



8th November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Etone College
www.etonecollege.co.uk

All year 11 students will receive a careers interview before the end of the year. Parents/carers can support their child at home by following the check list below.

Autumn Term

- Encourage your son/daughter to use the careers section on the school website. <https://matrixcareersguide.co.uk/etone-college/>
- Go to sixth form, college and training providers' open events to find out more information and get your questions answered. Etone college will have an open evening on 14th November 2025.
- Your son/daughter should talk to their school's tutor, careers leader or careers adviser. Alternatively phone a **National Careers Service** careers adviser on freephone **0800 100 900**, to gain more information about careers pathways.
- From **1 October** your son/daughter can apply online to most college or sixth form courses. Unless they are 100% certain, encourage them to apply for at least two choices – one first choice and reserve.
- If they want to join the Army, Navy or Air Force they need to contact Armed Forces careers offices.
- If they want to get an apprenticeship or job with training, get them to register their interest on the <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- Larger companies often advertise apprenticeships for school-leavers between November and February, we email details of these home each month directly to students and via The Matrix Academy Trust App (MAT App).

Spring Term

- Help your son/daughter to write letters or emails to local companies to ask about apprenticeship opportunities.
- Help your son/daughter prepare for any interviews they are asked to attend at sixth form, college or with employers. Students have taken part in CV writing sessions in the past at school. There is also help with CVs and interview techniques on our website. <https://matrixcareersguide.co.uk/jobs/>
- For advice about funding, contact colleges, sixth forms and training providers to ask about the Bursary fund.



Summer Term

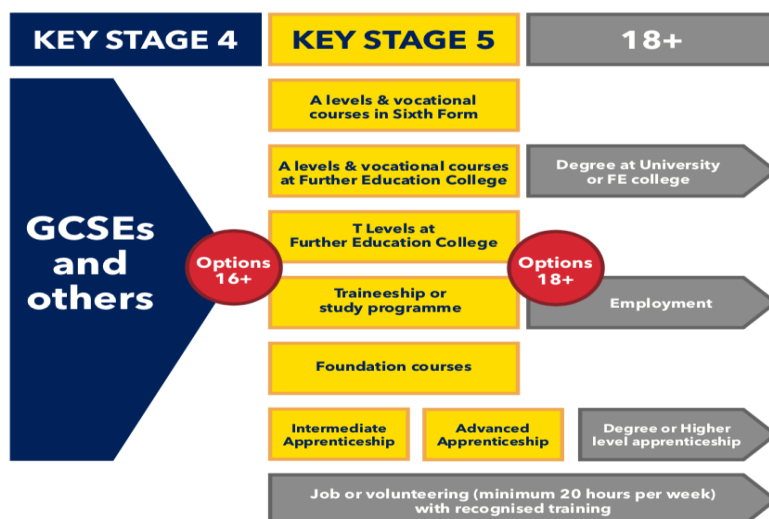
- If your son/daughter still hasn't applied for anything or been offered a place, speak to the school's careers lead and ask them to see them urgently (lbarlow@etonecollege.co.uk).
- If they have been offered a place at a sixth form or college, encourage them to attend any induction days in June/July.
- Encourage your son/daughter to do some work experience or voluntary work during the summer to build up their skills.
- **GCSE Results Day**
- If they have not achieved the grades they need for a particular course, they should:
 - Talk to their schools' careers leader to ask for advice on results day or call the National Careers Service on 0800 100 900
 - Contact the sixth form or college concerned to see what else they may be able to offer

Please find information about the local open evenings and courses that different establishments offer on their websites.

<https://www.etonecollege.co.uk/sixth-form/>

<https://www.nwslc.ac.uk/>

The image below explains the different qualifications and pathways available after GCSE, each establishment will state the qualifications they offer in their prospectus or website.



If you have any queries in relation to any of the above please contact Mrs Barlow.

Yours faithfully

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