and funded training in Beauty and Nails with a training centre/salon in Wickford

www.debutacademy.com

Eden Training

Care and Child Care

www.edentraining.co.uk

Hit Training

Hospitality and Catering

www.hittraining.co.uk

Ixion Holdings

Offers Apprenticeships and Traineeships in Business, Construction, Customer Service, Digital Media, and Marketing.

www.ixionholdings.com

JET: Hairdressing

www.j-ettraining.com

Just IT Training

Apprenticeships in IT Support, Digital Marketing, Software Development and more.

www.justit.co.uk/candidates/become-an-apprentice/

Key Training Business

Administration and Customer Service

www.keytraining.co.uk/young-person-looking-for-an-apprenticeship

Multiverse

Business, Accountancy and Tech Apprenticeships in London

<https://www.multiverse.io/en-GB/young-adults>

QA Apprenticeships

Business Administration and IT related

www.qa.com/learners/become-an-apprentice

TCHC Apprenticeships

www.tchc.net/individual/apprenticeships

The Lightbulb

Business Administration, Digital Marketing and Teaching Assistant

www.thelightbulbapprenticeships.com

USP College, Unified SEEVIC and Palmers

Accountancy, Business Administration, Early Years, Teaching Assistant and IT

www.uspcollege.ac.uk/courses-apprenticeships

VTs

Business Administration, Child Care and Health and Social Care

www.vts.ac.uk/information-for-apprentices

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Colleges that offer Apprenticeships

Barking and Dagenham College

www.barkingdagenhamcollege.ac.uk/find/courses-for-me/apprenticeship-vacancies

Chelmsford College

www.chelmsford.ac.uk/courses/apprenticeships-view.asp

New City College

www.ncclondon.ac.uk/apprenticeships

South Essex College

www.southessex.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Foundation Learning Programmes

Foundation Learning providers offer English and Maths qualifications often alongside vocational elements to help improve your skills and get you ready to undertake an apprenticeship opportunity. This option often is usually accepted as approved training.

*Some Foundation Learning courses may have restrictions due to funding. Check with the provider when making your enquiries.

Central Training Group

www.centraltraininggroup.com

Online Functional Skills – These cannot be taken as a ‘stand-alone’ offer but can be paired with one of their online courses – there are quite a few options to choose from.

For more information, please email:
courseenquiries@centraltraininggroup.com
or telephone: **0800 783 2901**

Crown College

www.crownvocationaltraining.co.uk/apprenticeships

Level 2 Business Administration and IT Course based in Leigh on Sea. You will be required to attend 4 days a week over 20 weeks and will have the chance to improve your Maths and English.

Debut Training Academy

www.debutacademy.com

Apprenticeships and funded training in Beauty with training centre/salons in Wickford and Brentwood.

Eden Training

www.edentraining.co.uk

Level 1 and 2 Health and Social Care course based in Leigh on Sea, is a good starting point for a career in Health and Social Care or Child Care. The course includes college and work experience and a chance to improve Maths and English.

Runway Training

www.runwaytraining.co.uk

Online Level 1 and 2 Maths and English Functional Skills course available. In addition to fully funded industry qualifications through knowledge based online courses.

For more information, please email:
essexneets@runway.co.uk

TCHC – GAPS Programme

www.tchc.net/individual/youth-support/gaps

GAPS is long term programme which includes functional skills in English and Maths with an opportunity to link into various vocational areas.

For more information contact Aaron Wallis:
aaron.wallis@tchc.net

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Youthbuild

www.essexyouthbuild.co.uk

Construction based courses up to Level 1 in Chelmsford. They also offer a CSCS course and test which is required to work on construction sites.

Please contact:

admin@essexyouthbuild.co.uk

Useful Websites

Below is a list of useful websites ranging from careers advice, skills assessments, finding work to volunteering.

Careers and Opportunities Research

www.essexopportunities.co.uk

www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk

www.youthemployment.org.uk

www.icould.com

www.careerpilot.org.uk

<https://careers.startprofile.com>

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers

Apprenticeships

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk

www.aclessex.com/apprentices

www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk

www.amazingapprenticeships.com

www.talentview.org

www.essexopportunities.co.uk/apprenticeship-hub

Jobs

www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk

www.gov.uk/find-a-job

www.indeed.co.uk

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

Higher Education

www.ucas.com

www.prospects.ac.uk

Volunteering

www.vinspired.com

www.volunteersexsex.org

www.volunteering.england.nhs.uk

www.doit.life/volunteer

www.youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/volunteering/

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Local provision options, opportunities & support

www.youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/education-employment-and-training-support/

Raising of the Participation Age

www.essex.gov.uk/education-and-training-for-young-people

Mental Health Support

The Southend, Essex and Thurrock Children's and Adolescent Mental Health Services (SET CAMHS) provides advice and support to children, young people and families who are in need of support with their emotional wellbeing or mental health difficulties. www.nelft.nhs.uk/set-camhs

Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm: call **0800 953 0222**

Email: set-camhs.referrals@nelft.nhs.uk

Urgent or out of hours: call **0800 995 1000**

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