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What's Next?

2024 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.

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 707 6384

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

BMAT STEM Academy, Harlow

Telephone: 01279 621570

Website: www.bmatstemacademy.org

Davenant Sixth Form, Loughton

Telephone: 020 8508 0404

Website: www.davenantschool.co.uk

Debden Park Sixth Form

Telephone: 0208 508 2979

Website:

www.debdenparkhighschool.org/sfhome

Epping St John's Sixth Form

Telephone: 01992 573028

Website:

www.eppingstjohnsschool.org/926/head-of-sixth-form-welcome

The Helena Romanes School & Sixth Form, Great Dumnow

Telephone: 01371 872560

Website: www.helena-romanes.essex.sch.uk

Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport (Near Saffron Walden)

Telephone: 01799 540237

Website: www.joycefrankland.org/sixth-form-welcome/

Roding Valley High School Sixth Form, Loughton

Telephone: 020 8508 1173

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

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Saffron Walden County High School & Sixth Form

Telephone: 01799 513030

Website: www.swchs.net

Sir Frederick Gibberd Sixth Form, Harlow

Telephone: 01279 307235

Website:

www.sirfrederickgibberdcollege.org/1052/sixth-form

Sir George Monoux College, Walthamstow

Telephone: 0208 5233 544

Website: www.sgmc.ac.uk

St Marks Catholic Sixth Form, Harlow

Telephone: 01279 421267

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

West Hatch High School, Chigwell

Telephone: 020 8504 8216

Website: www.westhatch.net

Colleges & Sixth Form Colleges

Harlow College

Telephone: 01279 868000

Website: www.harlow-college.ac.uk

New City College, Epping Forest Campus

Telephone: 0330 135 9000

Website: www.ncclondon.ac.uk/epping-forest

Stansted Airport College

Telephone: 01279 701430

Website: www.stanstedairportcollege.ac.uk

Other Colleges close to West Essex

Access Creative College, Shoreditch

Specialist Performing Arts/
Creative Media college

Telephone: 0203 545 4086

Website: www.accesscreative.ac.uk

Anglo European School, Ingatestone

Telephone: 01277 354018

Website: www.aesessex.co.uk

Barking and Dagenham College, Barking and Rush Green

Telephone: 0208 090 3020

Website:

www.barkingdagenhamcollege.ac.uk

Beal High School, Ilford

Telephone: 020 8551 4954

Website: www.bealhighschool.co.uk/sixth-form-information

Birchwood School, Bishops Stortford

Telephone: 01279 655936

Website: www.birchwoodonline.co.uk

Big Creative Education

Telephone: 0208 498 3300

Website:

www.bigcreative.educationwww.bealhighschool.co.uk/sixth-form-information

Building Crafts College

Telephone: 0208 522 1705

Website: www.thebcc.ac.uk

The Bishops Stortford High School, Bishops Stortford

Telephone: 01279 868686

Website: www.tbshs.org

The Broxbourne School

Telephone: 01992 411060

Website: www.broxbourne.herts.sch.uk

Cambridge Regional College

Telephone: 01223 418200

Website: www.camre.ac.uk

Capel Manor College, Enfield

Telephone: 0303 003 1234

Website: www.capel.ac.uk

Chelmsford College

Telephone: 01245 265611

Website: www.chelmsford.ac.uk

Chigwell School Sixth Form

Telephone: 0208 501 5700

Website: www.chigwell-school.org

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**Colchester Institute,
The College at Braintree**

Telephone: 01206 712000

Website: www.colchester.ac.uk/about-us/campuses/braintree

CONEL, includes Enfield Campus

Telephone: 0207 832 5000

Website: www.conel.ac.uk

Goffs Academy, Cheshunt

Telephone: 01992 630443

Website: www.goffs.herts.sch.uk

Haileybury Turnford School, Cheshunt

Telephone: 01992 308 333

Website: www.haileyburyturnford.com

**Hertford Regional College,
Broxbourne and Ware**

Telephone: 01992 411400

Website: www.hrc.ac.uk

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

Telephone: 01279 654127

Website: www.hertsandessex.herts.sch.uk

Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge

Telephone: 01223 247251

Website: www.hillsroad.ac.uk

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

Telephone: 01279 658451

Website: www.hockerill.com

John Warner School, Hoddesdon

Telephone: 01992 462889

Website: www.johnwarner.herts.sch.uk

Lea Valley Academy, Enfield

Telephone: 01992 704 667

Website: www.leavalley.org.uk

**Leventhorpe Business and Enterprise
Academy, Bishops Stortford**

Telephone: 01279 836633

Website: www.leventhorpe.net

Long Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge

Telephone: 01223 631100

Website: www.longroad.ac.uk

**Newham College, includes Stratford/East
Ham Campuses**

Telephone: 020 8257 4000

Website: www.newham.ac.uk

Oasis Sixth Form, Enfield

Telephone: 01992 655 435

Website: www.oasisacademyenfield.org

The Ongar Academy Sixth Form

Telephone: 01277 500990

Website:

www.theongaracademy.org/ongar-6/

Robert Barclay Academy, Hoddesdon

Telephone: 01992 410800

Website: www.robertbarclayacademy.co.uk

**St Mary's Catholic School,
Bishops Stortford**

Telephone: 01279 654901

Website: www.stmarys.net

**St Mary's Church of England High School,
Cheshunt**

Telephone: 01992 629124

Website: www.st-maryshigh.herts.sch.uk

Waltham Forest College

Telephone: 020 8501 8000

Website: www.waltham.ac.uk

Writtle University College, near Chelmsford

Telephone: 01245 424200

Website: www.writtle.ac.uk

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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/

Debut Training Academy

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

www.debutacademy.com

Educational and Sporting Futures

Apprenticeships in sport, education and childcare.

www.esfapprenticeships.co.uk

First Intuition

Apprenticeships in Accountancy, based in Chelmsford and Cambridge.

www.firstintuition.co.uk/apprenticeships

Hit Training

Hospitality, Catering and Retail.

www.hittraining.co.uk

Halls of Ivy

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

www.hallsofivy.co.uk

Ixion Holdings

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

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

Just IT Training

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

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

Kleek

Hairdressing and Beauty.

www.kleekapprenticeships.co.uk/

Learning Curve

Hair & beauty Academy in Loughton.

www.lbta.co.uk/loughton-academy/

London Hairdressing Apprenticeship Academy

Hairdressing Opportunities in London and into Essex.

www.thelondonhairdressingacademy.com

Lifetime Training

Apprenticeships in the fitness, hospitality and business administration.

www.lifetimetraining.co.uk

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Multiverse

Business, Accountancy and Tech
Apprenticeships in London.

www.multiverse.io/en-GB

QA

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

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

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

Cambridge Regional College

www.camre.ac.uk/apprenticeships

CONEL (College of North East London)

www.conel.ac.uk/courses/our-apprenticeships

Colchester Institute

www.colchester.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Harlow College

www.harlow-college.ac.uk/study-options/apprenticeships

Hertford Regional College

www.hrc.ac.uk/apprenticeships-and-employers/apprenticeship-vacancies

New City College

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

Various study programmes – please see website for current offer.

For more information, please email:

info@centraltraininggroup.com

or telephone: 0800 783 2901

CTP Training Study Programme

www.ctptrainingacademy.co.uk

16-19 programme consists of a vocational qualification in construction, motor vehicle maintenance or hair and beauty alongside functional skills in English and Maths and career and personal development support. Campus in Harlow and Witham.

For more information contact:

lee.hatwell@learn-construction.co.uk

or telephone 01279 424121

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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

Email billy@falltricksacademy.com

Telephone: 01279 424121

First Rung

www.firstrung.org.uk/new-page-3

Individualised programmes of learning and development activities that are tailored to the needs of each you person. Vocational options in business administration, customer service, early years, health and social care and accountancy. English and Maths functional skills or GCSE qualification for those who need it.

For more information contact:

Telephone: 0208 803 4764

MPCT Military Academies - Cambridge

www.mpct.co.uk

The Military Academy is a unique training college that helps 16+ year olds develop fitness, vocational qualifications and employability skills to help prepare for employment, including rewarding careers in the British Armed Forces.

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.

For more information contact:

basildon.gaps@tchc.net

or telephone 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

<https://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 live and are registered in Harlow, Uttlesford and Epping.

www.vitahealthgroup.co.uk/

For self-referral call: **0333 015 2966**

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