Explore your options after Year 11

What to do when you finish school

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INTRODUCTION

You'll soon be making some important decisions about what your next steps will be once you finish Year 11. There are lots of education and training options to choose from across Lancashire, such as school sixth forms, further education colleges and apprenticeships, and this document provides you and your parents/carers with information about each of these. By showing what each institution can offer, this should help to support the decisions you're making about your future.

For information on school sixth forms and colleges not included within this document, such as those based outside of Lancashire, we'd advise you to contact them directly or look on their websites and social media pages for information, advice and support.

For information on any apprenticeship providers not included within the supporting apprenticeship document, we'd advise you to contact them directly or look on their websites and social media pages for information, advice and support. Alternatively, you can contact the Lancashire Work Based Learning Forum at info@lancsforum.co.uk and they will be happy to assist wherever possible.

School sixth forms, colleges and apprenticeship providers are here to support you in making the right decisions for your future. Please contact them directly if you have any questions or queries.

YOUR CHOICES AFTER YEAR 11

Young people must stay in education or training until their 18th birthday. There are three main ways to do this:

- Continue to study full time
- Get an apprenticeship
- Work or volunteer whilst studying part time

There are lots of post 16 education or training options available in Lancashire and the surrounding area. You'll need to think about which one best suits your needs, interests and future plans. This education and training is free if you start before you turn 18.

Study full time

If you want to study full time, there are two main options: a school sixth form or a college. Information on the school sixth forms and colleges within Lancashire, as well as the colleges in Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen, is included in this document. However, an education provider located outside Lancashire might be a better choice for you - they might be closest to your home or offer the right course for you. You can choose to go to a provider in Lancashire or one outside the county.

If you don't have a Grade 4 or above in GCSE English and/or Maths, you must continue to study these subjects alongside your other courses. You will get dedicated, face to face teaching in these subjects to support you in achieving these qualifications. These qualifications are valued by employers and universities.

You'll be able to choose from a wide range of qualifications and courses and there is no single route that is best for everyone. The main routes are as follows:

- **A levels** - these are two year, classroom-based courses with an exam at the end. They are Level 3 qualifications. Most students take three A level subjects but you may be able to combine A Levels with another qualification, such as the new V Levels which are starting to be introduced from September 2027. You would need to speak to your preferred school sixth form or college to see what they can offer. A Levels are one of the main routes into university. You can also progress onto higher or degree apprenticeships, as well as further training or employment.

- **Vocational/technical** – these courses are available in many subjects and you can get qualifications like an NVQ or BTEC. These courses develop knowledge and practical skills for specific job sectors or careers, such as travel and tourism or construction. Vocational/technical courses are created with help from businesses to give you the right knowledge and skills for work. These qualifications mainly lead to a job but they can also help you study at a higher level, such as university, or further learning, such as an apprenticeship.

- **T Levels** – these two year technical courses and are at Level 3. A T Level is the equivalent to three A Levels. T Level students spend 80% of their course in technical, classroom-based learning and 20% working in a real job or industry placement (around 45 days or 315 hours). These courses provide real-world experience in your chosen industry. You'll also study English and maths if you didn't achieve at least a GCSE grade 4 in these subjects. T Levels are designed with professional bodies and employers and are available in a range of different job sectors across Lancashire. They are assessed through projects, tests and exams and they can help you get an apprenticeship, skilled employment or go to university.

  If you aren't quite ready for a T Level, you may be able to do the Level 2 Foundation Year. This is designed to give you the skills and knowledge to progress onto a T Level in the future.

- **V Levels** – these are new Level 3 vocational qualifications which are being introduced from September 2027. They will provide a practical, career-focused alternative to A Levels and T Levels, helping you to develop knowledge and skills in a particular vocational area. V Levels will give you the option to progress to further study, higher education, apprenticeships or employment. V Levels will only be available in a small number of subjects at first and not all providers will offer them. It is best to check this directly with the provider to see what they will have on offer.

Get an Apprenticeship

There are lots of education and training providers in Lancashire offering apprenticeships, often specialising in specific industries or sectors.

An apprenticeship is a great way to learn whilst you're working and getting paid. You'll learn practical skills through your job and will go to college or a training provider one day a week to learn the theory behind your chosen subject area. Apprenticeships are available in lots of subjects and they last for at least 12 months. You can start at Level 2 and move all the way up to Level 7. However, depending on your level of education or experience, you may be able to start an apprenticeship at a higher level than Level 2.

As an apprentice, you are an employee, getting paid and you'll have other employee rights too, such as holiday pay. Apprentices receive different rates of pay, depending on their age and where they are up to in their apprenticeships. A 16-18 year old apprentice is entitled to the National Minimum Wage. You can search for an apprenticeship here: Find an apprenticeship.

Work or volunteer whilst studying part time

If you'd prefer to work, or be your own boss, you must study a part time course at the same time. If you're studying part time, you also need to be working or volunteering for at least 20 hours a week. This minimum requirement only applies to part time students. If you're studying full time, this does not apply.

Volunteering is a rewarding activity and you can help to make a difference in your community. It's a great way to gain experience and learn new skills – it also looks great on your CV! You can find out more about volunteering opportunities in Lancashire on the Lancashire Volunteer Partnership website.

Making your choice

There are lots of options to choose from and it can be confusing. Before you make your decision, think about:

- the subjects you like
- your interests and future goals
- the type of learning and tests you like
- whether you want to go to university or get a job
- the grades you need for the course you want to do.

These are just ideas to help you decide. Think about what interests you, what subjects you enjoy at school and what job you'd like to do. Aim high and challenge yourself, you never know what you can achieve. You may change your mind about what you want to do when you leave school and that's fine – in fact, that's normal!! Knowing your options will help you to make a good choice.

There are lots of other things that can help you decide, such as:

- visiting schools, colleges and training providers to see what they offer
- looking at their websites and read their brochures
- going to taster sessions and open events
- reading their Ofsted inspection report
- thinking about how you'll get there and if you can get any help towards the cost of travel.

You can find out more information about your options, different careers and the types of providers and courses in Lancashire using these links:

- Education, employment and training - Lancashire County Council
- Sorted | Lancashire Work Based Learning (lancsforum.co.uk)
- Portal – Lancashire Careers Information – Lancashire Careers Hub
- Get the Jump: explore your education and training choices | National Careers Service

You should also speak to the careers lead at your school, who will be able to give you some advice and guidance on what you could do when you leave school.

If you don't get the GCSE grades you were hoping for, there are still options available to you. Lots of providers have vocational courses at Entry Level and Level 1 so it is worth talking to them to see what they can offer you.

YOUTH FUTURES TEAM

Whilst you are still in school, your first point of contact on careers advice and guidance will be the careers lead in your own school. After you have completed Year 11 and you want to speak to someone else about your next steps, you can contact the Youth Futures Team at Lancashire County Council. They can give you advice, guidance and information about your options and future plans. The Youth Futures Team know about lots about different courses and education providers as well as other kinds of provision you might be interested in, such as the King's Trust or provision within your local community. You can email them at youthfutures@lancashire.gov.uk.

If you have any comments or feedback on this document, please email post16participation@lancashire.gov.uk.

SCHOOL SIXTH FORMS

Accrington St Christopher's C of E High School

Application process	For a copy of their prospectus and application form, please contact the school's Sixth Form office on 01254 380527 or email sixthform@st-christophers.org. Alternatively, you can visit the school's website to view the online prospectus and to apply online at Sixth Form. The general entry requirements for the sixth form are a Grade 4 in English and Maths plus at least four other GCSEs at Grade 5 or above. Some subjects have specific entry requirements and these can be found in the prospectus.
Selection process	The school is happy to receive online application forms or a paper copy can be sent to the sixth form. The first application closing date is 8th January 2027, although applications are accepted throughout the year. Once your application has been received, all prospective students will be offered an informal interview at the end of January/beginning of February. This will give the school the chance to get to know you, your hobbies and interests, find out what inspires you and your career aspirations. The school encourages all applicants to ask as many questions as possible during their interview about studying at St Christopher's and subject choices. The interview gives the school the opportunity to advise on subject choices and combinations. Subjects chosen at this stage are not set in stone and can be altered at a later date. If you start a subject and discover it was the wrong choice, you can swap subjects up until the end of September. Offers will be made after the interview and then enrolment takes place on GCSE results day, Thursday 19th August 2027, in the Sixth Form. Applicants need to bring a copy of their GCSE results to enrol.
Course information	Further information can be found in the prospectus, on the school's website and by looking at the virtual open evening on the website: Sixth Form. The Sixth Form also offers a Foundation Pathways programme for young people aged 16 who are unable to follow an A-level programme of study and who require a more bespoke and personalised curriculum at Level 1 and 2. The programme involves improving Functional English, Maths and ICT skills alongside developing personal and social development skills, independent living skills, vocational and employability skills. The programme is tailored to an individual's interests, abilities and needs. Every student will be working towards achieving recognisable accreditation and qualifications to ensure progression. More information can be found on the website using this link: Foundation Pathways or by contacting sixthform@st-christophers.org.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	All applicants are invited to attend the Taster Day on 25th June 2027. This helps to bridge the gap between GCSE and A-level and for students to understand what is ahead for them in A-level study. Each subject has a Bridging Unit which students complete over the summer in preparation for September. These will be handed out on the Taster Day and can also be found on the school website in the Sixth Form section under 'Parents and Students'. The Bridging Units are comprehensive and have several links to useful websites and reading that applicants can use to prepare for A-level study. Reading lists will be available from each subject on Taster Day.
Further information, guidance and support	For further information, please contact the Director of Sixth Form at sixthformdirector@st-christophers.org. You can resit Maths or English in Year 12 if necessary and a comprehensive package is available to help you do this, with one to one support and small group tutoring. Tutoring is also available to help improve the English and Maths skills of all students who have not gained a GCSE Grade 6 or above.

Information on student finance	The 16-19 Bursary Fund is available for all students who qualify and students can also access free school meals if the family has universal credit. The school's bursary policy can be found here: Sixth Form Policies. Please email j.braithwaite@st-christophers.org for further details. Bursary application forms are issued at the beginning of term and explain all the evidence required for students to apply for financial support. Support with transport to and from the sixth form is also available for those students who require it and they may apply for a free bus pass.
How to experience Year 12	A virtual tour of the sixth form, which includes contributions from current students and information on the subjects on offer, can be found on the school's website at Sixth Form. There is a Taster Day for all prospective students currently in Year 11 on Friday 25th June 2027. You can also contact the school to book a tour of the sixth form during the normal working day. Prospective students will be able to see the sixth form working, view a lesson, talk to current students and taste the atmosphere and what it is like to study in the sixth form.
How to find the latest information	For the latest information, please visit: • Website: https://www.st-christophers.org/sixth • Facebook: @StChrisSixth • Twitter/X: @StChrisSixth • Instagram: @StChrisSixth
Additional information	The official closing date for first round applications is Friday 8th January 2027. The school is very happy to receive applications all year round from pupils who would like to study A-levels or a BTEC in Performing Arts (equivalent to one A-level). The Sixth Form is warm and welcoming and offers outstanding support to all students, both academically and pastorally. There is an extra-curricular and super-curricular enrichment programme which helps students in their preparation for further study at university, on a degree apprenticeship or workplace apprenticeship. This takes place on Wednesday afternoons and includes Pathways to Medicine, Law, Degree Apprenticeships and Teaching, helping students gain essential work-experience, tailored support for personal statements and visits to university to gain a valuable insight into further study. Students can join the football or netball teams, take part in recreational sport or play bridge, chess and more. The Sixth Form also offers students the opportunity to study the EPQ and Core Maths and the music department offers extra-curricular opportunities in various ensembles including a Sixth Form SATB Choir, the bi-annual school production, concert tours and a jazz band. There are several trips and visits each year, including visiting Oxford and Cambridge universities, Lancaster University, UCAS conventions, art trips to London and local galleries, foreign trips and visits, including Iceland, New York, Washington and more. The school is happy to offer tours for prospective students during a school day if they have been unable to attend Open Evening.

Alder Grange School

Application process	Young people interested in finding out what the sixth form at Alder Grange School – ag6 - is all about can email: ag6enquiries@aldergrange.com. The school will be happy to respond, answer any questions and arrange a tour of their incredible sixth form centre. If you want to apply for a place at ag6, follow this link ag6 Applications to the school's website, where you'll find a user-friendly online form to start the application process, register interest and arrange an in person interview. Alternatively, you can phone the school on 01706 223171 to be connected to the Head of Sixth Form for a friendly chat and to see if the sixth form is the right place for you to continue your studies.
Selection process	The school considers each young person's case on an individual basis, often with guidance from their current school. As a general rule, strong GCSE passes are required to study academic A Level subjects. You will be invited to an interview with the school and they will discuss subject choices with you to ensure they are suitable. The school wants to ensure that each young person chooses the right path to allow them to realise their future aspirations. The sixth form offers both level 2 and level 3 pathways, including a wide range of academic A Levels, alongside applied courses such as BTEC, CTEC and AAQ qualifications. Once you have registered your interest and applied online - ag6 Applications – the school will review your choices, along with your predicted grades and will arrange an interview with you, where they will advise and ensure your chosen pathway is right for you. This may be A-Levels, applied courses, a blend of both, or their level 2 pathway. Enrolment takes place on GCSE results day and also the following morning.
Course information	You can start exploring what ag6 has to offer on the school's website through the following link: ag6 Home Page. ag6 Departments will allow you to navigate and explore all their curriculum areas and you'll find information about the courses on offer. These include traditional A-Levels, along with BTEC and CTEC courses. ag6 also offers blended learning, where you can opt for a blend of A-Level and applied courses. The school will tailor their curriculum to meet your individual needs. The enrichment courses on offer include: • Tomorrow's Teachers: a fantastic opportunity for any young person interested in a teaching career, coaching or social work. Students do teaching placements, explore education, develop resources and even lead sessions with pupils at Key Stages 1, 2 and 3. As well as developing valuable character building skills, students also have the opportunity to build links with universities and HE providers. • EPQ (Extended Project Qualification): students do an academic investigation and develop independent research skills in preparation for university - and gain valuable UCAS points in the process. For young people who suffer exam disappointment at GCSE and haven't achieved a standard pass in English and Maths, the school offers GCSE resits. If your grades suggest Level 3 courses may be a struggle, you can begin on their Level 2 pathway as a foundation year. This is so you can get the skills and expertise needed to progress onto the Level 3 courses.

Resources to prepare for Year 12	ag6 is a very supportive sixth form, looking out for you every step of the way and transition is no exception. The bridge between GCSE and sixth form begins on their Taster Day, where you can sample lessons, meet staff and are given guidance and transition packs to help you prepare for the start of your ag6 journey. Packs are also available at key points in the year through their website. Across all curriculum areas, courses begin with specially designed units to make the transition from secondary school to ag6 as smooth as possible. Their expert pastoral team will work alongside you every step of the way, from key stage 4 to 5 transition, to mocks and applying for university or an apprenticeship.
Further information, guidance and support	If you have any worries about grades, course choices, or general enquiries about ag6 and how the school can help you to build your future, please reach out and get in touch. You can email ag6enquiries@aldergrange.com or call 01706 223171. With regard to GCSE resits, the school offers both English and Maths. Their pass rate is well above average so they will be able to help you prepare for your future employability.
Information on student finance	The school is happy to answer questions regarding student finance / bursary at your interview, on enrolment day, or over email. Please contact ag6enquiries@aldergrange.com with any queries you may have.
How to experience Year 12	The sixth form's website ag6 and their digital prospectus are the best way to get initial insights into all aspects of life at ag6, from courses and enrichment to the ag6 alumni and application process.
How to find the latest information	You can stay connected through the school's socials; look out for exciting updates, socials and charity events and celebrations of their students' successes: • Website: https://aldergrange.com/ • Facebook: www.facebook.com/aldergrange/ • Twitter/X: twitter.com/AlderGrange • Instagram: www.instagram.com/aldergrangeschool/
Additional information	Not sure where to study after your GCSEs? Choosing the right path can be overwhelming but imagine a place that offers real choices, where you can study A Levels or applied subjects that broaden your future options. At ag6, you'll discover subjects and support that meet you right where you are and help you get where you want to go. ag6 offers a diverse range of A Level and applied subjects, a welcoming and inclusive community and tailored support to help you succeed. The sixth form is a warm, friendly and supportive community. It is relatively small in size, but big in spirit, and they value and respect all their students as individuals; tailoring the sixth from experience to their needs. They have a committed, talented and passionate staff ready to help you excel in your chosen field, to support you in your studies and prepare you for your future. Whatever you're doing, wherever you're going, let ag6 help take you there. If you have any questions, or simply want to find out more, why not get in touch. Learn – Succeed – Connect. ag6: your future starts here.

Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School

Application process	If you're interested in attending the school, please register and apply online at Admissions.
Selection process	All young people who apply are given a conditional offer of a place. You must achieve a minimum of two GCSEs at Grade 6 or above, plus a further two GCSEs which are at least Grade 5. You must have a minimum of a Grade 4 pass in English Language and Maths. There are subject specific entry criteria for some subjects too – please see the course information below for more details.
Course information	For course information, please visit the school's website at BRGS Sixth Form Curriculum.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	There will be a Welcome Day in June 2027 to give you the opportunity to experience a day at BRGS and give you a flavour of the subjects you have chosen to study. Teachers will give out course information and suggested reading on this day.
Further information, guidance and support	The school has an initial application deadline of 29th January 2027. Those who apply by that deadline have the best chance of getting their course choices as the school builds options blocks in their timetable around your choices at that point. You can still apply after this date but you should be aware that courses may get capped or not all subject combinations can be studied. The school wants all students to be on the A Level courses that are right for them. They'll discuss subject choices with you after you've applied so that they can help you make the right choices. However, if you want to change courses early in September, you can do, subject to options blocks and class size restrictions. If you have any queries, concerns or require any further information, please contact the school at sixthform@brgs.staracademies.org.
Information on student finance	If you have any queries on the bursary fund scheme or need help with transport, please email sixthform@brgs.staracademies.org.
How to experience Year 12	All young people who apply will be invited into school for a guidance meeting during which your subject choices will be discussed with you. The school is holding a Welcome Day at the end of June 2027 to give you a taster of what studying at BRGS is all about. All applicants will be invited to participate on the day. If you want to visit the school at any other time, please email sixthform@brgs.staracademies.org.
How to find the latest information	For the latest information, please visit: • Website: www.brgs.org.uk If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to email sixthform@brgs.staracademies.org.

Clitheroe Royal Grammar School

Application process	The online application form opens here from 1st October 2026 to 29th January 2027. For late applications, please contact the Sixth Form at sixthformadmissions@crgs.org.uk.
Selection process	You're initially asked to complete an online admissions form. The school will then contact you to send through your most recent school report or data tracker and a short personal statement. After that, you'll be invited to choose between a virtual or face-to-face options meeting in February or March to discuss A Level choices and answer any questions. The school's entry requirements are available here.
Course information	The school offers 26 A Level subjects. A detailed guide for each subject can be found here: Sixth Form Curriculum. The CRGS Sixth Form Guide is a very useful source of information and can be downloaded here.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	The sixth form prepares a transition pack for each subject. The new transition packs for September 2027 entry will be available from around mid-May. Applicants will be notified when these become available. These will be published on the 'New Year 12' pages on the school's website at New Year 12.
Further information, guidance and support	For any queries or further information, applicants and parents/carers can email the sixth form at sixthformadmissions@crgs.org.uk. Students who would like to review their subject choices should contact the sixth form at sixthformadmissions@crgs.org.uk. It is usually possible to change subjects on results day (subject to timetabling constraints) and the school runs a Transition Period in September where students can change subjects if necessary.
Information on student finance	Full details of the sixth form's 16-19 Bursary Fund offer can be found on their website at Financial Assistance. If students or parents/carers have any questions about student finance, they can email the school at bursary@crgs.org.uk.
How to experience Year 12	If you would like to visit the sixth form, please contact the school at sixthformadmissions@crgs.org.uk. All young people with an offer will be invited to the school's Student Preview events in June 2027.
How to find the latest information	Information is available on the school's website at Sixth Form Welcome. Follow the school on social media for the latest news and updates from the Sixth Form: Facebook: Clitheroe Royal Grammar School Sixth Form

Haslingden High School and Sixth Form

Application process	Applicants should visit the dedicated sixth form section on the school website. From there, you can complete an online application form. For information about the application process, please visit the sixth form section of the school's website.
Selection process	The entry requirements for different pathways can be accessed on the school website in the About the Sixth Form section. This clearly outlines the different options for students based on GCSE results. You must also be able to demonstrate and evidence a good attitude to learning across key stage 4. All applications will be treated fairly and with consideration.
Course information	The Sixth Form Courses section of the school website contains detailed information about the different courses they offer. For each course, information is provided about preferred entry requirements, units studied, assessment details and progression opportunities. In total, the school spans the breadth of all curriculum areas, with 25 A Levels and 7 technical qualifications. GCSE English Language and Maths resits are also offered.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	The school offers a range of invitation days and bridging units linked to the courses being studied. There is also flexibility to change courses within the first few weeks of starting Year 12.
Further information, guidance and support	If you have any concerns or questions about applications or course choices, please contact Andrea at sixthform@haslingdenhigh.com.
Information on student finance	For any questions regarding student finance, please contact Andrea at sixthform@haslingdenhigh.com.
How to experience Year 12	To get a better understanding of sixth form's ethos and facilities, you can access the prospectus in the Haslingden Sixth Form section of the school website, as well as a virtual introduction to life at Haslingden High Sixth Form. You can also choose to be included in the school's sixth form experience programme.
How to find the latest information	For the latest information, please visit the school's website at www.haslingdenhigh.com. The school also has Instagram and Facebook pages which you can look at.

Hutton C of E Grammar School

Application process	If you're interested in attending the school's sixth form, you can apply via the school's online application form at Hutton Sixth Form.
Selection process	To be offered a place in the sixth form, applicants need to achieve at least 28 points from their best six GCSE results. For example, four Grade 5s and two Grade 4s.
Course information	Information on all the school's A level courses and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) can be found on the school's website at Subjects and Prospectus - Hutton.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	All applicants will receive a 'Head Start to A levels' pack of digital resources with activities, reading lists and resources for each subject offered at A level.
Further information, guidance and support	The sixth form does not offer GCSE Maths or English resits. The school will also consider students who have suffered mitigating circumstances during the completion of their GCSEs. If you would like to visit the school to have a look around, please contact the school on 01772 613112 to arrange this.
Information on student finance	For information on student finance, please contact the school bursar at bursar@huttongrammar.org.
How to experience Year 12	Virtual tours are available on the school's website at www.huttongrammar.org.
How to find the latest information	You can find all the latest information from the sixth form via their website at Hutton Grammar School Sixth Form or through their Facebook page: Hutton Sixth Form.

Lancaster Girls' Grammar School

Application process	Please visit the school's website to apply online. The application deadline is 26th January 2027. You will then have an individual advice and guidance meeting online during the spring term to discuss your subject choices.
Selection process	The basic entry requirement is to achieve five Grade 6s at GCSE. You must also have at least a Grade 4 in English and Maths. You will also need to achieve a Grade 6 in the subjects you wish to study at A Level. For further details for some individual subjects, please visit the school's website at Subject Requirements.
Course information	For course information, please visit the school's website at Welcome to LGGS Sixth Form.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	Detailed summer work is provided on the school's website for all subjects in the summer term and should be completed by the time you start at LGGS Sixth Form.
Further information, guidance and support	For further information, guidance and support, please contact the school at sixthform@lggs.lancs.sch.uk. The school is always happy to discuss individual circumstances and, although the standard application deadline is 26th January 2027, they always accept applications after that time. However, there may be restrictions on what subjects are available if you apply after this date as subjects may be full.
Information on student finance	For any questions regarding student finance, please email sixthform@lggs.lancs.sch.uk.
How to experience Year 12	You can find a video of the sixth form on the school's website at Welcome to LGGS Sixth Form.
How to find the latest information	For the latest information, please visit the sixth form section of the school's website at Welcome to LGGS Sixth Form. You can also follow the school on Instagram and Facebook.

Lancaster Royal Grammar School

Application process	The application form is available on the school's website for 2027 admissions at Sixth Form Admissions. The deadline for applications is 31st January 2027. The school's Sixth Form holds a Taster Day which is offered to pupils who have applied. The school also offers a welcome afternoon to offer holders later in the summer term.
Selection process	There is no catchment area in the sixth form but it is expected that all applicants can comfortably make the journey to and from the school in line with the requirements of the school day. Where information is available from mock GCSE results or other grade data from your school, the Headmaster makes offers to pupils whose results are in line with the school's entry requirements. The entry requirements for Year 12 is a minimum of 48 points in your best 8 GCSEs, with a minimum of Grade 5 in both English Language and Maths. Young people who wish to take four A levels will need to achieve at least five Grade 8s at GCSE.
Course information	The school offers a large range of A-Levels. For course information, please view the school's online prospectus at Sixth Form Prospectus.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	The school will publish subject-specific Summer Bridging Work on the induction pages of its website around May half-term. At present, last year's bridging work is currently listed, along with a list of possible enrichment tasks such as online courses and suggested reading.
Further information, guidance and support	If you have any queries or general enquiries about sixth form admissions, please contact the school's Sixth Form Administrator, Carol Haywood on 01524 580600 or by email at chaywood@lrgs.org.uk, who will ensure an answer is provided. The school is also partially a boarding school so if families might be interested in a boarding application, they should contact Emma Jones on 01524 580600 or by email at ejones@lrgs.org.uk.
Information on student finance	For information on the 16-19 bursary, please contact Carol Haywood on 01524 580600 or by email at chaywood@lrgs.org.uk.
How to experience Year 12	The Sixth Form section of the school's website contains a range of information and testimonials which you will find helpful. The virtual open evening includes interviews with pupils and staff: Virtual Open Evening.
How to find the latest information	Updates are regularly sent out through the school's Twitter/X and Facebook pages. The school website lists all official documentation linked to admissions and this will be updated for the next intake shortly.
Additional information	It is worth highlighting that the sixth form is co-educational so there are a number of female students currently study with them.

Morecambe Bay Academy

Application process	Please visit the Sixth Form page of the school's website to download an application form and additional information. Applications are available online, via Microsoft Forms - Morecambe Bay Academy Sixth Form September 2027 Application Form. If you have any queries, please contact MBASixth@morecambebayacademy.co.uk.
Selection process	If you're offered a place, this is conditional on meeting the entry requirements. These are five GCSEs at Grade 4, a Grade 6 in Maths and a Grade 6 in Science.
Course information	Individual course information sheets can be found on the sixth form section of the school's website at Morecambe Bay Academy Sixth Form
Resources to prepare for Year 12	Young people will be invited to attend a sixth form taster day on 4th December 2026. There will then be a further induction day planned for 21st June 2027.
Further information, guidance and support	If you wish to make changes to your subject choices before enrolment or if you have any other questions about the school, please email MBASixth@morecambebayacademy.co.uk. Young people can resit either GCSE English and Maths as part of their sixth form curriculum. It is not possible to resit both of these subjects.
Information on student finance	Information on the 16-19 bursary fund can be found here: Morecambe Bay Academy Sixth Form.
How to experience Year 12	You can view footage of the school on their website at Morecambe Bay Academy. For reels of life at the sixth form, you can also follow the school's social media channels on Facebook, Instagram and Tik Tok.
How to find the latest information	Letters and updates to applicants are added to the sixth form section of the school's website. You can also email MBASixth@morecambebayacademy.co.uk.

Our Lady's Catholic College

Application process	Please visit the school's website to complete their online application form. Alternatively, please email k.walker@olcc.lancs.sch.uk to request a paper copy.
Selection process	The school's entry requirements are available on their website at Entry Requirements. The school may be willing to show some flexibility in these requirements if you have extenuating circumstances and can demonstrate your suitability for the course in other ways. Successful completion of bridging work (see below) in a subject would be useful evidence.
Course information	For course information, please see the sixth form prospectus which is available on their website at Sixth Form Options 2027.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	Bridging work is available for most subjects and this can be found here: Our Lady's Catholic College - year 11 to 12 transition work. The school strongly recommends that this work is completed before September as it will give you an idea of the expectations and level of work required for the course. Teaching staff will be happy to direct you to further support if required.
Further information, guidance and support	If you have any queries about the application process of the courses on offer, please contact Mrs Bates at a.bates@olcc.lancs.sch.uk. GCSE resit exams in English Language and Maths should be available to all students in the autumn term and again in the summer term, if required. If you don't meet the entry requirements for the Level 3 Programme of Study, the school can offer you a place on their Level 2 Programme of Study. This will prepare you to re-sit your GCSE English Language and Maths. You will also study a double award Level 2 Travel and Tourism course (which is equivalent to two GCSEs). The school is updating its website so more information is being added – please check the website for new information.
Information on student finance	For information on student finance, please contact Mrs Bates at a.bates@olcc.lancs.sch.uk.
How to experience Year 12	You are welcome to visit the sixth form. Please contact Mrs Bates at a.bates@olcc.lancs.sch.uk or Mr Donnelly at j.donnelly@olcc.lancs.sch.uk if you would like to arrange this. The school is holding a Taster Day on 30th June 2027.
How to find the latest information	For the latest information, please visit: • Website: Our Lady's Catholic College - Sixthform • Facebook: Our Lady's Catholic College Lancaster • Twitter/X: @OLCC6th

Ripley St Thomas C of E Academy

Application process	The application form is available on the school's website at Apply - Ripley St Thomas.
Selection process	Your place is conditional on meeting the entry requirements. The entry requirement is five GCSE passes at Grade 5 including Grade 5 in English Language and also meeting the individual course requirements in your chosen subjects. These are stated on the Course Information Sheets which can be found on the school website at Sixth Form Courses.
Course information	Course information sheets can be found on the sixth form section of the school website at Sixth Form Courses.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	Sixth Form Bridging Units for individual courses can be found on the school's website at Sixth Form Bridging Units.
Further information, guidance and support	If you wish to make changes to your subject choices before enrolment or if you have any other questions about the sixth form, please email sixthform@ripley.lancs.sch.uk. Course changes will depend on whether there are places available on the course at enrolment. If required, you can re-sit GCSE Maths at the sixth form.
Information on student finance	For information on student finance, please email sixthform@ripley.lancs.sch.uk.
How to experience Year 12	For more information about the sixth form, please visit the website at Sixth Form Open Evening. Further information about the sixth form can be found on the school's website: Sixth Form.
How to find the latest information	Letters and updates are added to the school website: Letters and Notices. Follow the school on social media for the latest news and updates from the Sixth Form: • Facebook: The Sixth Form at Ripley St Thomas • Twitter/X: @TheSixthForm

16 to 19 FREE SCHOOL

Lancaster University School of Maths

Application process	Applications for September 2027 are now open and you can apply to Lancaster University School of Maths (LUSoM) using their online application form. If you have any questions about the application process, you can email admissions@lusom.ac.uk or you can call the office on 01772 287481.
Selection process	Once you've submitted your application online, you'll be invited to sit the LUSoM aptitude test. This is not an entrance exam as it is not a pass/fail test. It is just part of the process designed to give LUSoM more information and help them make the decision whether LUSoM is a good fit for you. After that, there will be a guidance interview with a LUSoM teacher, which is a great opportunity to discuss your application further. You'll then receive your conditional offer, which is based on meeting their entry requirements. The entry requirements are a GCSE Grade 8+ in Maths, Grade 7+ in Science and Grade 5+ in English GCSE.
Course information	All LUSoM students study A Level Maths and Further Maths and then must pick one of three additional subjects: Physics, Chemistry or Computer Science. You can also pick a fourth subject from the LUSoM subjects or choose to study an A-level from Cardinal Newman College, such as Biology or Economics. For further information on the subjects they offer, please visit Study With Us - LUSoM.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	The school offers lots of opportunities through the year to get involved and find out what life is like at LUSoM. Prospective students are welcome to get in touch with arrange an after-school visit to take a tour of the LUSoM purpose-built Maths school and meet staff and students. There are also plenty of outreach programmes to get involved with throughout the year, such as weekly online maths and science revision, Easter school and their Extend programme, which is where you can visit once a month to learn beyond the curriculum. You can get involved by booking a place through the LUSoM's website at Outreach for Students.
Further information, guidance and support	The best preparation for Year 12 is to follow your passion in maths and science, read around the subjects and look beyond your GCSEs. LUSoM offers free online maths tuition delivered by their own students to applicants who might not meet the entry requirements, based on the results of their aptitude test. If you have any queries about your application, please contact admissions@lusom.ac.uk. The Admissions Team are always available to support you.
Information on student finance	LUSoM have a bursary fund which can help students who are experiencing financial difficulty in accessing or completing their course. Funds can be provided to help towards the cost of travel, meals and equipment needed to study, such as a calculator and iPad. Eligibility is assessed on parental income and home/personal circumstances. The 2027/28 information is not yet available but LUSoM's current bursary policy can be found on their website, which might help to give you an understanding of this funding. The current policy can be found here: Bursary - Lancaster University School of Mathematics. If you have any queries about your application, please contact admissions@lusom.ac.uk. The Admissions Team are always available to support you.

How to experience Year 12	LUSoM's taster day is on Saturday 14th November 2026, form 10am to 12.30pm. Students will have a Maths taster lesson and can choose two more subjects from Physics, Chemistry and Computer Science. You can book a place here: Visit LUSoM.
How to find the latest information	For the latest information, please visit: • Website: www.lusom.ac.uk • Twitter/X: Lancaster University School of Mathematics (@LUSoM_) / X • Facebook: www.facebook.com/LUSOMPreston/ • Instagram: www.instagram.com/lusompreston/ • Tiktok: www.tiktok.com/@lusompreston Or email admissions@lusom.ac.uk with any questions.

FURTHER EDUCATION COLLEGES

Accrington and Rossendale College

Application process	Young people can apply online for a place at the college. Applicants will then be part of the college's forward-thinking Connect programme and will have access to their application information online, through the college's website. They'll also be invited into college to experience taster sessions for their chosen course(s), chat with tutors, meet their classmates and get regular communication to help them plan their future success.
Selection process	As part of the Connect programme, young people will be invited to the college to talk through their choices with a member of staff linked to their preferred course(s). These discussions take place regularly and are just one part of the Connect programme. They follow a taster session where applicants can discover more about their chosen subjects and meet tutors and classmates. Applicants can schedule their slot and will be sent information beforehand on what to expect and to answer some frequently asked questions.
Course information	The college's Schools team regularly visits all local schools to provide course information, advice and to offer 1:1 appointments. Pupils can check with their school's Careers Adviser to find out when the team are due to visit. Information about the range of courses available can be found in the college prospectus. You can also find details about upcoming open events. The college offers courses from Entry Level to Level 3. They also have a University Centre that offers degree-level courses.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	To support prospective students, the college invites all applicants to be part of their Connect programme, offering regular opportunities to become more familiar with their chosen course(s), staff, college environment and meet their classmates. This also includes an invitation to their New Student Day in summer where prospective students can experience the day-to-day life of a college student. On this day, tutors offer additional insight into the curriculum, which includes reading lists, useful websites, pre-college work and other essential information to prepare you for enrolling on GCSE results day. This event lets you connect with other applicants, easing any anxieties or 'first day nerves' by fostering new friendships and encouraging communication. Through the Connect programme, you'll learn how to contact tutors and throughout the summer, the Schools Team is available for questions or queries at schools@eastlancslearning.ac.uk.
Further information, guidance and support	You can change your subject choices at any point during the application process. The college can provide information and alternative course options for those who may not achieve their expected grades. Any young person requiring guidance on their next steps can contact the Schools Team at schools@eastlancslearning.ac.uk. For specific application or interview advice, or to update details or make changes to your course, you can contact the college's Admissions team at admissions@eastlancslearning.ac.uk

Information on student finance	The college's Student Services team will provide you with information on bursaries, finance, bus travel and other related queries. To contact the Student Services team, please call 01282 440209 or email student.services@eastlancslearning.ac.uk.
How to experience Year 12	You can access informative videos and podcasts on the college's YouTube page.
How to find the latest information	The Connect programme will keep you and your parents/carers informed about every stage of the journey to becoming an Accrington and Rossendale College student. There are multiple touch points for prospective students throughout their application journey, including direct mail, email, visits, new student day and SMS. You can also access the college through social media, including Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube and Tiktok. For the latest information, please visit the college's website. For general information and advice, you can contact the Schools Team at schools@eastlancslearning.ac.uk. For specific application advice, updating details or changes to courses, you can contact the college's Admissions team at admissions@eastlancslearning.ac.uk.
Additional information	Accrington and Rossendale College is part of the East Lancashire Learning Group.

Blackburn College

Application process	Blackburn College is open for you to choose your course and apply online from 1st October 2026. You can apply here to study the pathway of your choice. If you'd prefer, the college can help you complete your application in person by going through the steps and completing the required information. The college offers lots of courses including vocational, T Levels, A Levels, V Levels and Apprenticeship programmes. All the information you need can be found on the college's website.
Selection process	Once you've submitted your application, the college will invite you for an interview with your course tutor. You'll receive your booking in the post or by email with your interview date and time. You'll also get a reminder text the day before. If you're not able to make your interview, please ring the Admissions Team on 01254 292936. For some courses, such as Construction, Engineering and Motor Vehicle, you'll need to attend your interview, accept your place and attend the college's New Students Day. Don't worry though, you can still apply to other places if you want.
Course information	For information on all the college's pathways - A Level, vocational, T Level, V Level or Apprenticeships - please visit their website. The Careers Team at the college is also available at open events and interview evenings. You can email them at careers@blackburn.ac.uk for advice and guidance on course options. The college also has a Future Focus programme which is for young people who may not be ready for full time education or may find themselves not doing anything once they finish school. This programme is available in both Blackburn and Darwen. You can also have a look at the Blackburn College Prospectus. This shows their courses and entry requirements – it's an 'all you need to know' guide to the College. At Blackburn College, there is a course for everyone. They offer provision from Foundation Learning up to Level 3 so there will be course for everyone to join.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	Tutors may provide you with reading lists over the summer to help you get ready for college. This will help you see the difference between school and college.
Further information, guidance and support	For any general enquiries or one-to-one advice and guidance about starting college, support is available from the college's Schools Liaison team. Please email schoolliaison@blackburn.ac.uk. If you have any questions about your application, enrolment, student finance or careers, please email the college's Admissions team on admissions@blackburn.ac.uk. There is a dedicated team and centre for GCSE English and Maths resits located in the Beacon Centre. These sessions will be within your regular timetable.
Information on student finance	The college has a dedicated Student Finance team who can answer any money-related queries; they know all about the support a 16-18 year old can access whilst studying at Blackburn College. If you have any queries or need any further information, please email studentfinance@blackburn.ac.uk.

How to experience Year 12	The college holds a number of Open Events during the year. You can explore their different areas to help you decide whether A Levels, technical/vocational, T Levels, V Levels or an Apprenticeship is right for you. You can speak with expert tutors and students, see their fantastic facilities and find out about the support the college can provide for you to reach your potential. The Schools Liaison team also offer private 1:1 tours for young people to make their way round all the buildings the college has to offer. The college also hosts New Student Days for all Year 11s who have applied to the college. All applicants will be sent a postcard inviting them to this event. Information on all of the above can also be found on the college website.
How to find the latest information	You can find all the latest information from the college on their website at www.blackburn.ac.uk. You can also visit their social media channels: • Facebook: Blackburn College • Instagram: @blackburncollege • LinkedIn: Blackburn College You can also visit the college in person – Blackburn College, Feilden Street, Blackburn BB2 1LH - or you can call them on 01254 292929.
Additional information	The college has now partnered with Training 2000 so they can offer more apprenticeships in sectors such as Dental, Optical and Construction. The college's next open day is on Saturday 14th November 2026, from 10am to 1pm.

Blackpool and the Fylde College

Application process	The college accepts applications online, which can be found on individual course pages. This will lead to an 'apply now' button which will lead you to a form to complete. For information, you can visit their website at School Leavers. For help or advice, you can contact the college on 01253 504343 or email admissions@blackpool.ac.uk.
Selection process	Once you've made your application, you'll be invited to an informal chat with a tutor to discuss your course choice. These are held on Wednesdays. This is your opportunity to discover more about that course and to talk through your career ambitions. You can talk to more than one tutor if you have more than one course in mind.
Course information	There is lots of information about the college and the courses they have on offer on their website at School Leavers. You can click through different levels of study as well as different subject areas to have an in-depth look. Alternatively, click on this link to download a copy of their School Leaver Prospectus 2027-28. The college's Gateway courses are designed to help 16-18 year olds who have no prior qualifications or have GCSEs at Grade 3 and below. You can find out more on the college's website at Gateway Courses. You can call the college's Course Enquiries Team on 01253 504343 or email info@blackpool.ac.uk if you have any questions or want some advice.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	The college has lots of information videos on topics such as next steps, how to apply and college life. You can find these on their social media. The college will also send tasks, reading lists, useful website links and activities directly to you once you have applied for a course at the college. The college can support you both academically and personally. Whatever you need, they are there to help you every step of the way. Find out how they can support your success by visiting their Support Hub. The B&FC School Liaison team drop into all schools in the area, either for presentations/workshops or at an open event. If you have any questions or queries, you can contact the team at school-liaison@blackpool.ac.uk.
Further information, guidance and support	You can call the college's Course Enquiries Team on 01253 504343 or email info@blackpool.ac.uk if you have any questions or want some advice about courses. The Careers Team can also help you with one-to-one advice and guidance about your next steps. The Course Enquiries Team can make an appointment for you to speak to the Careers Team.
Information on student finance	For information on student finance, please visit the college's website here: Financial Support for School Leavers. If you have any questions about financial support, please email the college at financesupport@blackpool.ac.uk or call 01253 504177 and choose option 1.
How to experience Year 12	The college has lots of information videos on topics such as next steps, how to apply and college life. You can find these on their social media (see below). If you would like to visit the college, come along to an open event. To find out more, please visit Events.

How to find the latest information	You can find all the latest information from the college on their website. You can also find them on social media here: • Facebook: /blackpoolcollege • Instagram: @blackpoolcollege • Twitter/X: @b_and_fc • YouTube: /blackpoolfyldecollege
Additional information	The college offers T Levels, which are career-focused courses made in partnership with their employer partners to make sure you get the relevant knowledge and skills required for your career of choice. The industry placement gives you the chance to compete for the best university places, higher and degree apprenticeships and skilled employment. To find out more, visit the college's website at T Levels.

Blackpool Sixth Form College

Application process	The college's application system is open for entry to the college in September 2027. You can visit their website for more information and can make an online application here. The deadline for applications is 1st March 2027 but the college strongly recommends early application, ideally before the Christmas holidays. If you have any questions, please contact the college's Admissions Team at admissions@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk or by phone on 01253 394911.
Selection process	Once you've applied, you'll be invited to a course discussion evening at the college. The college aims to provide conditional offers of places to applicants on the basis of the information in the application and any follow-up discussions. The conditional offers specify minimum entry qualifications for the different study programmes (see the links below for study programme and course information for further details). If you need to update your course choices after you have applied, you can do this through the applications portal which you used to apply.
Course information	For information on the college's Study Programmes, please visit Study Programmes. Detailed information about all the college's courses can be found here: Courses. From the website homepage, you can search for courses in various ways, including by career pathway. Please note that the college offers a one-year Foundation Programme for students who need a further year of study to reach the entry levels required for Level 3 (Advanced) courses. The details can be found here: Foundation Programme. If you have any questions, please contact the college's Admissions Team at admissions@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk or by phone on 01253 394911.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	Once you've applied, you'll be able to access lots of suggested activities and resources to help you prepare in the best way possible for your courses at Blackpool Sixth. These are all available on the college's website here: Your Journey to Blackpool Sixth.
Further information, guidance and support	If you have any queries, concerns or require any advice, please email the college's Admissions Team at: admissions@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk or by phone on 01253 394911.
Information on student finance	If you choose to study at Blackpool Sixth, they'll do everything possible to support you. For more information, please visit the college's website: Financial Support. The college also offers extensive help with transport routes and costs: Transport. Alternatively, you can contact a member of staff in the college's Student Finance Office by emailing enquiries@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk. Please put 'Finance query' in the subject line.
How to experience Year 12	See Your Journey to Blackpool Sixth for details of how the college supports prospective students and the open events and taster events they provide.
How to find the latest information	You can find all of the latest information from the college on their website. You can also visit their social media channels: • Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/blackpoolsixth/ • Twitter/X: @BlackpoolSixth • Instagram: @BlackpoolSixth

Burnley College

Application process	You can apply to study A Levels, vocational courses, T Levels or a Themis apprenticeships through the Burnley College website at Sixth Form - Burnley College. There is a step-by-step video which will take you through How to Apply with ease. The college recommends that you apply before Christmas so you can focus on your GCSEs once you return to school in January. If you change your mind about what you want to study or need to update your personal information, you can change your application at any stage by contacting the School Liaison Team on 01282 733322 or email admissions@burnley.ac.uk.
Selection process	Once you have applied, you will be emailed with your next steps. You can contact the School Liaison Team if you are concerned or have any questions at admissions@burnley.ac.uk or on 01282 733322.
Course information	You can find out more about all the college's courses here: Course Search. Clicking on the course in which you are interested will open up further information on entry requirements, assessment criteria, modules and lots more. You can also have a look at the college's 2027/28 prospectus by clicking here. The college offers a range of study levels, from Entry Level 3, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications, supporting students after GCSEs. You'll be allocated a place on a course at the most suitable level for you once you receive your GCSE grades. If you don't achieve Maths and/or English qualifications at school, you'll re-sit these alongside your full-time college course. If you have any questions or queries, contact the Schools Liaison Team on 01282 733322 or email admissions@burnley.ac.uk. You can also submit an online form through the college's website at: Advice and Guidance Enquiry Form or book a one-to-one careers appointment and tour with the School Liaison Team at appointment bookings.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	If you've applied to Burnley College or Themis, you'll receive email updates from the team, including information about those crucial next steps, such as travel, extra-curricular activities, the campus, how to prepare for college and opportunities to book on/take part in exciting activities such as Preview Day. You can explore your course(s) further via Year 11 Transition Work. Here you'll find a range of online subject packs to complete, including links to videos made by tutors introducing you to the teaching team, the exciting topics you'll study as well as providing interesting activities linked to the subject. Explore the Burnley College Programmes, open to Year 10 and 11 students, to immerse yourself into the subjects you may be considering, to see if they are right for you before enrolling. The Programmes run in the evenings, after school, over several weeks and are led by expert tutors who you'll meet on your course. You can find out more and apply online here: Burnley College Programmes.
Further information, guidance and support	It's important to explore different colleges, speak to tutors, get a feel for the environment on campus and see firsthand the equipment and facilities before you make your final decision. You can do this at the college Open Events - book your place on a range of different dates at: Burnley College Events. Please don't worry, the college will help you every step of the way. If you haven't yet applied, applied to the wrong course or are unsure you will get the grades needed for your chosen course, their School Liaison Team can help. You can call them on 01282 733322 or email admissions@burnley.ac.uk.

Information on student finance	There's lots of support at the College, from Careers Guidance, Safeguarding, Learning Development and Financial Support. Contact admissions@burnley.ac.uk and the School Liaison Team will direct you to the correct department to access the information you need or you can visit Burnley College Support.
How to experience Year 12	There's lots of information on the college's website and social media channels, with videos and pictures to show you what life as a Burnley College student or Themis Apprentice is like. Please use the following links: • www.burnley.ac.uk • https://www.facebook.com/burnleycollege • https://www.facebook.com/ThemisBurnley • https://www.instagram.com/burnleycollege/?hl=en • https://www.instagram.com/themisburnley/?hl=en • Burnley College | LinkedIn • Themis Burnley | LinkedIn • burnleycollegeofficial (@burnleycollegeofficial) | TikTok

Cardinal Newman College

Application process	You can apply to the college online using their application form and can submit an application using this link: Admissions - Cardinal Newman College. If you have any questions about the application process or your place at the college, you can email admissions@cardinalnewman.ac.uk or you can call the Admissions Team on 01772 460181. You can also contact the college through social media.
Selection process	Once you've submitted your application online, it will be processed and you'll receive confirmation of a conditional place. You'll get details on how to access the Newman Portal to accept this offer of a conditional place. If you have any questions about the application process or your place at the college, you can email admissions@cardinalnewman.ac.uk or you can call the Admissions Team on 01772 460181. You can also contact the college through social media.
Course information	For course information, please visit the college's website at Courses - Cardinal Newman College. If you have any questions about the courses available at the college, you can email admissions@cardinalnewman.ac.uk or you can call the Admissions Team on 01772 460181. You can also contact the college through social media.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	All applicants will be invited to Newman Fest, where they can try out their subjects, meet their teachers and get a feel for the college before they enrol in the summer. This will take place at the start of July, after Year 11s have finished their GCSEs.
Further information, guidance and support	If you have any queries, concerns or require any advice, please email the college on admissions@cardinalnewman.ac.uk or you can all 01772 460181. You can also contact the college through social media. The college offers GCSE re-sits in Maths and English Language. If you don't manage to achieve a Grade 4 or above in your GCSE English or Maths, you'll be asked to re-sit these alongside another course to make a full programme of study. For example, you may wish to study a BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport with a GCSE resit in English alongside it.
Information on student finance	The College Bursary Fund is designed to help students who are experiencing financial difficulty in accessing or completing their course. Funds can be provided to help towards the cost of travel, meals, books, equipment and materials needed for courses. You must be under 19 on the 31 August in the year in which you start your programme of study. Eligibility is assessed on parental income and home/personal circumstances. For more information, as well as a link to apply for a bursary online, please visit the college's website at Cardinal Newman College Bursary. If you require any further information or need help in making your application, please contact Student Services on 01772 460181 or email studentservices@cardinalnewman.ac.uk.

How to experience Year 12	To find out more about life at Cardinal Newman College, please visit their YouTube channel: Cardinal Newman College.
How to find the latest information	For the latest information, please visit: • Website: www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk • Facebook: /cardinalnewmancollege • Instagram: Newman_College • Phone: 01772 460181

Lancaster and Morecambe College

Application process	All the college's full-time and apprenticeship courses are listed in their College Guide and full details are on their website at Full Time Courses. Applications for courses starting in September 2027 will open in November 2026. You can apply on-line for full time and apprenticeship courses via pink APPLY link on each course page. You can also view their current apprenticeship vacancies. You will be asked to create an account and it is important that you remember your log in details and password as this is where you'll track the progress of your application and any offers you receive. Please try and provide as much information as possible on your application form, especially if you have any medical, pastoral or learning support needs. As part of the application process, you'll be invited to select a date and time for your interview. If you don't select this, the Admissions Team will be in touch to arrange your interview. You can also apply in person at one of the college open evenings, which are held in November, December, February, April and June. If you have any questions about their courses or need some advice about which course is right for you, you can contact the college's Advice Team on 01524 521385 or email advice@lmc.ac.uk.
Selection process	The college's interviews are very informal and they give you the chance to meet with the course tutor and find out more about the course and what it is like to be a student at the college. It also gives you the opportunity to see whether the course you have applied for matches your future career and progression goals. Be prepared to explain why you have chosen this specific course and to talk about what interests you have outside of education. We will also ask you about any support you may need whilst you study with us, and you will have the opportunity to meet with our learning support and pastoral teams after your interview. Parents and carers are welcome to attend interviews, and the college's support teams are always on hand to answer any questions you may have about pastoral, learning or financial support. You may also request to have a member of their Additional Learning Support team attend the interview with you, if you feel that this would be of benefit. Most interviews take place in person, in the Student Learning Centre (The Hex) but in some instances, they may be via telephone or MS Teams. At the end of the interview, the tutor will let you know whether they feel this is the right course for you and will outline any conditions you have to meet, like specific GCSE grades or attendance at a transition/assessment day. This information will be added to your account within 48-hours, and you'll be able to accept or decline the offer. If you don't receive an offer for the course you've applied for, the tutor will refer you to their Advice team for further support and advice about other courses.
Course information	For detailed course information, please visit the college's website at Full Time Courses. The college has several open evenings and events throughout the year (in November, December, February, April and June) and these are advertised on the back of the course guide, their website and social media channels. If you have any questions or need some advice, you can contact the college's Advice and Guidance Team on 01524 521385 or email advice@lmc.ac.uk. The college offers a wide range of courses from Entry level, through to HNCs, so there should be something for everyone. Their Pathway courses have been developed to support young people who wish to progress onto Level 2 or 3 qualifications but haven't achieved the entry requirements.

	If you haven't yet achieved your GCSE Maths or English at Grade 4 or above, you'll continue to study these subjects alongside your chosen course. Pastoral and learning support is available across their whole curriculum.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	The college offers on-campus open evenings, tours and taster events throughout the year for applicants, parents and carers. Information about these events will be sent to applicants and will also be promoted via social media and on the college website. You can request an individual tour of the campus by contacting hello@lmc.ac.uk. Some college courses have focused transition and/or assessment days during the summer term, which you will be invited to attend. For more information, please email hello@lmc.ac.uk or visit their website.
Further information, guidance and support	If you're unsure which course is right for you, the college's friendly careers team are here to help. If you have any questions, you can contact them on 01524 521385 or email advice@lmc.ac.uk. If you haven't yet achieved your GCSE Maths or English at Grade 4 or above, you'll continue to study these subjects alongside your chosen course. The college also offers GCSE resits in English and Maths in November (for those young people who achieved a high Grade 3) and Functional Skills classes.
Information on student finance	The college's Student Money Team can help with any financial queries you may have about studying at LMC. You can contact them on 01524 521469 or email studentmoney@lmc.ac.uk. The college uses Pay My Student portal for all student money applications and you can apply from 1st July 2027 for courses starting in September. You just need your unique student number which will have been assigned to you when you applied for your course.
How to experience Year 12	The college is producing a new Virtual Tour, but applicants may also be invited to attend transition/assessment days during the school holidays, so they can feel more comfortable on campus For young people with an EHCP or those who may require additional support, the college offers additional support to help you familiarise yourself with their campus. For more details, you can contact the Learning Support Team at learningsupport@lmc.ac.uk.
How to find the latest information	The college's website is updated with all the latest course information and they post additional news across their social media platforms. There are also regular open days throughout the year. The college holds information events for parents and carers of prospective students in January, April and July. Their support teams will be on hand to discuss pastoral, financial and learning support and to provide an overview of college life. Details are on the colleges website and will be posted on their social media channels. The college Tik Tok platform is a great way for applicants to see a more informal side of LMC and features content from students about their courses. • Website: www.lmc.ac.uk/ • Twitter/X: @LMCollege • Facebook: @LMCollege • Instagram: @lmcollege • TikTok: @lmcollege The college is here to help you so if you have any questions at all, please get in touch with them at Hello@lmc.ac.uk or advice@lmc.ac.uk.

Myerscough College

Application process	The college online application system is the fastest way to make your application. Simply visit the college's website, click the 'School Leaver' tab and then the course list. Select the subject area and chosen course and you'll see the 'Apply' button on the factsheet – use this to apply for the level of course that's closest to your predicted GCSE grades. If you're interested in more than one subject but aren't sure which is your preferred choice, simply add another course to your 'basket' and the college will process both applications at the same time.
Selection process	Offers will be made based on your expected or achieved GCSE grades. Once you've submitted your application and received an offer, you'll normally be invited to the college for an 'Applicant Day' experience. You'll meet tutors and current students and find out more about the content of your chosen course, work experience opportunities and future career progression. The college's departmental teaching teams and/or Admissions Team will contact you to make these arrangements. Any applicants who require additional learning support will have their applications forwarded to the Inclusive Learning Team for consideration. These may take slightly longer to process but rest assured, the college will progress them as quickly as possible. The LiveChat function on the college's website remains active and staffed. If you have any questions, please use this to contact the college. Alternatively, please email the college at enquiries@myerscough.ac.uk. Don't worry though. Myerscough College offers courses at all levels in each of their subjects. So, on GCSE Results Day, if you've done better or worse than you expected, there are options from Foundation Level, through Level 1, 2 and 3. The college might suggest you move up or down a level if they feel it's likely to be better for you; allowing you to then progress to a higher level at the end of that course.
Course information	For course information, please visit the college's website: Further Education Courses. The college offers courses at a wide range of levels, from dedicated Foundation Learning programmes for young people with additional support needs, through Entry Level, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 T Levels or City and Guilds qualifications. They also offer university degrees in partnership with the University of Lancashire. The college's next Course Advice Mornings are Saturday 21st November 2026, Saturday 6th February 2027, Saturday 17th April 2027 and either Saturday 12th June or Sunday 13th June 2027 (subject to confirmation). For more information, please visit: What's On. If you have any queries regarding the college's courses or if you are in the process of applying for a course, please call the college on 0800 652 5592 or email enquiries@myerscough.ac.uk. If you don't get a Grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths, the college will provide you with additional lessons in those subjects alongside your main subject, with the opportunity to re-sit those GCSEs.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	Once you've submitted your application, the college will be in touch to keep you up to speed with things like accommodation bookings, financial support and enrolment information. You'll also receive access to the college's dedicated Student Portal which offers careers guidance, virtual tours, course updates, revision tips, student and staff profile videos, module information and any recommended study suggestions before you start. This will be updated with fresh information through spring and summer.

Further information, guidance and support	If you have any queries about the courses on offer or if you are in the process of applying for a course, please get in touch with the college. The LiveChat function on the college's website remains active and staffed – young people, parents and teachers are welcome to use this facility to contact the college. If you have any questions, please use this to contact the college. Alternatively, please email the college at: enquiries@myerscough.ac.uk. If you don't get a Grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths, the college will provide you with additional lessons in those subjects alongside your main subject, with the opportunity to re-sit those GCSEs.
Information on student finance	For information on student finance, please visit the college's website at: Student Finance. Alternatively, if you have a question or would like some advice, please contact the Finance Office on 01995 642398 or email bursary@myerscough.ac.uk.
How to experience Year 12	The college will be having a series of Applicant Days throughout the year so you can experience college life. You'll also get access to a range of online links to lots of activities which you can do over the summer to help you to prepare for your new course in September. These will be on the college's website shortly, under the #MyFuture banner. The college's Open Morning welcome video tells you more about college life and you can watch it here: Welcome Video.
How to find the latest information	For the latest information, please visit: Website: https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/. The News and applicant pages are regularly updated with the latest information. Twitter/X: @MyerscoughColl The college LiveChat facilities on its website 7 days a week. Students, parents and teachers are welcome to use this to contact the college.

Nelson and Colne College

Application process	Young people can apply online for a place at the college. Applicants will then be part of the college's Connect programme and will have access to their application information online, through the college's website. They'll also be invited into college to experience taster sessions for their chosen course(s), chat with tutors, meet their classmates and get regular communication to help them plan their future success.
Selection process	As part of the Connect programme, young people will be invited to the college to talk through their choices with a member of staff linked to their preferred course(s). These discussions take place regularly and are just one part of the Connect programme. They follow a taster session where you can find out more about your chosen subjects and meet tutors and classmates. You can schedule your slot and will be sent information beforehand so you know what to expect and to answer some commons questions.
Course information	The college's Schools team regularly visits all local schools to provide course information, advice and to offer one-to-one appointments. Pupils can check with their school's Careers Adviser to find out when the team are due to visit. Information about the range of courses available can be found in the college prospectus. Copies are also available from your school or at open events. You can also find information about upcoming open events. The college offers courses from Entry Level to Level 3. They also have a University Centre that offers degree-level courses.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	To support prospective students, the college invites all applicants to be part of their Connect programme, offering regular opportunities to become more familiar with their chosen course(s), staff, college environment and meet their classmates. This also includes an invite to their New Student Day in summer where prospective students can experience the day-to-day life of a college student. On this day, tutors offer additional insight into the curriculum, which includes reading lists, useful websites, pre-college work and other essential information to prepare you for enrolling on GCSE results day. This event lets you connect with other applicants, easing any anxieties or 'first day nerves' by fostering new friendships and encouraging communication before courses start. Through the Connect programme, you'll learn how to contact tutors and throughout the summer, the Schools Team is available for questions or queries at schools@eastlancslearning.ac.uk.
Further information, guidance and support	You can change your subject choices at any point during the application process. The college can provide information and alternative course options for those who may not achieve their expected grades. Any young person requiring guidance on their next steps can contact the Schools Team at schools@eastlancslearning.ac.uk. For specific application or interview advice, or to update details or make changes to your course, you can contact the college's Admissions team at admissions@eastlancslearning.ac.uk

Information on student finance	The college's Student Services team will provide you with information on bursaries, finance, bus travel and other related queries. To contact the Student Services team, please call 01282 440209 or email student.services@eastlancslearning.ac.uk.
How to experience Year 12	You can access informative videos and podcasts on the college's YouTube page.
How to find the latest information	The Connect programme will keep you and your parents/carers informed about every stage of the journey to becoming a Nelson and Colne College student. There are multiple touch points for prospective students throughout their application journey, including direct mail, email, visits, new student day and SMS. You can also access the college through social media, including Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube and Tiktok. For the latest information, please visit the college's website. For general information and advice, you can contact the Schools Team at schools@eastlancslearning.ac.uk. For specific application advice, updating details or changes to courses, you can contact the college's Admissions team at admissions@eastlancslearning.ac.uk.
Additional information	Nelson and Colne College is part of the East Lancashire Learning Group.

Preston College

Application process	Young people can apply for a course at the college using the online application form which can be found on the college's website at Online Application Form. For more information on making an application, please email applications@preston.ac.uk.
Selection process	All applicants are invited to attend an interview with the college as part of the selection process. Interviews take place throughout the year and can be held at the college or at your school. The interview will include discussing predicted grades and the suitability of the course and your career goals. Following a successful interview, an offer to study at the college will be made. You'll then receive information about how to secure your place and how to enrol. Enrolment is usually online only, however, for those needing face to face support, college teams will be on-hand throughout the enrolment period. For more information, visit Enrolment at Preston College. Alternatively, you can contact the Admissions team at guidance@preston.ac.uk or on 01772 225774.
Course information	For course information, please visit: 14-19 School Leavers or you can access the college's prospectus at: Prospectus. Young people who need support with career choices can call the engagement and careers team for one-to-one support on 01772 225482. Alternatively, please email careers@preston.ac.uk or guidance@preston.ac.uk. Preston College offers a range of courses for school leavers across a number of different industries including construction, hairdressing, health, early years, performing arts, engineering, science, accounting, business, automotive, creative arts, events, travel and tourism, media, IT, public services, dance and sport. If you don't achieve your GCSE grades, the college has a range of Level 1 and Level 2 courses to support you in gaining the right qualifications and experience to progress to a higher level of study. The college also has a Future Ready pathway for Pre-Entry Level students. You can find out more about this programme here.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	The college holds a number of events over the academic year, including masterclasses, workshops and welcome evenings. Year 11 Welcome Evenings are an excellent opportunity for young people to attend college and meet their tutors and other students who will be studying on their course.
Further information, guidance and support	The recruitment and engagement team are on hand for any support needed. Please email guidance@preston.ac.uk or call 01772 225774. If a young person doesn't achieve a Grade 4 in English or Maths, they are required to continue their studies. GCSE resits are available as part of your study programme at Preston College.
Information on student finance	The college has access to a number of bursary funds to help young people with specific financial difficulties which may prevent them from taking part in learning. Eligibility for the funds will be based on household income and recent evidence of this must be submitted with your application. Bursary applications can be made online and staff are on hand by phone and email to offer support and guidance with the process. For more information and to apply, please visit: Financial Support.

How to experience Year 12	Year 11 Welcome Evenings are an excellent opportunity for young people to attend college and meet their tutors and other students who will be studying on their course. To find out what studying at Preston College is like, visit their website at www.preston.ac.uk to see the latest news, case studies, facilities, and access career planning resources.
How to find the latest information	For the latest information, please visit: • Website: https://www.preston.ac.uk/ • Facebook: @prestoncollege • Instagram: @prestoncollege

Runshaw College

Application process	Studying at Runshaw College is a great choice for school leavers as they offer A Levels, T Levels, BTEC courses and apprenticeships. With modern facilities and excellent student support, they will help you to reach your potential. You can apply for A Levels, T Levels, BTECs and Apprenticeships until 1st April 2027 – this is quick and easy via the college website: Application Portal. Don't forget to check the entry requirements before you apply, you can do that here: Entry Requirements — Runshaw College. After you've applied, you'll be invited to attend an admissions interview. These will take place in certain partner high schools and/or at the college in an evening or during half term. You can also attend enrolment in person with your GCSE results and a form of ID to be checked. If you need any help or information, contact admissions@runshaw.ac.uk.
Selection process	Young people who are in Year 11 at a partner high school are guaranteed a place at the college as long as they meet the entry requirements for their chosen course. Places will then be given to young people from non-partner high schools subject to a decision being made following the admissions interview.
Course information	Courses are offered at Entry level 3, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3. T Level and A Level pathways and apprenticeships are available at the college. For course information, please visit the college's website at Course Search or download their Prospectus. New student guides are presented to students following a successful admissions interview. Students who do not achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths or English Language will re-sit this along with their chosen course.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	To support young people progressing to college in September, the first thing the college would like to say is that they are here to help. Please rest assured that your place is safe. A subject choice day is held every July to ensure that young people who are considering enrolling at the college can have a taster day of the course(s) that they have applied to study. Young people will learn about what the course will involve, meet classmates and teachers and see for themselves what studying at Runshaw College will be like for them.
Further information, guidance and support	If you have any questions about your application, have any other concerns or require any further information, please email the college's expert admission tutors at welcometorunshaw@runshaw.ac.uk. Alternatively, you can call 01772 643000 and someone from the Schools Liaison team will assist with any concerns, changes or queries which you may have.
Information on student finance	All further education courses are free if you are a UK resident and are aged 16, 17 or 18 on 31st August in the year you start your studies. Depending on your circumstances, you may qualify for a bursary or free college meals. You can find out more about this on the college's website at Financial Support for Students aged 16-18. For further information on student finance, please email funding@runshaw.ac.uk.
How to experience Year 12	The college holds regular open events which are very popular – more information is on their website. You can also see video of the college campus here. You can book a 1:1 tour of the college by emailing tours@runshaw.ac.uk.
How to find the latest information	For the latest information, please visit: • Website: Runshaw College – Further and Higher Education • Facebook: Runshaw College Sixth Form Centre | Leyland | Facebook • Twitter/X: Runshaw College (@RunshawCollege) / X (twitter.com) • Instagram: Runshaw College (@runshawcollege) • Instagram photos and videos

West Lancashire College

Application process	Young people can apply for a September 2027 place at the college. Please visit the college's website at Apply Online. Once the college has received your application, you'll get a confirmation email and an information, advice and guidance (IAG) appointment, scheduled after school. If you need support with your application, the college is happy to help. To schedule a call, simply email admissions@westlancs.ac.uk or call 01695 52383. The college also works with high schools and provides communications to staff in schools who are responsible for transition.
Selection process	Applications are screened and places are offered subject to interview/entry requirements as per the college's admissions policy. If you have applied to the college and have not yet received an offer or an interview, please email admissions@westlancs.ac.uk.
Course information	For course information, please visit the college's website. Alternatively, you can download their school leavers' guide at School Leaver Guide. The college's Admissions Team is available by telephone or email to answer any question or queries you may have – please call 01695 52383 or email admissions@westlancs.ac.uk.
Resources to prepare for Year 12	The following information will help you prepare for Year 12: • Career Coach is available through the college's website. This can help you explore careers which match your strengths, help you link your college programme to your future careers and help you prepare for future success • Keep in Touch emails are sent out regularly to applicants with general college information, good news stories and general college communications • A virtual tour of the college's campus can be seen here: Quick Tour or Full Tour • There are Open Events planned on 19 November 2026, 1 February 2027 and 29 April 2027 - places can be booked here • Tours of the campus are also available daily after 4pm - to book a slot please email admissions@westlancs.ac.uk • There are also a range of taster events for Years 9, 10 and 11 throughout the year including after school clubs and Saturday Master Classes, as well as school specific taster sessions. Please contact your school for further information • For students with special educational needs or disability or with an Education, Health and Care Plan, the college's Inclusive Learning Support Team offer bespoke transition sessions dependent on individual needs • The college sends out a range of information throughout the year including information on transport, finance and bursaries, uniforms and any equipment you may need for your course • Information on college enrolments will be sent out from the Principal in July
Further information, guidance and support	The college's Admissions Team is available by telephone or email to answer any question or queries you may have - call 01695 52383 or email admissions@westlancs.ac.uk. They can also help you with your college application. Simply email admissions@westlancs.ac.uk to schedule a call. If you need any information about transport, please visit the college's website at Transport Information. For useful information and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit General Questions.
Information on student finance	For information on student finance, please visit the college's website at Fees and Finance. If you have any questions, please email the college at bursaries@westlancs.ac.uk and one of the team will schedule a call or an in person visit.

How to experience Year 12	• There are Open Events planned on 19 November 2026, 1 February 2027 and 29 April 2027 - places can be booked here • Tours of the campus are also available daily after 4pm, to book a slot please email admissions@westlancs.ac.uk • There are also a range of taster events for Years 9, 10 and 11 throughout the year including after school clubs and Saturday Master Classes, as well as school specific taster sessions. Please contact your school for further information • For students with special educational needs or disability or with an Education, Health and Care Plan, the college's Inclusive Learning Support Team offer bespoke transition sessions dependent on individual needs • Year 11 pupils will have the opportunity to attend college, meet course tutors and attend a Master Class in their course area . • To find out more about life at West Lancashire College, all Year 11 applicants will be invited to attend New Student Days when they finish school.
How to find the latest information	All college applicants are sent regular updates about their application, the college and any relevant events. For the latest information, please visit: • Website: http://www.westlancs.ac.uk/ • Twitter/X: twitter.com/WLancsCollege • Facebook: www.facebook.com/WestLancashireCollege/ • Instagram: www.instagram.com/westlancashirecollege • YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/WestLancsCollege

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Alphabet Training

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	You can apply for an apprenticeship directly through the Alphabet Training website and follow the application process. This often involves submitting a CV, personal statement and completing an online application. You can also apply through the National Apprenticeship Service.
What happens after I have applied?	Once you've applied, you'll typically receive a confirmation email. After that, your application will be reviewed and you may be invited to an interview or an assessment centre. You may go through several stages, including skills tests or group activities so make sure to regularly check your email for updates on your application status.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	If you don't secure the apprenticeship you applied for, don't be discouraged! Alphabet Training can support you to apply for other opportunities. It's a good idea to ask for feedback on your application or interview to help improve your chances for the next one. You can also seek advice from a career advisor to explore alternatives like different apprenticeships or further education options.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	That's fine, it is your decision. If you change your mind after applying for an apprenticeship, you must let Alphabet Training know as soon as possible. This is particularly important if you've progressed to the interview stage or received an offer. It's helpful to have clear communication and they will understand if you've reconsidered your options.
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	If you don't achieve the grades you expected, don't panic. Many apprenticeships have flexible entry requirements and employers may still accept you based on your skills, experience, or enthusiasm for the role. You can also explore other pathways like resitting exams, taking a different qualification, or considering apprenticeships that align with your achieved grades.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	If you don't have an up-to-date CV or feel unprepared for interviews, Alphabet Training can help and support you. You can also find online tools, workshops, and practice sessions specifically aimed at helping young people prepare for the application process. Your school's career services can offer further guidance on CV writing and interview techniques.
How will I be interviewed?	A member of Alphabet Training's recruitment team will conduct the initial interview. This will either be over the phone or by a Teams meeting. You don't need to have Teams on your computer/laptop, a link will be sent to you within the meeting invite.
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	If you're unsure about your future career path, don't worry. This is common and there are lots of ways to explore your options. Contact Alphabet Training and speak with a member of their recruitment team, who can provide further support, advice and guidance. You can also speak with a careers advisor, take online aptitude tests, attend job fairs, or try work experience in different sectors. Apprenticeships are available in a wide range of industries, so take your time to find the right one for you.
Key contact details and further information	For more information or if you have any queries, please email recruitment@alphabet-training.co.uk or phone 01254 679998.

Blackburn College

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	You can apply online through Blackburn College's website, which can be accessed here: Our Apprenticeships. You can also see the current vacancies at Blackburn College Apprenticeship Vacancies and Training 2000 Apprenticeship Vacancies.
What happens after I have applied?	After you have applied, the college will contact you to arrange an interview and assessment. This could be at your school or at the college.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	The college will work with you to job search for your preferred apprenticeship route. They will also offer you a suitable full time course option, and if appropriate, a plan to switch to an apprenticeship when one becomes available.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	If you change your mind after applying, call the college on 01254 292929 and they will be able to update your application. They will also refer you to their Hub team who will provide you with advice on your next steps.
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	Please don't worry – the college will support you to decide on an alternative course to help you work towards your goals. Please still go to the college for your enrolment and they will have staff available to help you.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	You can call the Apprenticeship team on 01254 292500 and they will arrange for you to attend a free CV building workshop and an interview skills workshop. They can also send you templates to help you complete this.
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	The college would encourage you to complete an application form online – you can apply for full time and apprenticeship programmes. You can request an appointment with the Careers Team on 01254 292929.
Key contact details and further information	For more information, contact the Apprenticeship team on 01254 292500 or email apprenticeships@blackburn.ac.uk. You can also contact the Apprenticeship team at Training 2000 on 01254 54659 or email apprenticeshiprecruitment@blackburn.ac.uk.

Blackpool and the Fylde College

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	You can view and enquire about Apprenticeship programmes at B&FC Apprenticeships. This will give you information on the steps needed to apply. The first and most important step is that you will need to find an employer who is willing to take you on. You will then need to put them in touch with the college's Business Development Team. You can also view and apply for specific Apprenticeship vacancies at Apprenticeship Vacancies.
What happens after I have applied?	After you've applied, the onboarding process will begin. This can take up to 3 months and included online English, Maths and ICT assessments as well as an onboarding session. Your employer will also need to complete some paperwork. If you enquire about an apprenticeship programme or any of the listed vacancies, the college will contact you to explain what the next steps are. This might be getting yourself job ready or setting up an interview if you meet the job criteria for the vacancy. The college holds apprenticeship drop-in sessions at their Career and Apprenticeship Job Shop. You can access this support from 9am to 3pm, Monday to Thursday.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	In case you don't get onto an apprenticeship, the college recommends that you also apply for a full-time college course. This can help you to build further skills related to your desired role and other suitable roles. Placements arranged by the college will still provide you with key workplace skills as well as professional links into the world of work. You can transfer to an apprenticeship from a full-time course if you are offered a place with an employer at a later date.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	If you change your mind, you must let the college know by calling 01253 504326.
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	If you don't get the grades you need for an apprenticeship, there are other routes through education which the college can support you with, helping you to reach your career aspirations. Courses start at Foundation Level and go up to Level 3 and beyond, especially as the new Multiversity comes together.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	If you need support writing a CV to become ready for the world of work and the application process, please call 01253 504326 or email apprenticeships@blackpool.ac.uk.
How will I be interviewed?	If you have applied for a vacancy and have met the job specification, you will attend a formal interview with the employer themselves. If you have asked about apprenticeships in general, you will have a less formal interview with the college team so that they can get to know you better before you meet any employers.
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	If you are unsure what you would like to do, you can contact the college's Careers Team to book an appointment to discuss your options. Please call 01253 504474 or email: careers@blackpool.ac.uk.
Key contact details and further information	If you'd like more information, the college website is a good place to start: B&FC Apprenticeships. The college also runs open events and you could meet their Careers and Apprenticeship teams there. Find out more at College Events.

Burnley College

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	Follow these steps to apply for an apprenticeship at Burnley College: **Step 1.** www.burnley.ac.uk/themis-home **Step 2.** Press 'apply now' button **Step 3.** Create an account **Step 4.** Complete application form and submit
What happens after I have applied?	Once you've applied, you'll be asked to upload your predicted grades and CV. After this, you'll get an e-mail for a scheduled date and time for interview. As an apprentice applicant, you'll need to complete an interview with a tutor. Once you've done this and are considered as 'suitable' for an apprenticeship, you'll be passed to the Themis Recruitment Team. They'll go through live vacancies, look at your CV, check you're interview ready and will look to match you with an employer for an interview in your chosen sector. However, the team do ask that you are pro-active in finding your own employer as well. It's beneficial to look out for news and book onto on the Themis Careers Event on Wednesday 20th January 2027, 5.30pm to 8pm. Once you've secured an employer, you'll need to complete some initial assessments, called BKSBs. These are maths and English based and accurately assess the level you're currently working at.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	You will be able to enrol on the full-time vocational equivalent to your apprenticeship or A-levels (if you have the grades). The college always recommends that you apply for a full-time course as well, as a back-up in case you don't get an apprenticeship or you change your mind.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	You re-apply for your new choice via the usual application process or you can e-mail admissions@burnley.ac.uk and inform the college that way.
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	If you don't get the GCSE's you're expecting, you may need to complete a lower-level apprenticeship or a full-time course. If this is the case, the college will look at the best possible alternative and work with you to find the best outcome for you. If you over-achieve, you may be able to look at a different course and the college will help you look at these options.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	The Themis Team and the School Liaison Team can offer support with CV help and interview preparation via their Themis Toolkit Workshops, or on a one-to-one basis.
How will I be interviewed?	You will be invited into college for a face-to-face interview with the college's industry experts. If the date you have been sent is not suitable, please let the college know by calling 01282 733373 or emailing interview@burnley.ac.uk.
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	It's important that you look at the different options available and do some research for yourself. If you're a school leaver, you can contact the School Liaison Team on 01282 733322 or via e-mail at admissions@burnley.ac.uk to ask for further advice and information. If you want to talk to someone about apprenticeships, you can contact the Themis Team on 01282 730005 or via email at apprenticeships@themis.ac.uk. If you've just finished your A-levels, you can also speak to the Themis team about apprenticeships.
Key contact details and further information	For more information, visit the college's website at www.burnley.ac.uk/themis-home. The general contacts for the college are 01282 733373 or s.services@burnley.ac.uk. You can contact the School Liaison Team on 01282 733322 or email admissions@burnley.ac.uk. You can also contact the Themis Apprenticeship Team on 01282 733005 or email apprenticeships@themis.ac.uk.

East Lancashire Learning Group
(Includes Accrington and Rossendale College and Nelson and Colne College)

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	You can apply online through the two college websites, which can be accessed here: Accrington and Rossendale College Apprenticeships and Nelson and Colne College Apprenticeships. From Spring 2027, you can also apply here: East Lancashire Learning Group Apprenticeships.
What happens after I have applied?	East Lancashire Learning Group (ELLG) has introduced Connect, which is a way to explore, apply and get ready for your apprenticeship that puts you at the centre of everything. After you've applied, you'll be asked to book on to a Connect event where you'll be invited into college (with your parents/carers) to discover more about your chosen sector, meet fellow learners and understand the support available to you. You'll then book a Connect chat (either online or in person), with a member of the apprenticeship team specific to your sector choice. Connect Chats replace formal college interviews and are designed to explore your passion for your subject and ensure you're on the correct pathway to achieve your career goals. Connect chats take place regularly. You can schedule a time slot and will be told what to expect. The college will also answer any questions you have.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	Don't worry! If you don't get the requirements and secure a placement for the apprenticeship, the college will offer you a suitable alternative course which matches your career aspiration. However, if you do secure an employer, the college will support you in moving to a full apprenticeship.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	You can change your sector/subject choices during the application process. The college will provide information and alternative course options for young people who may not achieve their expected grades. If you'd like information or advice on your next steps, please contact the college's apprenticeships team at apprenticeships@eastlancslearning.ac.uk. For general course information and enquiries, the college's Schools Team is available to assist by email at schools@eastlancslearning.ac.uk. For specific application advice, to update details or make changes to your course, you can contact the college's Admissions team at admissions@eastlancslearning.ac.uk..
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	Please don't worry – the college will offer you an alternative that is right for you and can offer you a course whatever your grades. The college has courses for school leavers from Entry Level to Level 3 in a wide range of subject. More information on the different courses the college offers can be accessed here: Subjects for 16-18yr olds - Accrington and Rossendale College and Subjects for 16-18yr olds - Nelson and Colne College.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	Once you've applied and attended a Connect event, the college will work with you to produce a professional CV, as well as a covering letter, sample email and even a telephone script that you may need when contacting employers. The college will also help you with interview preparation to give you the best possible chance to secure a job. Their apprenticeship team will give you tips and guidance on how to ensure your CV stands out.
How will I be interviewed?	Formal interviews at the college have been replaced by a Connect Chat, exploring your passion for your chosen sector, your subjects at school and your understanding of what an apprenticeship entails. Your Connect chat will take place with a member of the apprenticeship team specific to your sector choice. Connect Chats take place regularly. Applicants can schedule a time slot and will be told what to expect. The college will also answer any questions you have.

What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	If you'd like some advice on different options, please contact the college's School's Liaison Team at schools@eastlancslearning.ac.uk. If you'd like some careers information and guidance, please contact the college's Careers Team at careers@eastlancslearning.ac.uk.
Key contact details and further information	East Lancashire Learning Group offers apprenticeships through East Lancashire Apprenticeships. Alongside the teams mentioned above, the college has dedicated teams to support with additional learning support; safeguarding and welfare; health and wellbeing; careers; and student services.

JTL

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	You can apply online through JTL's website, which can be accessed here: JTL Training. Apprenticeships are employed-status training schemes, meaning you need an employer. JTL can't guarantee to find you an employer so you should also approach companies to try and secure a position with them. Please keep JTL informed if you are offered an apprenticeship.
What happens after I have applied?	After you've applied to JTL, follow the guidance in your application to create your online account. You'll be prompted to take assessments and provide some information about yourself.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	If you haven't found an employer, the direct approach often works. You can send your CV to local companies and follow up with a phone call to see if they have any vacancies for an apprentice. Keep looking on the National Apprenticeship Service website and the JTL website to see if there are any vacancies in your area.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	Simply go into your account and update it to show that you are no longer interested. JTL will stop receiving notifications about vacancies in your area.
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	Applicants will ideally have achieved GCSE Grade 4 or above, Functional Skills at level 2 or equivalent in English and Maths. If you don't have your results yet or you haven't achieved these grades, JTL will ask you to complete an initial assessment to see if the course is right for you and what support you may need.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	JTL offers guidance in creating an online CV and preparing for your interview through your online account.
How will I be interviewed?	JTL will arrange a telephone discussion to check your details are correct and your understanding of an apprenticeship. As JTL does not employ you, interviews will vary depending on the company you have applied to for your apprenticeship.
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	JTL's website has advice, guidance and case studies about the apprenticeship and work as an electrician and a plumber. If you aren't sure this is the right career for you, please explore options with the National Careers Service and other providers and colleges who offer training and courses in other areas. You can see the offer from other training providers in Lancashire here.
Key contact details and further information	All information on JTL's apprenticeships can be found on their website. A contact form can also be found on the website. If you would like to speak to someone at JTL, please call them on 0800 085 2308.

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	Apprenticeships differ from full-time courses as you'll spend a minimum of 30 hours per week in the workplace, whilst you complete your apprenticeship qualification. That means you need to be interviewed for both a job AND the apprenticeship course you have chosen. The college encourages all prospective apprentices to contact local businesses in the sector they want to work in, to ask about potential job vacancies. If you can't find a suitable apprenticeship, their Employer Engagement team will try to support you to find an employer through their Apprentice Matching service. All the college's apprenticeship courses are listed in their College Guide and full details are available on their website. **If you already have an employer:** apply on-line for the relevant apprenticeship course via pink APPLY link on each course page. The college team will then contact your employer and you will be invited to an interview with the relevant Training Coordinator. You will be given the opportunity to find out about the apprenticeships and any qualifications you will take. **If you don't yet have an employer:** have a look at the current apprenticeship vacancies on the college's website. If you find a job you think would suit you, you can apply for it and the team will set up an interview with the employer. If you can't find a suitable placement, you should still apply for the apprenticeship course you are interested in, and you will be added to the college's Apprentice Matching list. Not all vacancies are listed on the website, so their Employer Engagement team may be able to support you to try and the right role. If you have any questions about apprenticeships at the college or need some advice about which course is right for you, you can contact their Employer Engagement team on 01524 521483 or email employerengagement@lmc.ac.uk.
What happens after I have applied?	As part of the application process, you'll be invited to select a date and time for your interview. If you don't, the Admissions Team will be in touch to arrange your interview. These interviews are very informal and give you the opportunity to meet with the training coordinator and find out more about the course and any qualifications you will take as part of the apprenticeship. Parents and carers are welcome to attend interviews and the college support teams are always on hand to answer any questions you may have about pastoral, learning or financial support. Most interviews take place in person, but in some instances, it may be possible to arrange interviews via telephone or MS Teams. Interviews with employers may be more formal and you may be asked to explain why you have chosen a particular industry, including why you want to work for that business.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	There are lots of reasons why people aren't accepted onto an apprenticeship. Employers and training coordinators will assess if you are "work ready" and may suggest that you study a full-time course for a year to build up more practical experience before starting an apprenticeship. It may be that you don't have the entry requirements needed to progress onto the apprenticeship you have applied for. The college has lots of other options, including full-time courses and pathways, which may be more appropriate for you, and will give you the opportunity to build confidence and skills – as well achieve additional GCSE grades – to progress onto an apprenticeship upon completion.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	If you change your mind, you just need to contact the Employer Engagement team to withdraw or transfer your application. There are lots of full-time courses available, which may be a more suitable choice for you. The college's friendly careers team are also available to help you look at other options and can be contacted by email at advice@lmc.ac.uk.

What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	The first thing to know is – don't panic! If you don't achieve the required grades for your apprenticeship, there will be other options available, but you do need to let the college know as soon as possible. The college holds a big event on campus every GCSE results day and they support lots of young people to find a suitable course.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	The college holds CV workshops and Apprenticeship Preparation days throughout the year, so if you need support with interview techniques, confidence building or CV writing, they will be able to help.
How will I be interviewed?	Parents and carers are welcome to attend interviews and the college's support teams are always on hand to answer any questions you may have about pastoral, learning or financial support. Most interviews take place in person but, in some instances, the college may be able to arrange an interview on the phone or on MS Teams. These interviews are very informal and give you the chance to meet with the training coordinator and find out more about the course and any qualifications you will take as part of the apprenticeship. If you don't already have an employer, you'll still need to apply for apprenticeship vacancies and if your application is successful, you'll have a separate interview with the employer(s). Interviews with employers may be more formal, and you may be asked to explain why you have chosen a particular industry and why you want to work for that business. It is important that you plan for this and dress appropriately. Our Employer Engagement and Careers teams may be able to help you prepare for this interview and will give you ideas on how to create a strong CV.
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	The college's friendly careers team are always on hand to help you look at all the options available for post-16 education. You can book an appointment by emailing advice@lmc.ac.uk. Their School Engagement team deliver presentations and workshops in schools to help you understand what options are available. They also offer tours of the college campus so you can familiarise yourself with the college and its courses. You can come along to one their Open Evenings (in November, December, February, April and June) and they also have a dedicated Apprenticeship event on Tuesday, 9th February (4.30pm – 7pm) which will include a wide range of local and regional employers.
Key contact details and further information	If you want any further information or if you have any questions, please contact: • Employer Engagement Team - Employerengagement@lmc.ac.uk or 01524 521483 • Careers Team - advice@lmc.ac.uk or 01524 521385

Lancaster Training Services (LTS)

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	You can apply through Lancaster Training Services' website at Apprenticeship Application.
What happens after I have applied?	After you have applied, LTS will contact you to arrange an interview and assessment.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	LTS also offer a full time Level 2 motor vehicle course so you will be better prepared for an apprenticeship after this.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	Please contact LTS to let them know.
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	Please contact LTS to look at your options.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	If you want to look at your options, email sshearing@lantrain.co.uk.
How will I be interviewed?	You will be invited into the training centre at Heysham to discuss your options with a member of LTS staff. The initial assessments are computer-based.
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	Please contact LTS to look at your options and discuss these with a member of their team.
Key contact details and further information	For more information, visit their website at https://lantrain.co.uk/. Alternatively, you can contact sshearing@lantrain.co.uk.

Myerscough College

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	If you have an employer in place who is willing to employ you as an apprentice, you'll need to complete an application through Myerscough College. You can find more information here: How To Apply. Apprenticeship vacancies are available here: Apprenticeship Vacancies | Myerscough College. The college also advertises all their vacancies on the national Find an apprenticeship website.
What happens after I have applied?	Once your application has been received, the college's Recruitment and Admissions team will be in touch regarding the next steps in the recruitment and enrolment process.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	Alternative apprenticeship opportunities may be available. Please contact the college to discuss other suitable vacancies or progression routes.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	Please contact the college as soon as possible to let them know. A member of staff will be able to discuss alternative options with you.
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	Please contact the college to let them know. They will discuss your results with you and advise you on alternative options where appropriate.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	The college can give you guidance on CV preparation, employability skills and interview preparation to help you feel ready for recruitment.
How will I be interviewed?	Interviews may be carried out by the employer, Myerscough College, or both. They may take place face-to-face, by telephone or online.
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	Please contact the college's general enquiries team to discuss your interests and career aspirations. They can provide you with information about apprenticeships and full-time study options. You may also wish to consider attending one of their open days to find out more about the college.
Key contact details and further information	Contact the Employer Services team on 01995 642255 or email them at employerservices@myerscough.ac.uk. Further details can also be found on the college's website at Work-based | Myerscough College.

North Lancs Training Group (NLTG)

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	**Step 1** – choose something that fits you. Think about what subjects or industries interest you; think about whether you prefer hands-on work or being office-based; think about your future career goals. You can check out NLTG's latest apprenticeship vacancies and apply online if something catches your eye. Take a look at their career pathways – you can register your interest if you're not quite ready to start. If you aren't sure what's right for you, you can have a chat with their team and they'll help you figure it out. **Step 2** – each apprenticeship has slightly different requirements, such as minimum GCSE grades (usually English and Maths), age and relevant interests or skills. If you don't meet the requirements, don't panic. NLTG has offer you support and alternative routes to help you get there. Step 3 – apply online. Applying is simple! You can set up an NLTG account with just a few basic details and your education history. Once you're registered, you can usually apply in just a few clicks. Some employers may have their own application process – this could include a longer form, a CV or a covering letter. Don't worry, NLTG will let you know if this is the case. When you apply, remember to keep it honest and personal; show off your strengths and interests; and double check your spelling – it makes a great first impression. For more information visit www.nltg.co.uk or call 01254 395355.
What happens after I have applied?	Once NLTG has matched you with the right opportunity, the employer will invite you to the next stage. This might include a short interview (online or in person) and basic assessments (depending on the role). Don't stress – check out NLTG's Interview Tips and Techniques to make sure you're fully prepared. If you're successful, you'll receive an offer from the employer, along with your start date. NLTG will support through everything – from onboarding to your induction – so you feel confident and ready. Then it's time to get started and officially begin your apprenticeship journey.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	NLTG regularly receive vacancies for a range of different apprenticeships, with a variety of employers. If you're unsuccessful at interview with a particular employer, NLTG will continue to work with you and match you to other suitable vacancies in the same occupation/apprenticeship, or in other occupations which you may be interested in. If you have any questions, NLTG are always available to help on 01254 395355.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	If you change your mind after applying, this is not a problem; simply let NLTG know by calling them on 01254 395355 and they will take you off their candidate database.
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	Whether you receive the grades you are hoping for, or your results are not quite what you expect, NLTG will be able to support you. Many apprenticeships don't specify entry grade requirements and as part of your application process, NLTG will check your English and Maths level and provide and support you need. If you're not quite ready for an apprenticeship, NLTG can talk to you about your options, including their exciting Study Programmes designed to increase your confidence, improve your English and Maths and get you work ready. For more information, please contact their Study Programme Team on 01254 392835 or email hyndburn.sp@nltg.co.uk.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	Don't worry, NLTG has lots of Interview Tips and Techniques on their website. Remember, if you aren't quite ready for an apprenticeship, their Study Programmes are there to help with your employability skills. For more information, please contact their Study Programme Team on 01254 392835 or email hyndburn.sp@nltg.co.uk..
How will I be interviewed?	Before NLTG puts you forward for any vacancies, they will have a quick chat with you over the phone to make sure you're happy with it and answer any questions.

	Employers have different approaches to interviews. Most will be face-to-face, but occasionally they run online. Usually, they'll just have a short series of questions. Some employers might include practical assessments but NLTG will let you know in advance so you can prepare.
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	That's fine. You can explore all your options on their website at www.nltg.co.uk or give them a call to talk things through on 01254 395355.
Key contact details and further information	Visit NLTG's website for full details of their apprenticeships and vacancies, useful information including careers advice, interview tips and answers to frequently asked questions. For queries about how to apply and NLTG vacancies, please contact NLTG on 01254 395355 or email recruitment@nltg.co.uk.

Preston College

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	You can apply online through the college's website at Online Application - Preston College.
What happens after I have applied?	All applicants receive an immediate email response to confirm receipt of the application with a link to interview dates. Applicants from local schools will see the list of dates when the college will visit their school for interview. Applicants from out of county schools can book on one of six interview evenings. All applicants will be interviewed and provided with relevant careers, information, advice and guidance (IAG) and support with alternative full time options including any SEND requirements and support needs that has been identified on their application or during the interview.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	If you don't manage to secure employment for the apprenticeship, a full-time college offer is given as a back-up. If an apprenticeship opportunity arises with an employer at a later date, you can transfer from a full-time course to an apprenticeship. The college does have a number of students who transfer from their full time college course to an apprenticeship at a later date.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	It's not a problem if you change your mind about the industry area you are interested in or if you've decided that an apprenticeship isn't right for you. Please contact the apprenticeship team on 01772 225768 to let them know your plans and they will provide you with the relevant support and guidance. If you'd prefer to follow the full time route instead of an apprenticeship, please contact the Schools Recruitment Team on 01772 225517. Alternatively, you can email applications@preston.ac.uk and this will be picked up by the relevant team.
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	Regarding a college place, the college will work with you to get you onto the correct level of programme. For an apprenticeship, this will depend on the apprenticeship route you want to take. In some cases, there may be an alternative level you can go onto and in other cases, you may need to complete an initial assessment in Maths and/or English to find the appropriate level for you to work at. The college will discuss your potential options with you based on the outcome of the grades you have achieved and if you need to complete any assessments.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	If you need support with your CV, help preparing for an interview or simply don't feel ready to meet with an employer, please get in touch with the college. They are there to support you and help you feel confident and prepared before taking that next step. You can speak directly to the Business Development Lead for your chosen area of interest. The Apprenticeship Team at Preston College can be contacted on 01772 225768 and they will happily point you in the right direction and make sure you receive the appropriate support. Additionally, they have various events at the college throughout the year where you can go and meet their staff and discuss any questions, concerns or support needs you may have.
How will I be interviewed?	You'll complete an initial interview with the college to check suitability for your chosen apprenticeship. Interviews with employers can vary and is very much dependent on the employer and their preference. Some employers may contact you directly to arrange an interview and some may arrange the interview through the college's apprenticeship team. Employer interviews are typically done face to face, however there may be some cases where an online or telephone interview may take place. Some employers may even ask you to do a work trial. If you have any questions about an interview or you need support in preparing for it, you can contact the apprenticeship team on 01772 225768. They will be more than happy to guide and support you through this.
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	You can call the college on 01772 225517 or drop them an email at guidance@preston.ac.uk and one of their Careers Advisors can offer course advice and careers information in order to support with your potential next steps. The college also has a number of events throughout the year to provide you with the relevant information, advice and guidance – they are held at the college and are free to attend.
Key contact details and further information	For more information, please visit the college website or contact Dan Crumblehulme, Employer Engagement Manager, at dcrumblehulme@preston.ac.uk.

Runshaw College

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	You can apply online by clicking 'apply' on the website at How To Apply. Alternatively, you can apply through the national Find an Apprenticeship website.
What happens after I have applied?	The Apprenticeship team will be in touch with you. Continue to work hard towards any exams. Contact employers to secure a placement. Check the Runshaw website for any vacancies at Apprenticeships.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	You can apply for more than one apprenticeship so whilst it is disappointing if you are not successful, there are others you can apply for. The college would always advise that you still make an application to enrol onto a college course as there is no guarantee that you will secure an apprenticeship. The employer has the final say who they would like to offer employment to.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	Contact apprenticeships@runshaw.ac.uk and they can update or withdraw your application at any time.
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	It's good to have some safety net options ready. Runshaw College offers full time courses at all levels so it's a good idea to have an application at the college should results day not bring what you are expecting.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	The Apprenticeship team will review your CV and offer advice on how to improve it. You can request interview advice and guidance to help build confidence. The college can also hold mock interviews with an outside agency so you're prepared for interviews.
How will I be interviewed?	All employers work differently, some may start with a phone interview or via Teams to have an informal chat and others will invite you into the workplace for a face-to-face interview. Runshaw College will make sure you are aware of the route the employer has chosen and they will also contact you in the days leading up to your interview to go over what to expect, the question you may get asked and make sure you know how to get there.
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	Attend open days/events at many different providers to see a wide range of opportunities, speak to a Schools Liaison contact for advice or people in industry about their experiences
Key contact details and further information	For more information, email apprenticeships@runshaw.ac.uk or call 01772 643007 to speak to a member of the team. You can also check the college's website at Apprenticeships.

Training 2000

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	You can view and apply for their Apprenticeship programmes using this link: Training 2000. You can also view and apply for specific Apprenticeship vacancies using this link: Apprenticeship Vacancies.
What happens after I have applied?	Your application will be pre-screened and a member of the Recruitment Team will contact you to discuss your application as well as your next steps. You'll then be invited for an interview and initial assessment. Once you've completed this stage, Training 2000 and Blackburn College will work with you to find vacancies that match what you're looking for and work with you in preparing for company interviews.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	If you don't succeed in getting the first vacancy you apply for, Training 2000 and Blackburn College will work with you to look at why and support you in applying for other vacancies until they find the position for you.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	If you change your mind just let them know. They can either help you find an alternative route or wish you luck in whatever you decide to do next.
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	Training 2000 offer Launchpad Training 2000. This is a full-time study programme for 16-19 year olds who are ready to take the next step towards an apprenticeship, employment or further study. This is designed around employability, vocational development and career planning. Launchpad will provide you with the skills, qualifications and experience you need to progress confidently into your chosen career path. You can start at any time of year, gain recognised qualifications and develop skills employers are looking for.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	Your school or college should have a Careers Coordinator or a Liaison Officer who will be able to help you with writing your CV. Following your application for an apprenticeship with Training 2000, their Recruitment Team will look through your CV and give you pointers on how you can improve it to best appeal to employers. They will also work with you to give you tips on completing a confident interview.
How will I be interviewed?	You will be interviewed with Training 2000 and the company you wish to work for. You should research the company and the skills that may be needed for the role you have applied for.
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	Your school or college should have a Careers Coordinator or Liaison Officer who you can talk to to understand the options available once you finish your GCSEs or A Levels. Look at Training 2000's website and other local providers and colleges to see what they offer and decide which type of learning is right for you. Do your research and attend open days as this will guide you into making more informed choices.
Key contact details and further information	For more information, visit Training 2000's website. Alternatively, you can call them on 01254 59659.

West Lancashire College

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?	You can apply for an apprenticeship on the college's website at: Apply Online.
What happens after I have applied?	Once the college has received an application, you'll receive an email for an interview appointment after school hours. If you require support with your application, the college is happy to help. To schedule a call, simply email admissions@westlancs.ac.uk or call 01695 52383.
What happens if I don't get on the apprenticeship I applied for?	You'll receive advice and guidance with one of the college advisers who will work with you to find a suitable alternative.
What happens if I change my mind after I have applied?	If you change your mind, simply contact the Admissions Team at admissions@westlancs.ac.uk or call 01695 52383 and they will arrange for your application to be cancelled.
What if I don't get the grades I am expecting?	If you don't get the grades needed to study an apprenticeship, college advisers will work with you to find a suitable full-time course that you can study alongside re-sitting your GCSE Maths and/or English which will prepare you to re-apply for an apprenticeship the following year.
What if I don't have an up to date CV or I don't feel ready for to be interviewed?	The college offer regular CV and interview skills workshops for those who have applied to become an apprentice and will be in touch to let you know when these are. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the Admissions Team at admissions@westlancs.ac.uk or call 01695 52383.
What if I haven't decided what I want to do?	Don't worry! Following your application, you'll receive an appointment to attend an advice and guidance interview with one of the college advisers. At the interview, they will discuss your options and help you to decide on the most appropriate apprenticeship for your career choice.
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