*Post 16 Options*

Your Options
Where to study
Course Levels
Types of courses
Support Available
What are your options after GCSEs?

Raising of School Participation Age

Must stay in Education, Employment & Training until 18 years old

You do not have to stay at school
4 Options
Mascalls & other schools

**Offer:** Level 3 courses (e.g. A Levels, BTEC Level 3)

**Entry Requirements:** 5 A* - C grades at GCSE including Maths & English

**YOU MUST** Have a BACK UP Level 2 course at college
Types of Courses

1. ACADEMIC
   - Offered: School and College
   - Focus on: Academic
   - Example: A Levels
   - Entry Requirements: 5 A* to C including Maths & English
     Some subjects may need specific grade for A Level

2. VOCATIONAL
   - Offered: School and College
   - Focus on: Occupational Area
   - Examples include: Dance, IT, Media, Health & Social Care

3. JOB SPECIFIC
   - Offered: College, Mascalls Construction Academy
   - Focus on: One Job Type
   - Examples include: Carpentry, Hairdressing, Beauty

If you do not achieve GCSE C grade or above in English & Maths you will continue to study these subjects at college or school
## What level to apply for

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### Guidelines (check each course for actual requirements)

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* Look at course entry requirements
* Know your predicted grades
* Course level you apply for can depend on the type of course
* You must have an English or/and Maths grade to attend college

## Level 1
- Studied at College

## Level 2
- Studied at College (& Mascalls Construction Academy)

## Level 3
- School or College
3 Apprenticeships

- Specific job with a college work based qualification
- Assessed in work place
- In most cases no exams
- Variable times to complete course
- Work and progress through qualifications at own pace
- Many require C grade Maths and English
- Must continue English and Maths if GCSE grade C not achieved
- Must be 16 years old
- Intermediate and Advanced Apprenticeship from 16 years old
- Higher Apprenticeships from 18 years old (A Levels required)

[www.nationalapprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.nationalapprenticeships.gov.uk) for vacancies
4 Employment with Training

• Specific job with accreditation

• Must be 20 or more hours a week

• Continuation with English and Maths if C grade at GCSE not achieved
How to Apply
Kent Choices 4 U

For applying to Mascalls, other schools and Colleges in Kent

Letters sent home - first week of November
Things to Consider

• GCSEs are LEVEL 2 courses
• A LEVELS are LEVEL 3 courses
• Entry to 6th forms & College A Levels (5 A* to C grades including English & Maths)
• If you are working below 5 A* - C grades you should consider a LEVEL 2 course at college
  • You must apply via Kent Choices 4 U website
  • What is your back up plan?
    • BE REALISTIC

* Year 11 is a very important year
* You CANNOT RETAKE year 11
* GCSEs can affect your career options
*Research, Research, Research*

- Attend college open days (look on websites)
  - Ask for and attend careers interview
  - Attend careers talks and group sessions
- Think about your future career
- Use careers area - careers, colleges, apprenticeships etc
  - Research University information/courses
- Attend 6\textsuperscript{th} form options evening on Monday 12\textsuperscript{th} October
  6\textsuperscript{th} form courses, colleges, apprenticeship providers

Attend 6\textsuperscript{th} form talk tomorrow in advisory
Go to advisory, register and go promptly to 6\textsuperscript{th} form Common Room

Discuss with other people

ASK FOR HELP
Mascalls 6th Form Options Evening

Monday 12 October
6.00 pm

Please see Ms Shepherd or Mrs Bayliss if you would like more information
OPEN DAY
Saturday 17 October 2015
10.00 am – 1.00 pm

www.midkent.ac.uk

Please see Mrs Bayliss if you would like more information
WEST KENT COLLEGE

INFORMATION EVENING

Tonbridge & Tunbridge Wells

Wednesday 7 October

4.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Pre-register online at www.kcollege.ac.uk/events

Please see Mrs Bayliss if you would like more information
HADLOW COLLEGE

INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 14 October 2015
4.30 pm

www.hadlow.ac.uk

Please see Mrs Bayliss if you would like more information
IT'S YOUR FUTURE