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## What's Next?

### 2023 Provision Guide – West 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

#### BMAT STEM Academy, Harlow

Telephone: 01279 621570

Website: [www.bmatstemacademy.org](http://www.bmatstemacademy.org)

#### Davenant Sixth Form, Loughton

Telephone: 020 8508 0404

Website: [www.davenantschool.co.uk](http://www.davenantschool.co.uk)

#### Debden Park Sixth Form

Telephone: 0208 508 2979

Website:

[www.debdenparkhighschool.org/sixthp](http://www.debdenparkhighschool.org/sixthp)

#### Epping St John's Sixth Form

Telephone: 01992 573028

Website:

[www.eppingstjohnsschool.org/926/head-of-sixth-form-welcome](http://www.eppingstjohnsschool.org/926/head-of-sixth-form-welcome)

#### The Helena Romanes School & Sixth Form, Great Dunmow

Telephone: 01371 872560

Website: [www.helena-roman.essex.sch.uk](http://www.helena-roman.essex.sch.uk)

#### Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport (Near Saffron Walden)

Telephone: 01799 540237

Website: [www.jfan.org.uk/160/sixth-form](http://www.jfan.org.uk/160/sixth-form)

#### Roding Valley High School Sixth Form, Loughton

Telephone: 020 8508 1173

Website: <https://rodingvalley.net/sixth-form/sixth-form-welcome>

#### Saffron Walden County High School & Sixth Form

Telephone: 01799 513030

Website: [www.swchs.net](http://www.swchs.net)

#### Sir Frederick Gibberd Sixth Form, Harlow

Telephone: 01279 307235

Website:

[www.sirfrederickgibberdcollege.org/1052/sixth-form](http://www.sirfrederickgibberdcollege.org/1052/sixth-form)

#### Sir George Monoux College, Walthamstow

Telephone: 0208 5233 544

Website: [www.sgmc.ac.uk](http://www.sgmc.ac.uk)

#### St Marks Catholic Sixth Form, Harlow

Telephone: 01279 421267

Website: [www.st-marks.essex.sch.uk](http://www.st-marks.essex.sch.uk)

#### West Hatch High School, Chigwell

Telephone: 020 8504 8216

Website: [www.westhatch.net](http://www.westhatch.net)

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## Colleges & Sixth Form Colleges

### Harlow College

Telephone: 01279 868000

Website: [www.harlow-college.ac.uk](http://www.harlow-college.ac.uk)

### New City College, Epping Forest Campus

Telephone: 0330 135 9000

Website: [www.ncclondon.ac.uk/epping-forest](http://www.ncclondon.ac.uk/epping-forest)

### Stansted Airport College

Telephone: 01279 701430

Website: [www.stanstedairportcollege.ac.uk](http://www.stanstedairportcollege.ac.uk)

## Other Colleges close to West Essex

### Access Creative College, Shoreditch

Specialist Performing Arts/

Creative Media college

Telephone: 0207 613 8380

Website: [www.accesscreative.ac.uk](http://www.accesscreative.ac.uk)

### Anglo European School, Ingatestone

Telephone: 01277 354018

Website: [www.aesessex.co.uk](http://www.aesessex.co.uk)

### Barking and Dagenham College,

Barking and Rush Green

Telephone: 0208 090 3020

Website:

[www.barkingdagenhamcollege.ac.uk](http://www.barkingdagenhamcollege.ac.uk)

### Beal High School, Ilford

Telephone: 020 8551 4954

Website: [www.bealhighschool.co.uk/sixth-form-information](http://www.bealhighschool.co.uk/sixth-form-information)

### Birchwood School, Bishops Stortford

Telephone: 01279 655936

Website: [www.birchwoodonline.co.uk](http://www.birchwoodonline.co.uk)

### The Bishops Stortford High School,

Bishops Stortford

Telephone: 01279 868686

Website: [www.tbshs.org](http://www.tbshs.org)

### The Broxbourne School

Telephone: 01992 411060

Website: [www.broxbourne.herts.sch.uk](http://www.broxbourne.herts.sch.uk)

### Cambridge Regional College

Telephone: 01223 418200

Website: [www.camre.ac.uk](http://www.camre.ac.uk)

### Capel Manor College, Enfield

Telephone: 0303 003 1234

Website: [www.capel.ac.uk](http://www.capel.ac.uk)

### Chelmsford College

Telephone: 01245 265611

Website: [www.chelmsford.ac.uk](http://www.chelmsford.ac.uk)

### Colchester Institute,

The College at Braintree

Telephone: 01206 712000

Website: [www.colchester.ac.uk/about-us/campuses/braintree](http://www.colchester.ac.uk/about-us/campuses/braintree)

### CONEL, includes Enfield Campus

Telephone: 020 8442 3055

Website: [www.conel.ac.uk](http://www.conel.ac.uk)

### Goffs Academy, Cheshunt

Telephone: 01992 630443

Website: [www.goffs.herts.sch.uk](http://www.goffs.herts.sch.uk)

### Haileybury Turnford School, Cheshunt

Telephone: 01992 308 333

Website: [www.haileyburyturnford.com](http://www.haileyburyturnford.com)

### Hertford Regional College,

Broxbourne and Ware

Telephone: 01992 411400

Website: [www.hrc.ac.uk](http://www.hrc.ac.uk)

### The Hertfordshire & Essex High School & College, Bishops Stortford

Telephone: 01279 654127

Website: [www.hertsandessex.herts.sch.uk](http://www.hertsandessex.herts.sch.uk)

### Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge

Telephone: 01223 247251

Website: [www.hillsroad.ac.uk](http://www.hillsroad.ac.uk)

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**Hockerill Anglo-European College,  
Bishops Stortford**

Telephone: 01279 658451

Website: [www.hockerill.com](http://www.hockerill.com)**John Warner School, Hoddesdon**

Telephone: 01992 462889

Website: [www.johnwarner.herts.sch.uk](http://www.johnwarner.herts.sch.uk)**Lea Valley Academy, Enfield**

Telephone: 01992 763666

Website: [www.leavalley.org.uk](http://www.leavalley.org.uk)**Leventhorpe Business and Enterprise  
Academy, Bishops Stortford**

Telephone: 01279 836633

Website: [www.leventhorpe.net](http://www.leventhorpe.net)**Long Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge**

Telephone: 01223 631100

Website: [www.longroad.ac.uk](http://www.longroad.ac.uk)**Newham College, includes Stratford/East  
Ham Campuses**

Telephone: 020 8257 4000

Website: [www.newham.ac.uk](http://www.newham.ac.uk)**Oasis Sixth Form, Enfield**

Telephone: 01992 655 400

Website: [www.oasisacademyenfield.org](http://www.oasisacademyenfield.org)**Robert Barclay Academy, Hoddesdon**

Telephone: 01992 410800

Website: [www.robertbarclayacademy.co.uk](http://www.robertbarclayacademy.co.uk)**St Mary's Catholic School,  
Bishops Stortford**

Telephone: 01279 654901

Website: [www.stmarys.net](http://www.stmarys.net)**St Mary's Church of England High School,  
Cheshunt**

Telephone: 01992 629124

Website: [www.st-maryshigh.herts.sch.uk](http://www.st-maryshigh.herts.sch.uk)**Waltham Forest College**

Telephone: 020 8501 8000

Website: [www.waltham.ac.uk](http://www.waltham.ac.uk)**Writtle University College, near Chelmsford**

Telephone: 01245 424200

Website: [www.writtle.ac.uk](http://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](mailto:KeepInContactTeam@essex.gov.uk)Website: [www.youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/education-employment-and-training-support/](http://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](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)[apprenticesupportcentre.apprenticeships.gov.uk](http://apprenticesupportcentre.apprenticeships.gov.uk)[essexopportunities.co.uk/apprenticeship-hub](http://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/](http://www.aclessex.com/apprenticeships/)

## **Debut Training Academy**

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

[www.debutacademy.com](http://www.debutacademy.com)

## **Hit Training**

Hospitality and Catering

[www.hittraining.co.uk](http://www.hittraining.co.uk)

## **Halls of Ivy**

Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Therapy Apprenticeships in Chelmsford and surrounding areas.

[www.hallsofivy.co.uk](http://www.hallsofivy.co.uk)

## **Key Training**

Business Administration and Customer Service

[www.keytraining.co.uk/young-person-looking-for-an-apprenticeship](http://www.keytraining.co.uk/young-person-looking-for-an-apprenticeship)

## **Ixion Holdings**

Offers Apprenticeships and work-related training in: Business, Construction, Customer Service, Digital Media and Marketing.

[www.ixionholdings.com/apprenticeships-for-individuals](http://www.ixionholdings.com/apprenticeships-for-individuals)

## **Jet Hairdressing Academy**

Hairdressing Apprenticeships and Traineeships. Based in Basildon but some coverage of West Essex too

[www.j-ettraining.com](http://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](http://www.justit.co.uk/candidates/become-an-apprentice)

## **London Hairdressing Apprenticeship Academy**

Hairdressing Opportunities in London and into Essex.

[www.thelondonhairdressingacademy.com](http://www.thelondonhairdressingacademy.com)

## **Multiverse**

Business, Accountancy and Tech Apprenticeships in London.

[www.multiverse.io/apprenticeships](http://www.multiverse.io/apprenticeships)

## **QA**

Apprenticeships in IT Systems and Networking/ Software and Website Development, Digital Skills, Business Admin.

[www.qa.com/learners/become-an-apprentice](http://www.qa.com/learners/become-an-apprentice)

## **TCHC**

[www.tchc.net/individual/apprenticeships](http://www.tchc.net/individual/apprenticeships)



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## Colleges that offer Apprenticeships

**Barking and Dagenham College**

[www.barkingdagenhamcollege.ac.uk/find/courses-for-me/apprenticeship-vacancies](http://www.barkingdagenhamcollege.ac.uk/find/courses-for-me/apprenticeship-vacancies)

**Cambridge Regional College**

[www.camre.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.camre.ac.uk/apprenticeships)

**CONEL (College of North East London)**

[www.conel.ac.uk/courses/our-apprenticeships](http://www.conel.ac.uk/courses/our-apprenticeships)

**Colchester Institute**

[www.colchester.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.colchester.ac.uk/apprenticeships)

**Harlow College**

[www.harlow-college.ac.uk/study-options/apprenticeships](http://www.harlow-college.ac.uk/study-options/apprenticeships)

**Hertford Regional College**

[www.hrc.ac.uk/apprenticeships-and-employers/apprenticeship-vacancies](http://www.hrc.ac.uk/apprenticeships-and-employers/apprenticeship-vacancies)

**New City College**

[www.ncclondon.ac.uk/become-an-apprentice](http://www.ncclondon.ac.uk/become-an-apprentice)

## 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](http://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](mailto:courseenquiries@centraltraininggroup.com)

or telephone: **0800 783 2901**

**Runway Training**

[www.runwaytraining.co.uk](http://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 contact email:

[essexneeds@runway.co.uk](mailto:essexneeds@runway.co.uk)

**Youthbuild**

[www.essexyouthbuild.co.uk](http://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](mailto:admin@essexyouthbuild.co.uk)

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## 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](http://www.essexopportunities.co.uk)  
[www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)  
[www.youthemployment.org.uk](http://www.youthemployment.org.uk)  
[www.icould.com](http://www.icould.com)  
[www.careerpilot.org.uk](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk)  
<https://careers.startprofile.com>  
[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers)

### Apprenticeships

[www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)  
[www.apprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk)  
[www.aclessex.com/apprentices](http://www.aclessex.com/apprentices)  
[www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk](http://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk)  
[www.amazingapprenticeships.com](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com)  
[www.talentview.org](http://www.talentview.org)  
[www.essexopportunities.co.uk/apprenticeship-hub](http://www.essexopportunities.co.uk/apprenticeship-hub)

### Jobs

[www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk](http://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk)  
[www.gov.uk/find-a-job](http://www.gov.uk/find-a-job)  
[www.indeed.co.uk](http://www.indeed.co.uk)  
[www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)

### Higher Education

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)  
[www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)

### Volunteering

[www.vinspired.com](http://www.vinspired.com)  
[www.volunteersexsex.org](http://www.volunteersexsex.org)  
[www.volunteering.england.nhs.uk](http://www.volunteering.england.nhs.uk)  
[www.doit.life/volunteer](http://www.doit.life/volunteer)  
[www.youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/volunteering/](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://www.nelft.nhs.uk/set-camhs)

Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm: call **0800 953 0222**  
Email: [set-camhs.referrals@nelft.nhs.uk](mailto:set-camhs.referrals@nelft.nhs.uk)

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

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