

Life after Red House



What happens next?



⌘ Now that you have started Year 11 you will need to begin to thinking about what to do once you have finished!

Questions to ask yourself



- ⌘ Where am I now? (What qualifications, skills, interests, etc. do I have?)
- ⌘ Where do I want to get to? (What would I like to be doing in 5 years time?)
- ⌘ How will I get there? (What course or training is likely to get you where you want to go?)

The law is changing



By 2013 everyone will have to be in some form of recognised education and training up to the age of 17. This rises to 18 by 2015. No-one will be forced to stay at school – there will be a range of opportunities, including training in the workplace and apprenticeships.

What can you do?



If you achieve 4-5 GCSE grades C or above you can choose from a number of level 3 qualifications including

⌘ A levels

⌘ International Baccalaureate

⌘ Vocational qualifications such as BTEC National

⌘ Advanced apprenticeship

⌘ The higher the grades you achieve, the more choices you will have.

A Level Qualifications



⌘ AS (Advanced Subsidiary)

⌘ A2

⌘ AS + A2 = A level

Assessment



- ⌘ All subjects are modular
- ⌘ Usually 2 (sometimes 3) modules are taken in each subject at AS
- ⌘ Usually 2 (sometimes 3) modules are taken at A2
- ⌘ Some modules will include coursework
- ⌘ A2 examinations will include a synoptic element

A Levels that continue from GCSE (not an exhaustive list)



⌘ Art and Design

⌘ Biology

⌘ Chemistry

⌘ Design Technology

⌘ English Language

⌘ English Literature

⌘ French

⌘ German

⌘ Geography

⌘ Geology

⌘ History

⌘ ICT

⌘ Mathematics

⌘ Music

⌘ Physics

⌘ Physical Education

⌘ Religious Studies

⌘ Spanish

New Subjects at A Level



⌘ Accounting

⌘ Archaeology

⌘ Economics

⌘ Government and
Politics

⌘ History of Art

⌘ Business Studies

⌘ Law

⌘ Media Studies

⌘ Music Technology

⌘ Performance Studies

⌘ Philosophy and Ethics

⌘ Photography

⌘ Sociology

⌘ Theatre Studies/Drama

⌘ Psychology

Developing Breadth



- ⌘ Lower Sixth four, sometimes 5, AS subjects.
- ⌘ Upper Sixth three, sometimes 4, occasionally 5, subjects continued to A2.
- ⌘ Some colleges/schools also include General Studies.
- ⌘ Sometimes gifted & talented students will complete an extended project (drama, written work, film) to aid their UCAS application.

BTEC National Diploma

9 different areas, equivalent to 3 A levels



- ⌘ Art & Design
- ⌘ Business
- ⌘ Construction
- ⌘ Media, Music & Performing Arts
- ⌘ Land-based
- ⌘ Science
- ⌘ Travel & Tourism
- ⌘ Health & Care
- ⌘ IT & Computing

IB Diploma Programme



- ⌘ In the IB Diploma Programme students study six courses at higher level or standard level. Students must choose 5 subjects, one from each of the following areas: language, a second language, social studies, the experimental sciences and mathematics. The sixth subject may be an arts subject chosen from group 6, or the student may choose another subject from groups 1 to 5.
- ⌘ Courses available in Guisborough, Sunderland, Durham & Newcastle

Cambridge Pre-U



- ⌘ **Cambridge Pre-U** is a new UK qualification from the University of Cambridge that is an alternative to the current A Level qualification, which is considered by some to have become devalued. It is a diploma-type qualification, principally aimed at students aged 16–19, and has recognition for university entrance.
- ⌘ It is not modular like A levels, nor does it have any compulsory principal subjects like the IB.
- ⌘ Grades range from distinction, merit or pass. D1 is considered above that of the current A* at A Level.
- ⌘ **Pre-U can be studied in the following** Art and Design, Biology, Business and Management , Chemistry, Classical Heritage, Economics, Comparative Government and Politics, English, Further Maths, Geography, Classical Greek, History, History of Art, Latin, Mandarin Chinese, Mathematics, Modern Foreign Languages, Music, Philosophy and Theology, Physics, Psychology, Sports Science

How to choose your course



- ⌘ What do you enjoy?
- ⌘ What are you good at?
- ⌘ What your career do you want?

Not because:



- ⌘ Your friends are doing that course!
- ⌘ Your parents want you to do that course!
- ⌘ You think it is the right thing to do!

Where to Study



- ⌘ Independent School
- ⌘ Maintained School (with a 6th Form)
- ⌘ Sixth form College
- ⌘ Further Education College

Sixth Form Entry Requirements



- ⌘ Entry requirements will vary from institution to institution.
- ⌘ Most require at least 5 grades A*-C at GCSE and A level subjects require a grade B in that subject at GCSE.
- ⌘ For those hoping for a place at Oxford or Cambridge universities 6A* grades at GCSE will certainly aid your application.

Full time employment & apprenticeships



- ⌘ There are a number of employment opportunities for 16 year olds in certain areas of work.
- ⌘ Back up applications to 6th Forms and colleges are always a good idea in case you can't find suitable employment.

Career Plans



- ⌘ Having some career ideas in mind should help you make better choices about what to do after Year 11.
- ⌘ If you have some career ideas, make sure you find out what courses and subjects are going to be useful.
- ⌘ If you haven't got any career ideas, start using careers software and other resources that will give you ideas about jobs that might suit you.

Where to get careers information



- ⌘ Your careers adviser will offer advice in your individual interviews.
- ⌘ Careers events such as North East Skills
- ⌘ www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u
- ⌘ www.connexions-direct.com/whichwaynow/
- ⌘ <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

Timescale



Now

Start some careers research



October-December

Attend 6th Form & College open evenings



December – February

Apply to 6th Forms/Colleges



March – May

If you are planning to enter employment now's the time to start looking.

Life Studies Post 16 talks



- ⌘ 12/9 English Martyrs
- ⌘ 19/9 Hartlepool 6th Form
- ⌘ 3/10 Cleveland College of Art & Design
- ⌘ 10/10 Middlesbrough College
- ⌘ 17/10 Stockton 6th Form College
- ⌘ 7/11 Q.E. (Darlington)
- ⌘ 14/11 Apprenticeships
- ⌘ 18/11 Bede Sixth Form College