

How Do You Decide?

There are three main routes for all students leaving school:

1. Further education - going to a college or sixth form to study A Levels or a Vocational course. The additional qualifications may be for a job or may lead onto university
2. Apprenticeship or other Work Based Learning Programme. Combines work experience and qualifications.
3. Employment/Find a Job, which may have some element of training to it.

Which you pick depends on what you want to do in the future. If you plan to go to university, you will need to consider going into further education, but you may decide you have had enough of education for now and want to be employed in a job, or an apprenticeship. Everyone is different. Don't just pick what your friends have chosen. Choose options best for you and your future.

It's up to you, but there are people willing to give you information and advice, including: Your Form Teacher

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Sixth Form Advisers

Ask for advice and use it to decide where you want to go to next and what you want to be in the future.

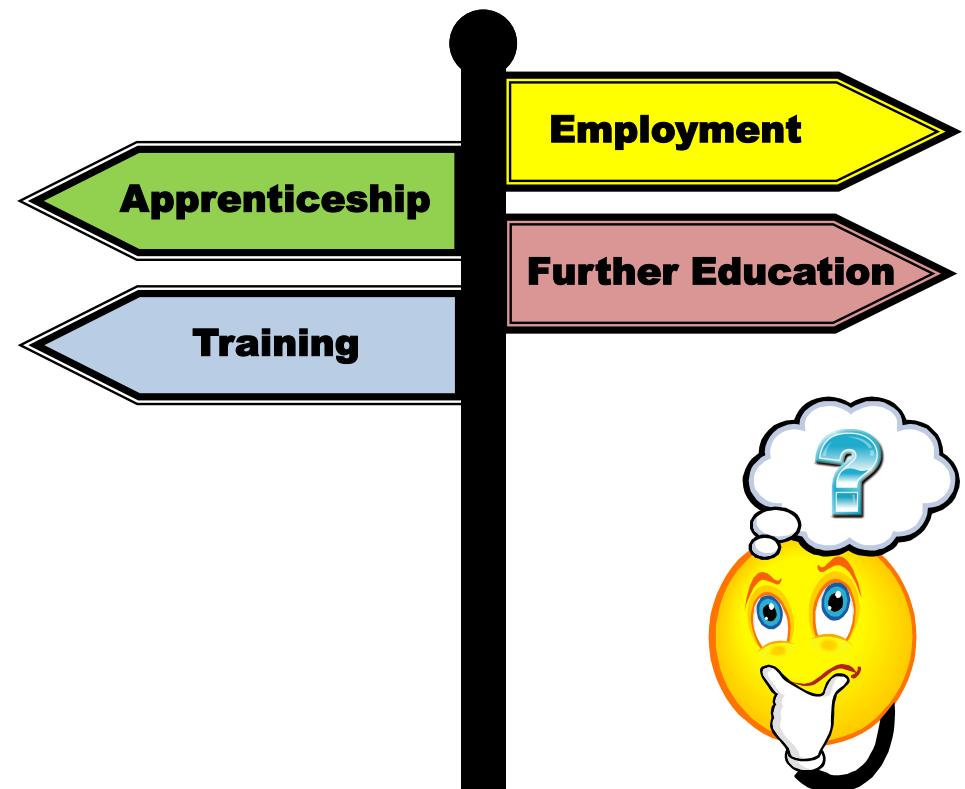
However, don't hang around!

Places on courses or in training won't be there forever!



Year 11- What Next

This booklet is intended to help you decide where you want to go when you leave John Spence and to provide information on how to get there



Further Education

Further Education destinations are the sixth form colleges, some of which are listed below:

Newcastle College	0191 200 4000	www.newcastlecollege.co.uk
Tyne Metropolitan College	0191 229 5000	www.tynemet.ac.uk
Queen Alexandra College	0191 229 5123	www.queenalex.co.uk
Gateshead College	0191 490 2246	www.gateshead.ac.uk
Kirkley Hall Campus	01670 841200	www.northumberland.ac.uk
Whitley Bay High School	0191 200 8800	www.whitleybayhighschool.org
St Thomas More School	0191 258 8340	www.stmschool.org.uk
Monkseaton High School	0191 297 9700	www.monkseaton.org.uk
Kings Priory School	0191 258 5995	www.kingspriory.co.uk

Telephone them to request a prospectus, or download one from their website. Remember they only have a certain number of places so get in quickly!

Higher Education

Use www.ucas.co.uk to get information on available courses and the qualifications needed to get on them

Other websites include:

- unistats.direct.gov.uk - information on course quality, etc.
- www.prospects.ac.uk - information on destinations and employers
- university.which.co.uk - for information on universities
- www.ukcoursefinder.com - for information about courses
- www.russellgroup.ac.uk - contains information including the "Informed Choices" document

Training

Apprenticeship

There are plenty of opportunities for getting information but the two key ones are:

- www.connexions-tw.co.uk
- www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

You will find plenty of useful information here and you can register your details as well.

Other trainee schemes are shown on websites such as:

- www.future-talent.com
- www.notgoingtouni.co.uk - for those with A-levels or equivalents

Employment

The websites in the section above will hold lots of valuable information about job vacancies but you can also go onto:

- www.cascaid.co.uk/kudos - has a careers questionnaire and other careers information
- nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk - has information on careers if you enter the job title into the 'job profile' box. It also has information about volunteering, courses, etc.
- icould.com - has useful information about jobs and interviews with people talking about their jobs