

# WELCOME!

## Year 10

### Post-16 Awareness Day

The Beaminster & Colfox Joint Sixth Form

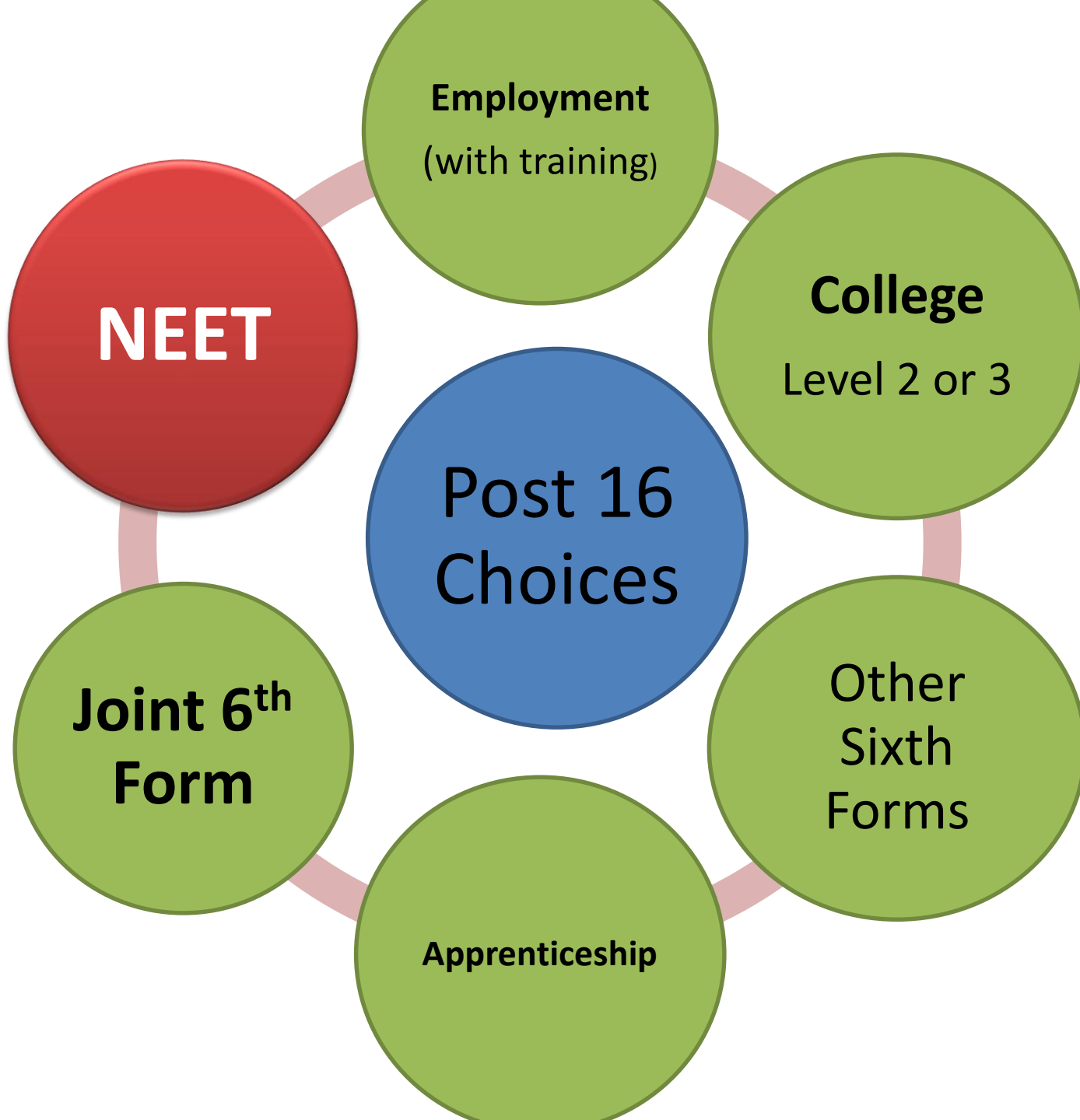
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 6pm





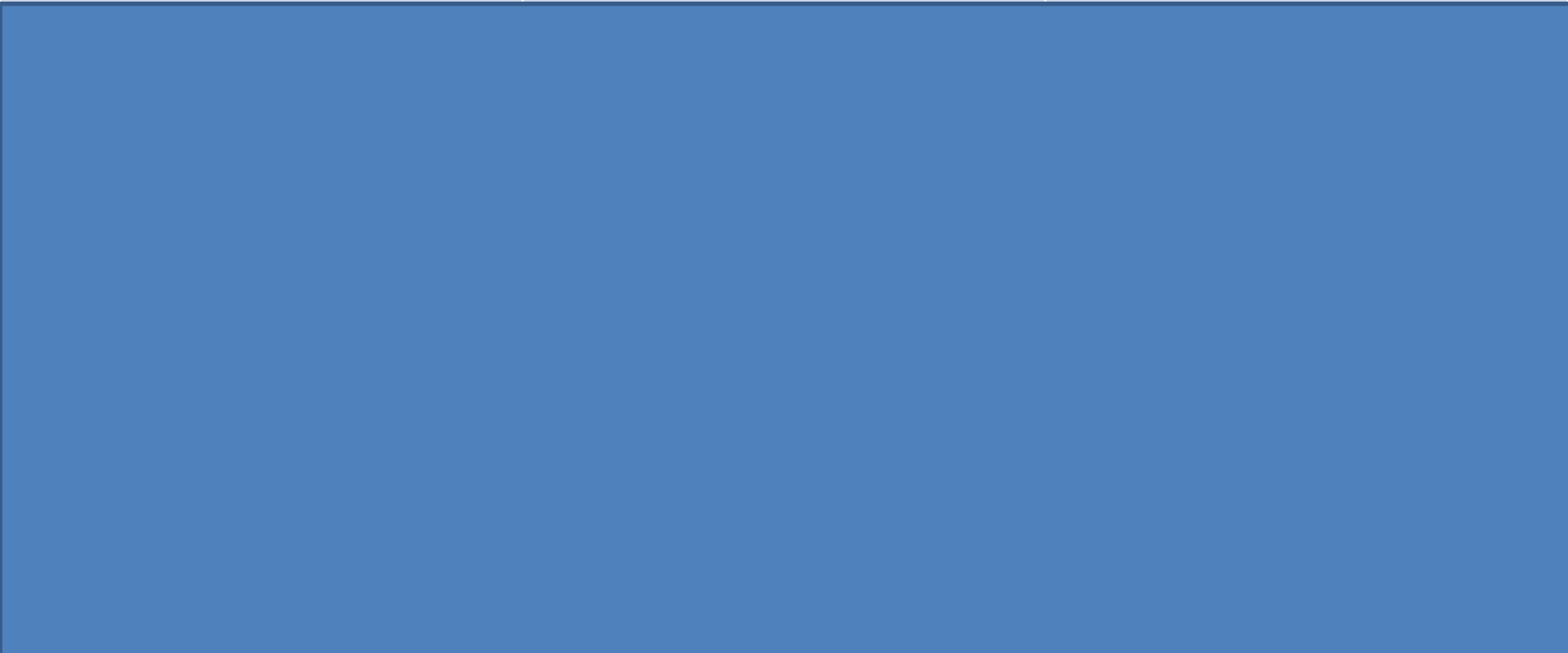


# The aims of the day were:

- **In less than 12 months time you will have completed your GCSEs!**
- Some big decisions have to be made... *and today is designed to help you decide.*
- What **courses** might you choose?
- Which **pathway** is right for you?
- What are your Beaminster / Colfox peers *really* like?



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## **Level 2**

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Joint Sixth Form

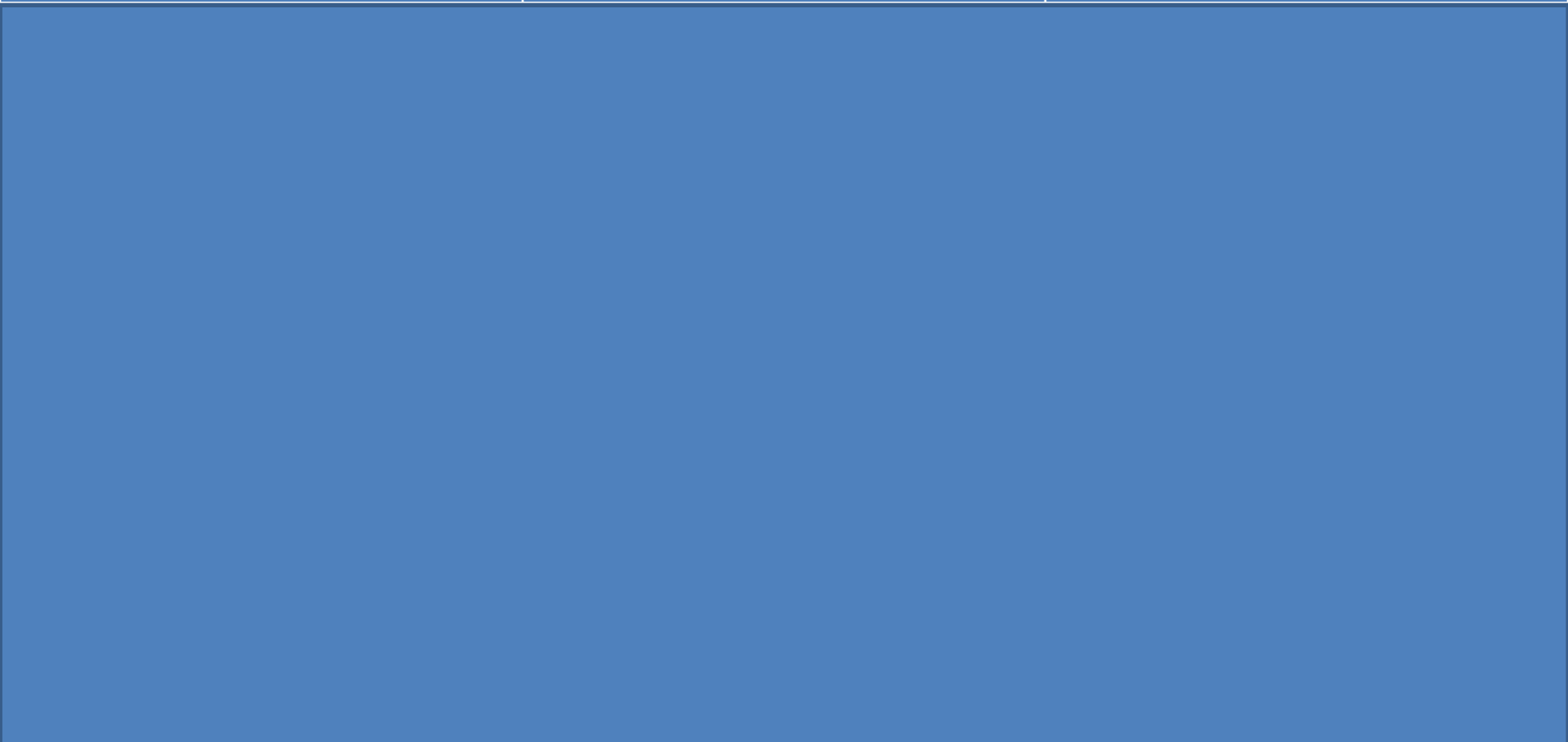


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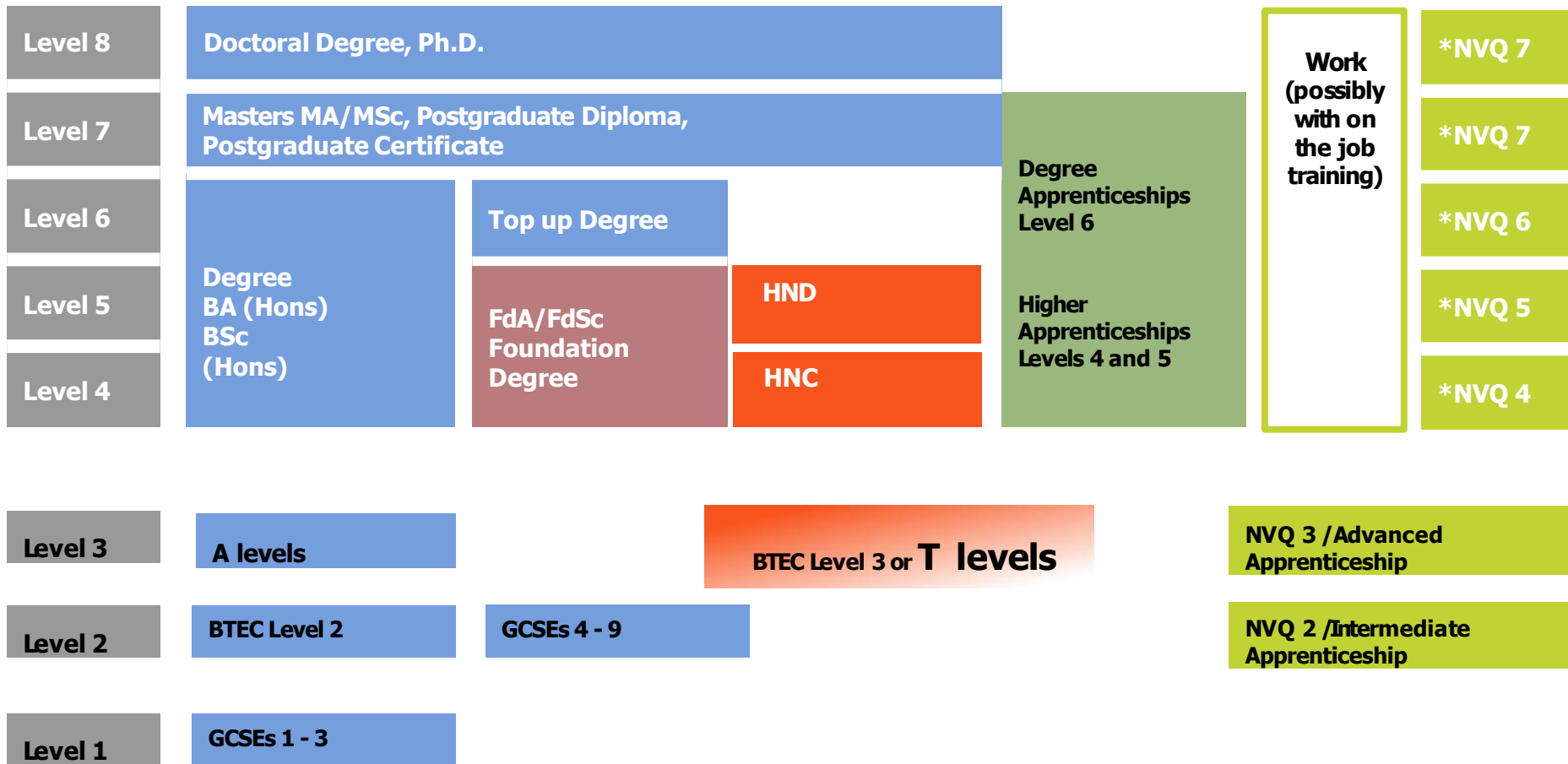


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# More on Levels!





# College Route

- **College courses are changing**
- Students used to choose from a range of BTECs, diplomas, certificates and other qualifications...
- This was quite confusing!
- **There is now a single qualification** that most vocational students will follow:

# **T-LEVELS**

***THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION***

# What are T-Levels?

- 'T-Level' stands for 'Technical Level'
- They replace BTECs, Diplomas, certificates, etc.
- They are a two-year course
- T-Levels launched in 2020 and will be fully implemented by 2025
- One T-Level is the equivalent to 3 A Levels!
- *(Some smaller versions may be available)*
- 45 days are spent on work placement. Therefore, a T-Level is 80% classroom and 20% work based
- T-Levels lead in to paid work, higher (or degree level) apprenticeships or university
- T-Levels are graded Pass; Merit; Distinction; Distinction\*

# What T Level routes are available?

1. **T Level transition (1 yr.)**
2. **Digital Route (data, coding, networks, systems, etc.)**
3. **Construction and Built Environment (construction, engineering, heating, design, etc.)**
4. **Education and Childcare (Education and Childcare (EYFS, playworker, TAs, Learning Mentor, etc.)**
5. **Health and Science (ambulance, dental, healthcare assistance, radiography, lab work, etc.)**
6. **Legal, Financing and Accounting Route (accounting, payroll, mortgages, insurance, banking, pensions, etc.)**
7. **Business and Admin Route (clerk, office admin, secretary, civil service, PA, etc)**
8. **Engineering and Manufacturing Route (CAD, 3D, motor, body repair, breakdown, telecoms, marine, blacksmithing, welding, boats, electrical engineering, etc)**
9. **Hair and Beauty (barber, hair, beauty, makeup, etc.)**
10. **Catering and Hospitality: TBC**
11. **Creative and Design Route (jewellery, furniture, restoration, tailor, fashion, dressmaking. ALSO – Media, Broadcast, Production (sound engineer, AV, director, lighting, stage hand, video, camera, production, etc.)**
12. **Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care Route (farming, tree surgery, countryside officer, landscaping, arboriculture, contractor, etc. ALSO, Animal Care and Management (zoo, canine, equine, care, training etc)**

# Academic (or Sixth Form) Route

- Sixth Forms (including our own very successful Joint Sixth Form) will offer a 'blended approach' to study
- A purely 'academic' pathway involves taking 3 'A Levels' (this is a Level 3 'advanced' qualification)
- Vocational qualifications still exist in routes that are not covered by T-Levels. These are BTEC Sport, Performing Arts and some others

# What Can You Expect from an A Level?

- **Almost 100% exams** (coursework has been reduced)
- **No exams in Year 12**
- **A lot of written work for most courses**
- An expectation of **independent study**
- A stepping stone for further academic study (usually at university)



# Our Courses (A Level)

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Drama and Theatre
- DT Product Design
- English Language
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- French
- Geography
- History
- Maths
- Music Technology
- Philosophy and Ethics (RS)
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish

# What Can You Expect from a **BTEC**?

- No exams (or hardly any!)
- **100% coursework** and continual assessment
- **Work experience** and practical components
- Chance to progress to university and apprenticeships
- Some written requirement

# Our Courses (BTEC)

- **Sport** (Extended Diploma, equivalent to 3 A levels)
- **Sport** (National Diploma, equivalent to 2 A levels)
- **Food Science and Nutrition Diploma** (equivalent to 1 A level)
- *We may consider offering Performing Arts in the future*

# Our Other Courses

- Core Maths
- EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)
- Certificate in Financial Studies (CeFS - Financial Studies)
- Further Maths
  
- GCSE English and Maths for those students needing a grade '4' in either

# Apprenticeship Route

- As an apprentice, you are an **employee** with all the **statutory rights**
- You are paid an **apprentice salary** (currently £5.28 an hour, *minimum*)
- You spend **one day a week at college** (or equivalent) working towards a **qualification**
- Your **qualification** depends on the level of apprenticeship you take on

# Apprenticeship Route

There are different levels of apprenticeships:

- **Intermediate** (L2) – available after GCSEs.
- **Advanced** (L3) – available after GCSEs. You will need higher grades
- **Higher** (L4 and L5) – after school or college Level 3 qualifications (A Levels, BTECs, T Levels, etc.)
- **Degree** (L6 and L7) – again, after L3 qualifications.

# Apprenticeship Route

- The main difference between college / school and apprenticeships is **the fact that this is a real job**
- **Employer expectations** require commitment, dedication, hard work and reliability
- You will need to find, apply and secure your own apprenticeship
- **This means writing a CV, attending interviews and doing your research**

# Apprenticeship Route

You can find apprenticeships via

- UCAS
- Local newspapers
- Word of mouth
- [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)
- [www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)
- [www.findapprenticeships.co.uk](http://www.findapprenticeships.co.uk)



# So, essentially you have the following **FIVE options:**

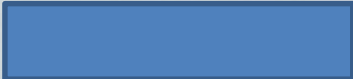
1. Studying for L3 (A Levels) in the **Joint Sixth Form**.
2. Studying for L3 BTEC (Sport and /or Food) in the **Joint Sixth Form**, perhaps blended with A Levels
3. Studying L1, L2 or L3 courses at local colleges
4. Getting an **apprenticeship** or **employment with training**
5. Attending another college or Sixth Form

# A caveat...

- A place in the Joint Sixth Form is **always conditional**
- This means **you need to get the minimum grades required to gain a place**
- **You will need at least 5 GCSEs at '5' for A Levels**
- **Subjects** have their own minimum required grades (usually, a '5' but sometimes higher)
- It is now **up to you** to get the very best grades you can and ***demonstrate effort***.

# Example timetable from the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Taster Day

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You are in the following sessions:

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Workshop 1, 10:10 – 10:30am	Workshop 2, 10:30 – 10:50am	Workshop 3, 10:50 – 11:10am
Informed A Level Choices	Beginning to think about University	A Levels and University
A103	A207	A102

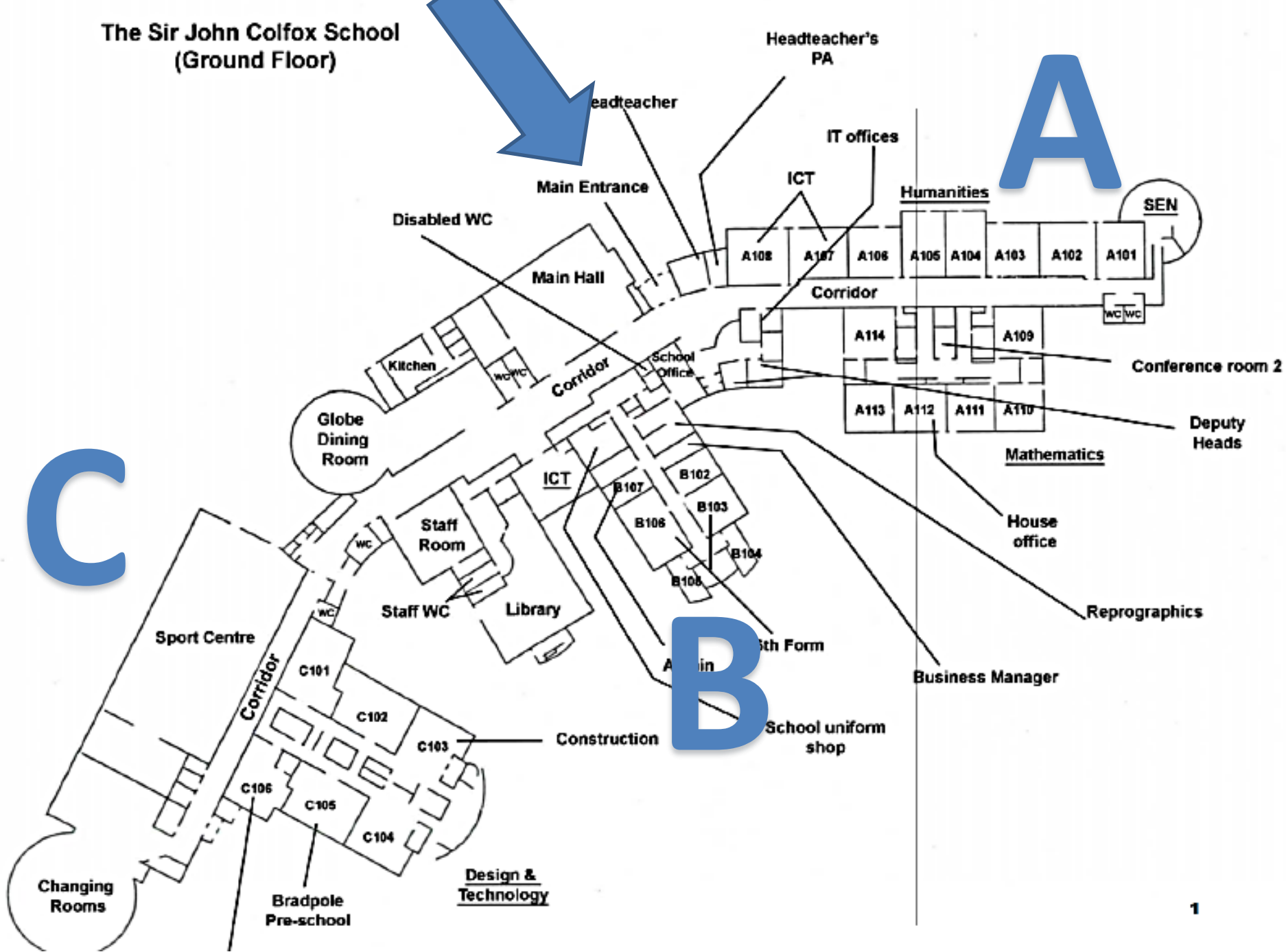
Lesson 1 Period 3	Art and Design	Mrs Burgess	C204
Lesson 2 Period 4	English Language	Mrs Carlisle	E2
Lesson 3 Period 5	Music Technology	Mr Smith	Music

# Lesson Tasters

- These are exactly what they say they are... merely a **very brief introduction** to the subject
- They are a chance for you to see what **might be expected**
- They are designed to help you see if the subject ***might*** be right for you...
- Get involved. Participate. Ask questions. Demonstrate enthusiasm.

Time	Activity
Period 1	<b>Presentation</b> from the Heads of Sixth Form
Period 2	Colfox A level <b>lesson taster 1</b>
Break 11.15 – 11.30	Cakes, biscuits and drink in the Sixth Form Common Room. Use the canteen, hang out...
Period 3	Colfox A level <b>lesson taster 2</b>
<b><u>12.40</u></b>	<b>Buses leave for Beaminster</b>
Lunch <b><u>12.50</u> – <u>1.25</u></b>	Eat your packed lunch at Beaminster School
Period 4	Beaminster A level <b>lesson taster 3</b>
Period 5	Beaminster A level <b>lesson taster 4</b> <b>The bus leaves for Colfox at 3.15pm</b>

# The Sir John Colfox School (Ground Floor)



# Joint Sixth Form Open Evening

Will be at the Sir John Colfox Site

November 2023

- You will receive more information about this event
- Chance to see a wide range of courses
- Able to ask questions and seek advise



# Beaminster Site



Sixth Form Centre

We are here





**Any Questions**