

Post 16 Options Evening

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Aims:

- To provide an update on what we are doing as a school to support your child with their next steps
- To explore the future employment opportunities within the North East
- To clarify the variety of routes and different qualifications open to your child when they leave in the summer
- To explain the apprenticeship application process
- To offer you and your child the opportunity to speak to local colleges and sixth forms about courses and entry requirements



How John Spence will support your child this year:

- **Connexions Interviews** - All year 11 students will receive a personal careers interview with a fully qualified careers advisor. If you would like to contact the Connexions service, to ask any questions regarding apprenticeships, college places, or employment, please get in touch via the email address below.
- **Local College Information** - After half term, we will begin assemblies from the local sixth forms and colleges for all pupils so they can explore further options.
- **Advertising Open Evenings** - All of the local providers hold regularly open evenings and events. These are all advertised on the Year 11 Google Classroom, so please encourage your child to check regularly.
- **Employer Encounters** - We have mock job interviews planned in November for all year 11 students, as well as Careers Cafes throughout the year and an apprenticeship workshop in February.
- **Fit for Life Lessons** - After Christmas, a half term of lessons is dedicated to post 16 routes.



Where do our students go when they leave us?

Sixth form	31
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Priority sectors

The North East LEP, the regional economic development body, has defined five areas of strategic importance:



Digital



Advanced manufacturing



Health and life sciences



Energy



Knowledge intensive business services

These areas of strategic importance employ **150,000 people**. They include over **12,300 businesses**, about 3% more than in 2015.

A further **150,000** people work in three enabling services that support the growth of the North East economy:



Construction



Education



Transport and logistics

Sources: Business Register Employment Survey 2021 and UK Business Count 2022. Data relates to VAT and PAYE registered businesses only; sector definitions based on 5 digit SIC codes selected by the North East LEP.

Future sector requirements

Half a million extra workers required by 2035

183,000 Health, education, and public administration

140,000 Retail, hospitality and transport

125,000 Business, arts, recreation, and personal services

23,000 Manufacturing **19,000** Construction

10,000 Other, inc. agriculture and utilities

Source: DfE Labour market and skills projections 2020 to 2035. Inc replacing retired workers
Geography: North East LEP area

Future occupational requirements



Half a million extra workers required by 2035:

44,000 Managers, directors and senior officials

135,000 Professional occupations

75,000 Associate professional and technical

49,000 Administrative and secretarial

26,000 Skilled trades occupations

49,000 Caring, leisure and other services

52,000 Sales and customer service

21,000 Process, plant and machine operatives

49,000 Elementary occupations

Source: DfE Labour market and skills projections 2020 to 2035. Inc replacing retired workers
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In-demand professions 2022

The following professions appeared most regularly in monthly snapshots of online North East job adverts during 2022:



Source: ONS Labour demand volumes by profession and local authority 2017 to 2022. Geography: North East LEP area

North East job adverts

5,825 jobs advertised on the DWP find a job website (May 2023)

Sectors with most jobs available:

1. Healthcare and Nursing	29%
2. Teaching	11%
3. Social Work	7%
4. Administration	5%
5. Engineering	4%
6. Logistics and warehouse	4%
7. Accounting and finance	3%
8. Trade and Construction	3%
9. Hospitality and catering	3%
10. Domestic help and cleaning	2%

Source: DWP Find a Job website (26 May 2023). Geography: North East LEP area

Post-16 Routes



Further Education

A-levels
Vocational courses (BTEC)
T-Levels



Apprenticeships

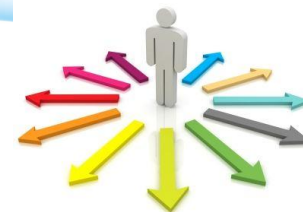
Paid employment that includes
20% off the job to complete a
relevant qualification



Work based Learning

A programme of study and work
experience as a stepping stone to
an apprenticeship or further study.





Types of courses

A-Levels

- 2 Year qualifications with exams at the end
- Suitable for academic students aiming for grade 5+
- Choose 3 or 4 different subjects
- Keeps options open and leads onto university.

Vocational & specialist

- Qualification in a specific work sector e.g. engineering or health and social care
- General quals in Lifeskills or Prep for Adulthood.
- Available at different levels over 1 or 2 years so suitable for all.
- Can lead to university at level 3
- Ongoing assessment rather than emphasis on exams

T-Levels

- New qualification designed to prepare learners for skilled and technical job roles
- Comprise A-Level equivalent study with 45 days work experience in the sector
- Require grades 5+
- Designed to lead onto higher and degree level apprenticeships.



Where to study them

A-Levels

- Monkseaton High School
- Whitley Bay High School
- St Thomas More High School
- Kings Priory School
- Churchill Community College
- Burnside College
- George Stephenson/Longbenton (NE12)
- Newcastle College 6th Form
- Other colleges such as Gateshead and South Tyneside
- 6th Forms outside North Tyneside such as Park View Academy

Vocational and T-Levels

School 6th Forms offer some vocational qualifications such as health and social care, ICT, business and others. Colleges will offer a wider range of courses and also T-Levels.

- Tyne Met College
- Newcastle College
- Northumberland College (including Kirkley Hall)
- Gateshead College
- South Tyneside College

Apprenticeships at 16



An apprenticeship is paid employment alongside a nationally recognised qualification.

Minimum apprenticeship wage is £5.28 per hour.

Available at different levels but most require at least grade 3 in maths and English. Many will ask for grade 4 and above.

A range of careers available but there can be limited opportunities so there are no guarantees. Students MUST have a back-up plan.



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How and where to apply for an apprenticeship:

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

www.indeed.com

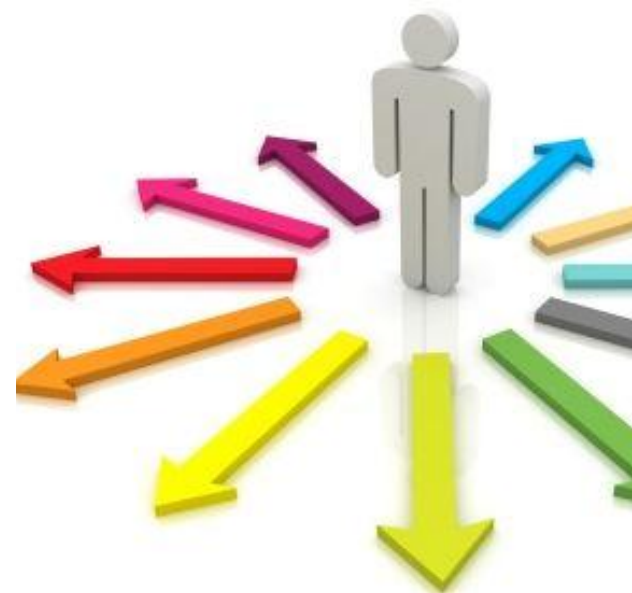
Direct on company/training provider websites

Family and friends

Attend North Tyneside Council's Get up and Go event on Saturday 10th Feb - school will share info nearer the time

Students will need help. Applications are hard and often not tailored to young people with little or no previous experience.

Apprenticeships are competitive, you need to give your child support to stand out in the crowd.



Work Based Learning Providers and Specialist SEND Provision

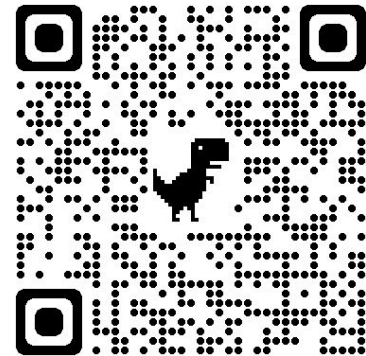
Small, bespoke study programmes are available for learners with few or no qualifications or those who may need extra support to access education or work.

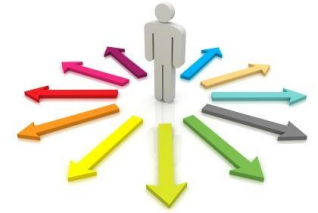
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Available via local training providers and Colleges.

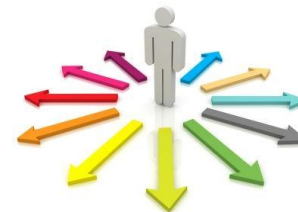
Small class sizes, entry level qualifications and work around independent living, travel, confidence building and self-esteem as well as the basic skills needed for work and life.

Supported work experience





- **Dual Site Provision - September 2024**
- **Cobalt site to open September 2024:** Investment into industry standard facilities across all curriculum areas
- **Battle Hill: Centre for Engineering, Manufacturing, Green Skills and Construction:** Investment into the provision, including growth of the Green and Renewables provision
- **Matching facilities with teaching and support:** We pride ourselves on the wrap around care and support offered to all students
- **Level 3 Progression:** University and Higher Education
- **Updates throughout the year:** You can sign up for notifications



Frequently Asked Questions:

When do I apply?

You should be starting to look now, and be ready to apply by Christmas. Getting applications in place before mock exams start will mean one less thing to worry about! You can apply on the college website

How many places can I apply for?

As many as you like. You confirm your place with your chosen provider once you have your GCSE results

How do I find out more about an individual college and what they offer?

Visit them! They have open evenings regularly

If I have a question about a course or career path, where do I go?

Our Connexions team who are based in the hub, or Mrs Winder, Careers lead



Useful Links:

A Parents guide to Career Conversation - <https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/>

Apprenticeship information - <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#>

Connexions – skillsnorthtyneside.org.uk/connexions/

Labour market Information - https://www.lmiforall.org.uk/explore_lmi/

National Careers Service - <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>