

**LAUNCH YOUR
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Year 9 Options
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In order to help you make the right decision about your future, we have put this booklet together to help you think about how your GCSE options will affect your future career choices and how to pick the best options for you.

Each activity falls into one of the following areas:

1. Explore

- Understand the pathways to your future
- Think about your skills, qualities and personality
- Link these things to future career options

2. Research

- The destinations that could support each pathway
- Using Career Pilot to research job roles
- Where to get support
- How to get to your dream job

3. Action

- Check your action list to see what you have completed



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Understand the pathways to **your future**

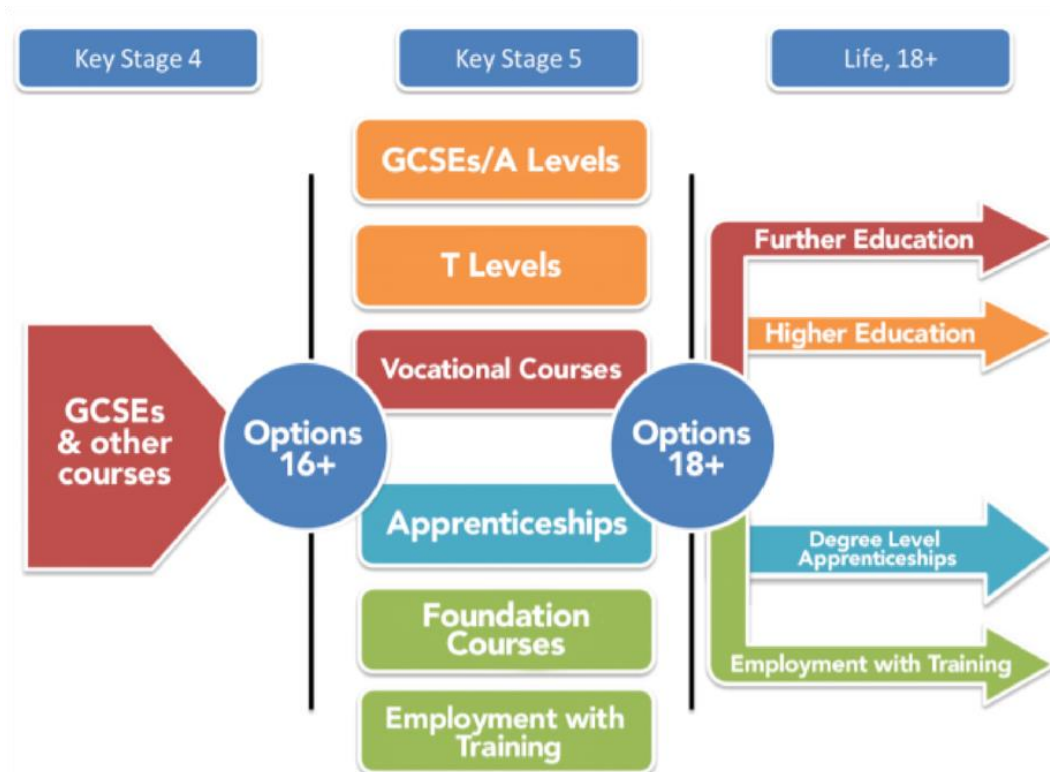
You will make three decisions during your education:

No 1 – Year 9 GCSE Options

No 2 – Year 11 Post 16-Option

No 3 – Year 13 Post 18 destination

The below chart shows your options for your 2nd and 3rd decision



The colours indicate which option at 16+ will allow you to progress to options at 18+. For example, if you complete an apprenticeship at KS5, you cannot then go to University. The only way to do a degree would be to go onto complete a Degree Apprenticeship.

More info about this diagram on the next page!

You can also use these career pilot links to help you:

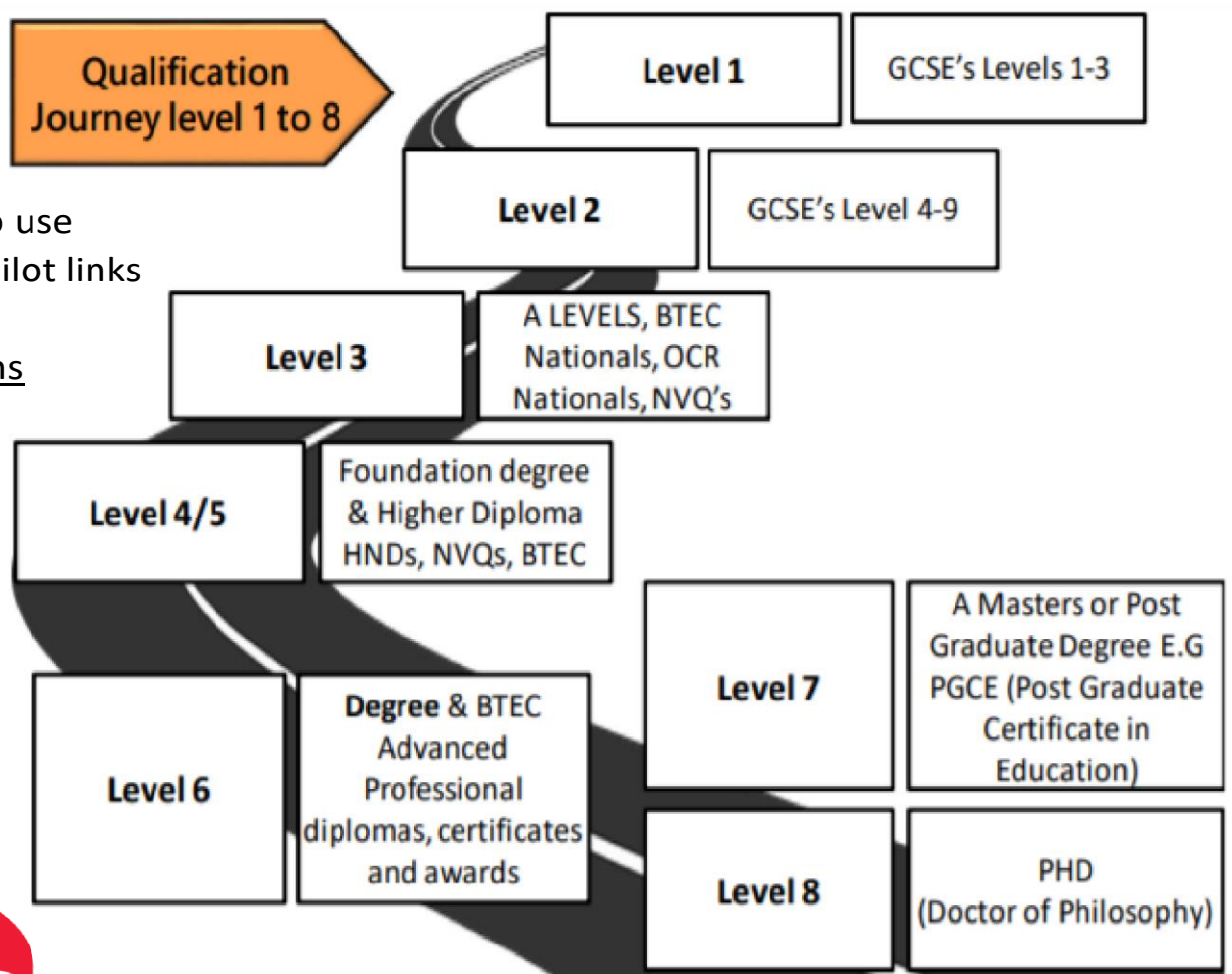
[Options at 16](#) | [Options at 18](#)



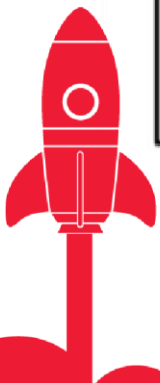
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- The progression pathways are very flexible and allow learners to choose exactly what suits them and future employability
- All young people have to be in education or training until they are 18. This can be full- time education at a school, college or training provider, apprenticeship or traineeship, or employment or volunteering (20+ hours per week) but must be with education or training leading to a nationally recognised qualification
- The Government is committed to ensuring all young people achieve GCSE grade 4 or higher in English and Maths so if you do not achieve these grades at school, you must continue to work towards them until you are 19 no matter what you are doing
- Most employers, including those offering apprenticeships usually only recruit students that have achieved 5 grade 4+ GCSEs incl. English and Maths

Understand the **Levels of education** in the UK



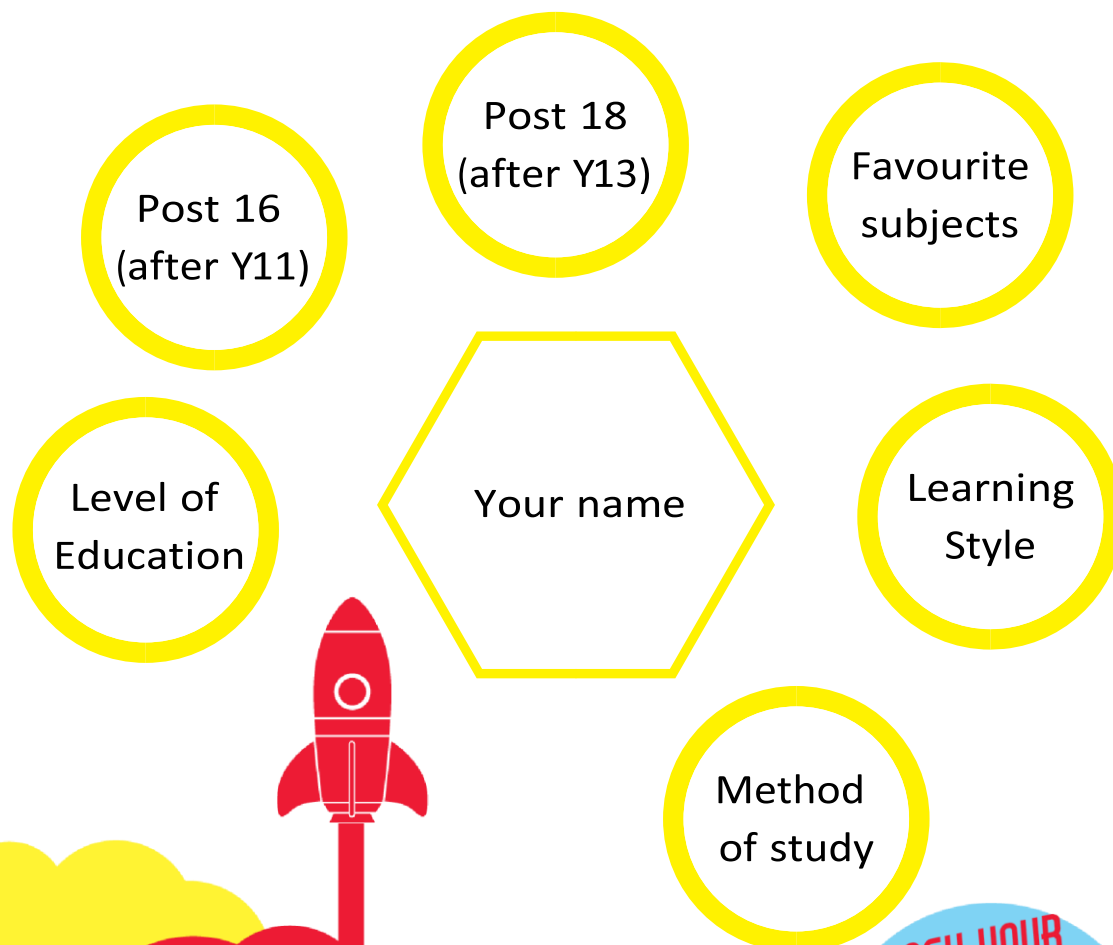
You can also use
this career pilot links
to help you:
[Qualifications](#)



Questions to ask yourself

- What are your most favoured subjects and least favoured subjects and why?
- How do you like to learn? In a classroom setting where a teacher is talking to you (auditory), watching things on youtube (visual) or by taking part in things (kinaesthetic)?
- What is your preferred method of study – exams vs controlled assessments vs portfolios of evidence?
- What qualification level do you currently aspire to – level 1 to 8? (look at the levels roadmap above)
- What post-16 (after Year 11) progression pathway are you thinking about now? (Sixth Form, College or Apprenticeships)
- What post-18 (after Year 13) progression pathway are you thinking about now? (University, Degree Apprenticeship or Employment)

Make a mindmap like the below to help you think about these things:



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Think about **your skills, qualities and personality**

To explore this area further, please complete the following:

- Do the [Buzz Quiz \(gov.wales\)](#) which takes under five minutes. A fun way to discover your strengths and get an idea of a few job area that might suit you
- Do the [Careerpilot Job Sector Quiz](#) and see which sector could offer you what you want
- Do the [Pre 16 Skills Map](#) and see what skills you have now and add your own. You can see your Skills Bank results alongside the skills needed in a job in any job profile
- National Careers Skills Check [Skills assessment | National Careers Service](#)

Link these things to **future career options**

To explore this area further, please complete the following:

- Once you have complete the [Pre 16 Skills Map](#) you can review your skills against job roles that you're interested in
- You can also [search through](#) over 800 job profiles on Career Pilot
- Or look on the National Careers website. [Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

You can also use the [careerometer](#) to look at the Labour Market Information for three different job roles. Labour Market Information tells you important things about the job role, like salary, employability rate and hours worked per week

If you're not sure where to start, click "start with a subject" and pick your favourite.

Remember to add any jobs you're interested in into your bookmarks so you can find them at a later date



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The destinations that could support each pathway

Now that you have explored yourself, it is important that you spend time researching a variety of future pathways for when you finish your GCSEs. What could be your next step?

Here are some potential destinations you may choose to study at in the future:

<p>End of Year 11 Sixth Forms/College</p> <p><u>United College Sixth Form (based at SA)</u> <u>New College Swindon</u> <u>Cirencester College</u> <u>C6 Sixth Form (STFC)</u> <u>GWA Sixth Form</u> <u>Wiltshire College</u></p>	<p>End of Year 13 University</p> <p><u>UCAS</u> <u>UCAS Connect</u> <u>UCAS Journey</u> <u>UCAS Parents</u> <u>Complete Uni Guide</u> <u>UniTasterDays</u></p>	<p>End of Year 11 or 13 Apprenticeships</p> <p><u>Amazing Apprenticeships</u> <u>Not going to uni</u> <u>Gov.uk</u> <u>New College Swindon</u> <u>Apprenticeships</u></p>
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Using Career Pilot to search job roles

Remember, using your career pilot account can also help you to research job roles, pathways and destinations.

On each job profile, there is a section called "entry requirements" which tells you which pathways you can take to get to that job.

Where to get support

Email careersteam@swindon-academy.org or message Ms King on ePraise for any help or questions about your future.



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How to get your dream job role / What Career do I want?

I don't know what I want to do.
I have an idea of what I want to do.
I know exactly what I want to do.



Answer

In order to get there,
I need to...

Help me decide- what
subjects do I enjoy?

What subjects am I good
at?

Therefore, my pathway will include:

Please circle the first two answers

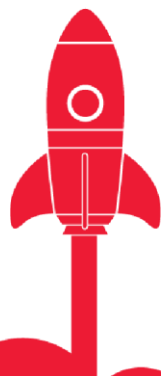
At 18 (end of Year 13): University/Apprenticeship/Employment

At 16 (end of Year 11): Sixth Form/College/Apprenticeship

At 14 (GCSE options), I need to take:

Complete this worksheet to help you plan your future! Remember, ePraise Ms King if you need help.

If you can't print this sheet, don't worry, just complete the questions on a piece of paper.



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Action Plan

It is time to put your exploration and research into action. Use this checklist to make sure you have completed all the tasks in this booklet.

We hope that once you have completed these tasks, you feel confident that you are ready to pick the right options for you.

Action	Tick when complete
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore post 16 and 18 options using the flowchart and Career Pilot links 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the levels of education using the roadmap and Career Pilot link 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask yourself the questions lists and create a mindmap to organise your answers 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore yourself by completing the iCould Buzz Quiz, Career Pilot Job Sector Quiz and Skills Map/ Other 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore different jobs using the Career Pilot Profiles and the Careerometer tool 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research the destinations available at 16 and 18 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research the entry requirements on Career Pilot/National Careers Service. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the worksheet "how to get to my dream job" 	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Remember, help is available by:

**Sending Mr Warren or Mrs
Thompson an ePraise message**



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