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Post 16 Study Programmes
Vocational courses



What are vocational qualifications?

Vocational qualifications offer practical learning programmes that relate to specific job roles or job sectors. Vocational courses are designed to help you learn in a practical way about a specific job area, helping you to get the skills needed to start a job, progress in a career or go on to higher education.

Where are vocational courses on offer?

- Sixth form/Further Education College (FE college)
- Apprenticeship with an employer
- Traineeship with a college/training provider/employer
- Employment with training/learning



Most colleges offer A-levels, similar to school sixth forms, but they also offer other qualifications and subjects at a variety of levels, including vocational courses.

Vocational qualifications

BTECs (Business and Technology Education Council)

BTECs are vocational and work-related courses, designed to meet the needs of employers and allow students to progress to further and higher education. They can be studied at level 1, 2 and 3. Level 3 BTECs are an alternative to A Levels and give you the relevant UCAS points to progress to higher education.

NVQs (National Vocational Qualifications)

NVQs are courses designed to give you the skills and knowledge that you need to secure a particular job.

Level 3 qualifications - equivalent to A levels

Level 2 qualifications - equivalent to GCSE grades 9 - 4

Level 1 qualifications equivalent to GCSE - grades 4 - 1

Apprenticeships

What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship combines practical training in a paid job with at least 20% study time, leading to a nationally recognised qualification.

This is a combination of on-the job and off-the-job training. Courses usually last 2 years, during which you will work 4 days and attend college or another training provider for one day a week.

[Apprenticeships UCAS](#)

[Camden Apprenticeships](#)

There are **4 different** apprenticeship levels

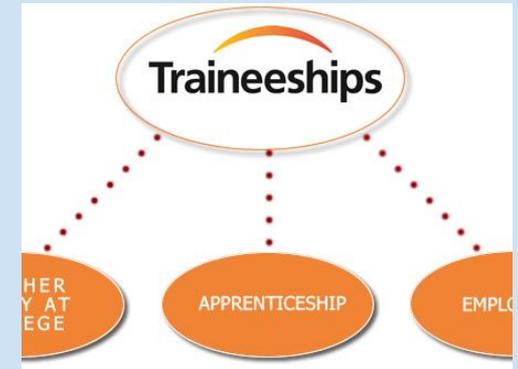
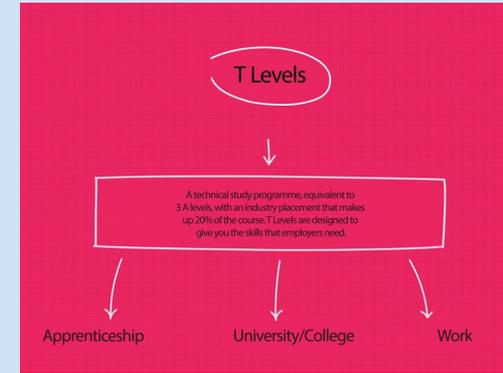
	Level	Equivalent education level
Intermediate	2	GCSE
Advanced	3	A level
Higher	4,5	Equivalent to 1st and 2nd year of an undergraduate degree
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

T Levels: T Levels are new courses that are **equivalent to 3 A Levels**. T Levels are usually 2 year courses and offer students a mixture of classroom learning and ‘on the-job’ experience during an industry placement of around three months.

Traineeships: Traineeships involve a programme of up to six to twelve months of study, including a work placement which will prepare you for an apprenticeship or employment.

Some of the most popular local providers who offer a range of courses are:

- La Swap
- City and Islington College
- Westminster Kingsway College
- Barnet and Southgate College
- Capel Manor



Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
TEC Applied Science	Art and Design Cambridge Technicals	Sport NVQ L1
BTEC Art and Design	BTEC Business	
BTEC Business	BTEC Media	
BTEC Health and Social Care	Sports NVQ L2	
BTEC Performing Arts		
T Levels Media, Broadcast & Production Digital Software Development (launches September 2025) Marketing (launches September 2025)		
Sports NVQ L3		

La Swap

Vocational qualifications

- Acland Burghley
- La Sainte Union
- William Ellis
- Parliament Hill

[La Swap vocational courses](#)

[La Swap vocational course entry requirements](#)

<https://www.laswap.camden.sch.uk/T-level-qualifications/>

Capital City College Group (City and Islington College, Westminster Kingsway College, The College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London and Capital City College Training)

- ❑ A Levels
- ❑ Level 3 BTEC
- ❑ T Levels
- ❑ Apprenticeships

T levels on offer :

- ❑ Digital Production, Design and Development
- ❑ Education and Childcare
- ❑ Animal Care and Management
- ❑ Mechanical Engineering
- ❑ Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- ❑ Healthcare Science
- ❑ Creative and Design

[Capital City T levels](#)

New City College (formerly BSix)

This is a group of FE colleges with campuses throughout East London and south-west Essex. They offer a range of A level and vocational courses in a wide range of subjects.

Capel Manor

The logo for Capel Manor College, featuring the text "Capel Manor College" in a light green, sans-serif font, centered on a dark grey rectangular background.

Capel
Manor
College

Capel Manor College is London's only specialist environmental college. You can gain qualifications working with animals, plants and the environment. Courses include:

- Animal management
- Horticulture
- Garden and landscaping design
- Dog grooming
- Agriculture
- Wildlife conservation

<https://www.capel.ac.uk/>

<https://www.capel.ac.uk/apprenticeships/>

London Screen academy



LSA is a sixth form academy for students who want to learn all the skills required for a career within the film + television industries.

Courses include:

- Film
- Television
- Post production
- Art
- Costume design

<https://lsa.ac.uk/>