



Welcome – Cambridge Area Partnership Post-16 Information Evening



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INNOVATIVE



SUCCESSFUL



TEAM



AMBITIOUS

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VISTA VISION





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Destinations: Class of 2024

Athena – 3

Bishop Laney – 18

CRC –32

Chesterton – 1

CWA – 20

Hills Road – 7

Impington – 1

King Edward – 1

Long Road – 12

Training/Apprenticeships - 3



Year 11 Timeline

**Presentation
will be
emailed to
all**

Date	Activity
Weekly	Interventions
September	Personal Statement
3rd October	Open Evening Whole School
21st October 24th October	Mocks Half term
15th November 29th November	References deadline - internal Post-16 Application Deadline
February	Apprenticeship applications support
10th February	Mocks
May –July	Exams
22nd August	Results Day

Post 16 Options (2025-2026)

**Start an
Apprenticeship**

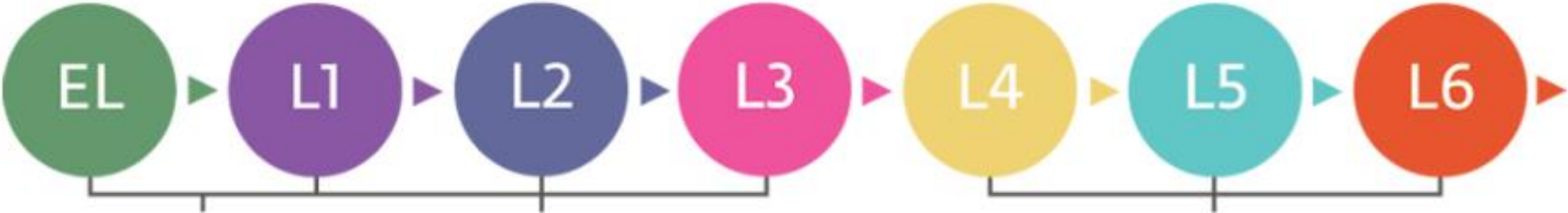
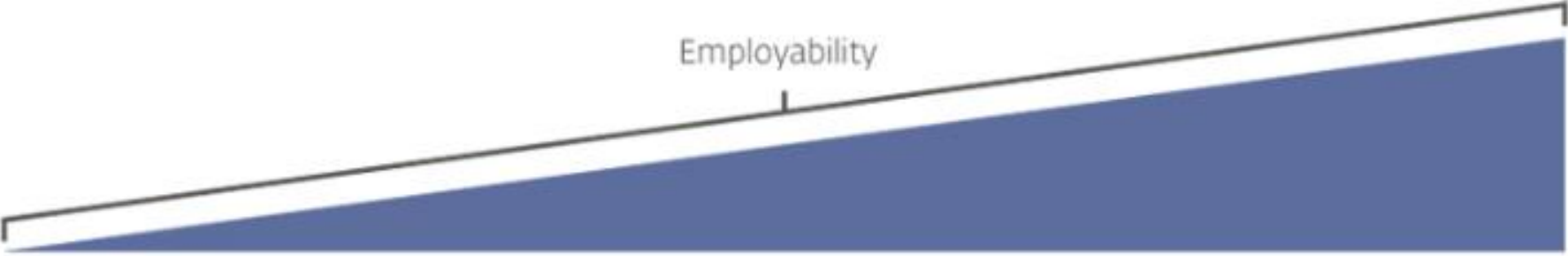
**Study at college
or
sixth form**

**Employment
with training**

**Traineeship
Volunteering**

NEW GRADING STRUCTURE	OLD GRADING STRUCTURE
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	B
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4	C
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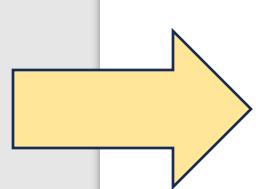
Employability and Income



Foundation Learning
Functional Skills
Personal Learning
Thinking Skills

Further Education

Higher Education



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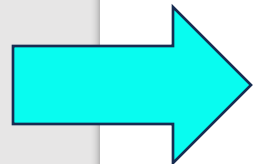


A-Levels and
Access to Higher
Education

Level 3 Diploma /
NVQ

2-year gateway to
University Level
with UCAS points

Entry min: 5 GCSEs
9-4 including Maths
and English (A Level
higher entry levels)



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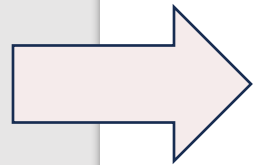


GCSEs A*-C/9-4

Level 2 Diploma /
NVQ

1 year to Level
3 qualification = 3
Year course

Entry min: 4 GCSEs
3+ including Maths
or English



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GCSEs below grade
C/4

Level 1 Diploma /
NVQ

1 year gateway to
Level 2
qualification

ENTRY
LEVEL



GCSEs below grade
E/2

Entry Level /
Foundation
Learning Courses

Courses, Training & Qualifications

	<u>Academic</u> <i>Mostly exams</i>	<u>Applied</u> <i>Some coursework</i>	Technical <u>Vocational</u> <i>Mainly coursework based</i>	T Levels <i>Some coursework, industry placement</i>	<u>Apprenticeship</u> <i>Traineeship Supported Internship Employment/ training</i>
Level 3	A levels International Baccalaureate	BTEC/OCR L3	NVQ/C&G L3	T Level	Advanced apprenticeship
Level 2	GCSEs (Grades 4-9)	BTEC/OCR L2	NVQ/C&G L2		Intermediate apprenticeship and traineeship
Level 1	GCSEs (Grades 1-3)	BTEC/OCR L1	NVQ/C&G L1		Traineeship and pre-employment schemes

It is possible to combine Academic and Applied General route at some providers



English and Maths

- Government research shows that if you get 5 GCSEs grade 4 - 9 including English and Maths you will earn over £80,000 more in your life time than someone who hasn't.
- Employers want people with good Maths and English GCSEs.

English and Maths

- Students who achieve grade 3 or below in English and/or Maths will need to continue working towards their GCSE.
- Students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, may be exempt from the above, but will still need to study Maths and/or English
- EAL may require a FT English course or a supportive English course alongside studies

If you retake Maths and English this is equates to an extra day per week in college.



Where can I study?

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A Levels	Applied courses	Technical Vocational courses	IB Careers/Diploma Programme
Athena Bishop Laney Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology Cambridge Maths School Cambourne Comberton Chesterton Hills Road Long Road Northstowe The Oakes College	CRC Bishop Laney CWA Long Road Athena Cambourne Comberton Northstowe The Oakes College	CRC CWA	Impington International Sixth Form
		T Levels	
		Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology CRC Long Road	

What do qualifications lead to?

Qualification	Leads to
A Level/IB	University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work
T Levels	University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work
Technical/Vocational	Apprenticeship, work, college or university
Applied	University/college, apprenticeship, work
Traineeship	Apprenticeship, further education, work
Supported Internship	Work, traineeship, apprenticeship
Apprenticeship	Work, next level of apprenticeship, further education, higher education

A general guide to entry requirements

A Level /IB	Applied general (Level 3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Centres require a range of GCSEs including Maths and English.• Level 6 and above in chosen course and 5 GCSE 5+	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above (or vocational equivalent) usually including Maths and/or English• Some require 5 GCSEs grade 4

Minimum entry requirements for 2025 entry

Bishop Laney Sixth	Minimum 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4 including English and Maths (course dependent). Minimum of grade 5 or 6 in chosen subject.
Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology	<p>A Level: At least 7 GCSEs at grade 9-4, including Maths (5; 6 if studying sciences; 7 if studying Further Maths) and English (4) with at least a grade 6 in the subjects chosen at A Level.</p> <p>T Level: At least 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4, including Sciences (5), Maths (5) and English (4)</p>
Cambridge Maths School	Be predicted seven GCSEs at grade 5 or above including GCSE Maths grade 8 or 9, GCSE Combined Science 8-8 or higher (or separate science grade 8 or higher in the subject you wish to study) and GCSE English grade 5 or higher. All students with these predicted grades will be invited to an aptitude test. Students passing the aptitude test will be invited to an interview.

Refer to individual websites and prospectuses for more detailed information.

Minimum entry requirements for 2025 entry

Comberton Sixth	<p>For A-level study, 5 GCSEs at grade 5 and Maths and English grade 4. Also at least a grade 6 in the A-Level subject (or similar subject) to be studied. Grade 7 for A-level Maths and grade 8 for Double/Further Maths.</p> <p>For BTEC study, 5 GCSEs at grade 4 (individual BTEC courses do vary).</p> <p>All information is available on our website and in the 2024 prospectus.</p>
Chesterton Sixth	<p>Students need at least 5 grade 6s including Maths and English (either Lang or Lit) as well as subject specific requirements as detailed on our website and in our prospectus.</p>
Cambourne Sixth	<p>For A-level study, 5 GCSEs at grade 5 and Maths & English grade 4. Also at least a grade 6 in the A-Level subject (or similar subject) to be studied. Grade 7 for A-level Maths and grade 8 for Double/Further Maths.</p> <p>For BTEC study, 5 GCSEs at grade 4 (individual BTEC courses do vary).</p>

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Minimum entry requirements for 2025 entry

Hills Road Sixth	<p>To be invited to an informal guidance meeting about your course, you will need to place Hills Road as your first choice A level centre, or second choice behind a CAP school sixth form or the Cambridge Maths School, achieve our Minimum Entry Admissions Score of 58 and be qualified for at least three subjects you are applying for. We recommend that students include five A level choices as this keeps their options open if courses are oversubscribed. There is no fixed minimum for English and Maths. If students don't achieve a 5, they will have to re-sit these GCSE's, but it's not necessarily a barrier to entry, depending on what they study.</p>
Long Road Sixth	<p>To study A Levels, we require at least five GCSEs at grade 5 in a range of subjects, usually including Maths and English. To study Level 3 Applied courses, we require at least five GCSEs at grade 4, usually including Maths and/or English. Additional requirements for each course are specified on our website. Our T-Level entry criteria is five GCSEs at grade 4, including Maths and English Language. To study our Level 2 programme, we require three GCSEs at grade 4, with at least grade 3 in both Maths and English</p>
Northstowe Sixth	<p>Minimum 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4 including English and Maths (course dependent). Minimum of grade 5 or 6 in chosen subject.</p>
Oakes Sixth Form	<p>Students require 7 GCSE grades 9-4 or in an appropriate range of subjects, including Maths and English grade 4. A minimum grade 6 is advised where a course is continued from GCSE. There are subject specific requirements for particular A levels.</p>

Minimum IB profiles for 2025 entry

Impington International College

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme: at least seven GCSEs with Grade 6 or above, including English Language and Maths. For subjects you wish to take at higher level you will need at least a grade 7.

International Baccalaureate Career Programme: at least five subjects at GCSE grade 5 or above, ideally including Mathematics and English and preferably with a grade 6 in your area of specialism.

Refer to post-16 centres for current entry criteria, specific subject requirements and how subject combination and putting a centre first when applying may affect your chances of success.

Applied, Alternative Academic & Vocational Qualifications

Bishop Laney Sixth	<p>Level 3: Sport & Exercise Science, Business, Media, Applied Science, Hairdressing, Beauty Therapies, Health and Social Care, Criminology Level 2: Catering, Hairdressing, Beauty Therapies, Barbering, Sport Coaching, Business Enterprise. Norwich City Football Regional Development programme available to students at all levels.</p>
Cambridge Regional College	<p>Level 1-3 course available in: Animation & VFX, Architectural Technology, Art & Design, Beauty Therapy, Business, Business & Law, Cambridge United Scholarship Programme, Childcare & Early Education, Catering & Hospitality, Computing, Construction & Trades, Engineering, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), E Sports, Hairdressing, Health & Social Care, Media, Games Development, Media Make-Up, Motor Vehicle, Music, Performing Arts, Science & Forensic & Criminal Investigation, Sports, Supported Learning, Travel & Tourism, Uniform Public Services</p>
Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology	<p>T Levels in Science (Laboratory Science) and Health (Adult Nursing)</p>
Comberton Sixth	<p>Sport, Business, Science, Health and Social Care</p>

Applied, Alternative Academic & Vocational Qualifications

College of West Anglia (Cambridge)	Animal Care, Equine and Dog Grooming. We also offer Apprenticeships in Agriculture.
Long Road Sixth	Level 3 Courses in Art & Design, Business, Criminology, Graphics, Health & Social Care, IT, Media, Musical Theatre, Sport, Science, Psychology, and Music. T Level in Education and Childcare. Level 2 Courses in Media, Health and Social Care, Art and IT..
Northstowe Sixth	Forensic Science, Business, Sport, Music performance, Health and social care, Applied Science and Dance.
The Oakes College	Level 3 courses in Media, Applied Psychology, ICT, Criminology, Health and Social Care which can be combined with A level subjects

Employment options

Apprenticeship	Employment with training	Traineeship
<p>Employer and Training Provider must be secured by student</p> <p>Apply for Full Time vocational course as back-up</p>	<p>Equivalent of 1 day per week of training</p>	<p><i>For those just short of the skills and qualifications required for apprenticeship or further study</i></p>

Apprenticeships

Any apprenticeship will require a training provider to complete the course.

To increase a students' chance of success, it is advisable if there are options locally to contact more than one training provider for the apprenticeship area you are interested in.

To find out if there are other training providers in our area please see below.

To choose a training provider – go to the apprenticeship training service:

[Find apprenticeship training if you're an employer - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Choose an apprenticeship training course and at the bottom of each apprenticeship there is information and a link to other training providers in your area.

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Find training providers for this course

Apprenticeship location

Peterborough, Cambridgeshire [Remove location](#)

✓ 7 providers available for this apprenticeship location

[View providers for this course](#)

Armed services

- Each of the Armed Forces has its own careers information website.
- Applications are taken from 16 years old, but options for study greatly expand once you turn 18 with certain roles only open to students who have undertaken minimum level qualifications such as GCSEs and A-Levels.
- Explore all of the opportunities available at:
 - [Army careers](#)
 - [Royal Air Force \(RAF\) careers](#)
 - [Royal Navy](#)
- <https://jobs.army.mod.uk/army-careers-centre-finder/armed-forces-careers-office-cambridge/>
- <https://www.army.mod.uk/who-we-are/our-schools-and-colleges/afc-harrogate/>

CWA: [Public Protective Services - Level 3 \(cwa.ac.uk\)](http://cwa.ac.uk)

CRC: [Uniformed Public Services - Cambridge Regional College \(camre.ac.uk\)](http://camre.ac.uk)

Or A Levels in a specialism – ask the providers what they suggest...

How do I decide?

1. Future plans/aspirations
2. Subjects you enjoy
3. Entry requirements
4. Learning style
5. Assessment methods
6. Transport



Support

- Careers guidance
- Post 16 open evenings/days
- Post 16 centre websites/prospectuses
- <https://www.mychoice16.co.uk/>
- Talk about it!
- Local job vacancies with training
- [Local Job Vacancies for 16+ and Apprenticeships Information - Learn Together \(camblearntogether.co.uk\)](http://camblearntogether.co.uk)



Questions to ask

- Courses
- Personal statement – what are you looking for?
- Enrichment
- Pastoral care and support
- Transport

