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What's Next?

2024 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.

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.

From Monday 1st July: 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 7076 384**

KeepInContactTeam@essex.gov.uk

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

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 2024, 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 and to apply for an extension please call:

**HMRC Child Benefit General Enquiries on
0300 200 3100** or visit:

www.gov.uk/child-benefit-16-19

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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.

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 2024

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.org

Brentwood County High

Telephone: 01277 238900

Website: www.brentwood-county-high.osborne.coop/

Brentwood Ursuline Convent School

Telephone: 01277 277156

Website: www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk

Greensward Academy, Hockley

Telephone: 01702 202571

Website:

www.sites.google.com/a/tinet.org/greenswardwebsite/home

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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

The Sweyne Park School, Rayleigh

Telephone: 01268 784721

Website: www.sweynepark.com

Colleges & Sixth Form Colleges

South Essex College

Basildon Campus: Centre for Digital Technologies.

Luckyn Lane Campus (Basildon):

Engineering, Construction, Building Services and Transport.

Southend Campus: South City College.

Stephenson Road (Southend):

Centre for Advanced Technologies.

Thurrock Campus: Construction, Engineering, Media, Creative Arts, Childcare, Health and Social Care, IT, Hairdressing and Beauty.

Telephone: 0345 52 12345

Email: learning@southessex.ac.uk

Website: www.southessex.ac.uk

USP College

Unified SEEVIC and Palmers College Benfleet/Grays/Canvey

Telephone: **SEEVIC** 01268 756111

Email: admissions-seevic@uspcollege.ac.uk

Telephone: **Palmers** 01375 370121

Email: admissions@uspcollege.ac.uk

Telephone: **XTEND** 01268 882688

Email: admissions@uspcollege.ac.uk

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

Building Crafts College

Telephone: 0208 522 1705

Website: www.thebcc.ac.uk

Capel Manor College, Enfield

Telephone: 0303 003 1234

Website: www.capel.ac.uk

Chelmsford College

Telephone: 01245 293170

Website: www.chelmsford.ac.uk

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**Colchester Institute,
Colchester and Braintree**

Telephone: 01206 712000

Website: www.colchester.ac.uk

**New City College,
Havering Sixth Form Campus Hornchurch**

Telephone: 0330 135 9000

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

The Colchester Sixth Form College

Telephone: 01206 500723 / 500700

Website: www.colchsfc.ac.uk

Writtle University College, near Chelmsford

Telephone: 01245 424200

Website: www.writtle.ac.uk

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

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/16-18-apprenticeships/

Buildskill

Offers training and apprenticeships in construction, brickwork, health and safety and industry best practice.

www.buildskill.co.uk/

Central Training

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

www.centraltraininggroup.com

Crown Vocational Training

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

First Intuition

Apprenticeships in Accountancy, based in Chelmsford.

www.firstintuition.co.uk/apprenticeships

Hair Pro 1

NVQ courses in Hairdressing and Barbering.

<https://www.hairpro1.co.uk/>

Halls of Ivy

Hairdressing and Beauty Apprenticeships.

www.hallsofivy.co.uk

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Hit Training

Hospitality, Catering and Retail.

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/

KEITS

Apprenticeships in equine, animal care, grounds person, horticulture, dog grooming and doggy day care.

<https://keits.co.uk/>

Kleek

Hairdressing and Beauty.

www.kleekapprenticeships.co.uk/

Multiverse

Business, Accountancy and Tech Apprenticeships in London.

www.multiverse.io/en-GB

QA Apprenticeships

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

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

Quest Training

Apprenticeships in a number of sectors across Romford, Harrold Wood, Colchester and Clacton.

www.questfortraining.com

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

Specialising in Early Years, Teaching Assistant and Healthcare apprenticeships.

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

Colleges that offer Apprenticeships

Barking and Dagenham College

<https://barkingdagenhamcollege.ac.uk/find/courses-for-me/apprenticeships>

Building Crafts College, Stratford

<https://thebcc.ac.uk/>

Capel Manor

<https://www.capel.ac.uk/apprenticeships/>

Chelmsford College

<https://www.chelmsford.ac.uk/courses/apprenticeships.asp>

Colchester Institute

<https://www.colchester.ac.uk/apprenticeships/>

New City College

www.ncc london.ac.uk/apprenticeships

South Essex College

www.southessex.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Writtle College

www.writtle.ac.uk/Apprenticeships

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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

Various study programmes – please see website for current offer.

For more information, please email:

info@centraltraininggroup.com

or telephone: 0800 783 2901

Crown Vocational Training

www.crownvocationaltraining.co.uk/

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.

For more information contact:

schowdhury@crownavt.co.uk

Or telephone: 01702 597499

Debut Training Academy

www.debutacademy.com

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

Falltricks

www.paulfalltrickhairdressingacademy.com

9 month study programme in either Hairdressing or Barbering with the aim to convert into an apprenticeship around 12 weeks. Learners will work towards Level 1 in Hairdressing or Barbering and have an opportunity to improve Maths and English if needed. They will have a work placement up to 3 days a week and funding available to help cover travel costs and lunch. Hairdressing or Barbering kit provided after 6 weeks.

For more information contact:

Billy Moore on 07950327277 or email

billy@falltricksacademy.com

Ixion – County Wide

www.ixionholdings.com

Jump into Construction

A mixture of remote learning and face to face real life work experience in construction, as well as a five-year CSCS Green Card. Includes: employability sessions to help you prepare for work and build your CV. Work placement in your chosen sector with a local employer. The opportunity to work towards improving Maths and English. Plus, ongoing support to help you progress into work or an apprenticeship. Earn up to £5 per day.

Jump into Work

A mixture of remote learning and face to face real life work. Boost your confidence, self-belief and independence through learning and applying new skills. Improve your English and Maths skills. Ongoing support to help you progress into work or an apprenticeship. Earn up to £5 per day.

For more information contact:

Natalie Jones on 07518 904 805 or email

YES@ixionholdings.com

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TCHC – GAPS Programme - Basildon

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.

Bowers Croft: Construction and motor vehicle
Southgate House: Business and Retail, Health and Social Care, Nail and Beauty

For more information contact:

basildon.gaps@tchc.net

Telephone: 01923 698453 or 07562 210858

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.

For more information contact:

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
<https://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
<https://animalme.myworldofwork.co.uk>
<https://naturallytalentedme.co.uk>

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.volunteersex.org
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/get-involved/get-involved/volunteering/>
www.doit.life/volunteer
<https://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**

Vita Health Group

In partnership with the NHS, Vita Health Group offer talking therapies support for adults 16-years and over, who are registered with a Basildon and Brentwood GP.

www.vitahealthgroup.co.uk/

For self-referral call: **01268 977171**

Mon-Thu, 8am-8pm and Fri 8am-5pm

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