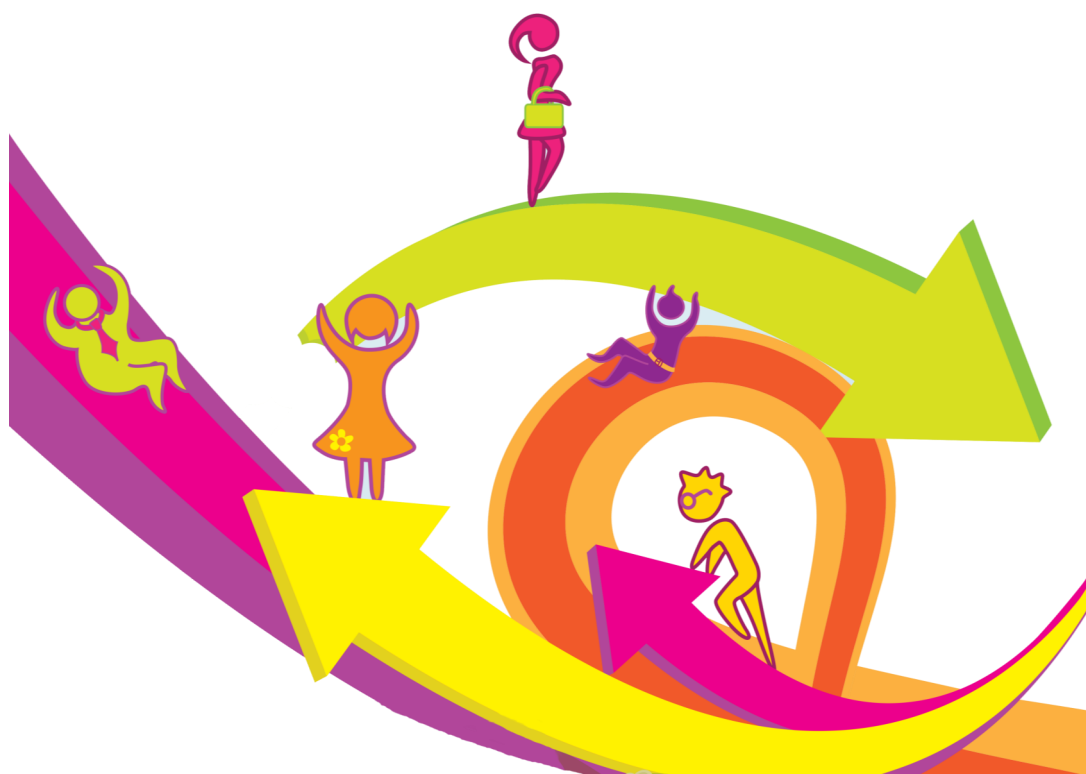




Choices and Decisions

Information for Parents and Carers
of Year 11 Students



2018-2019



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Decisions

In Year 11 your son or daughter will be asked to make decisions about their future. This booklet will help you as a parent or carer to understand more about their options, what support is available and how you can help them with their decisions.

Careers Information, Advice and Guidance

Each school has a Careers Teacher who helps to deliver a Careers Education Programme to help prepare young people for decisions and choices about their future. A Careers Adviser from Careers Guernsey is also attached to each school to support students with independent careers advice and guidance. Careers Advisers will also attend parents' evenings to help you with the choices and decisions faced by your son or daughter in their final year of secondary school. You can find a list of the Careers Teachers for each school in the back of this booklet.

During Year 11, your son or daughter will decide on their next step and this will probably be one of the following options:

- Continue in full-time education
- Enter work-based training (Apprenticeship)
- Enter employment

New grading for GCSE qualifications

GCSE qualifications taken by your son/daughter in school are being reformed with new content, assessment methods and grading.

New English GCSEs will be graded using numbers from 9 - 1 instead of letter grading (A* - G). The diagram below helps explain the new grading structure. Where schools are choosing to follow international GCSE courses (IGCSEs) students may still receive grades on the A*-G scale. Most students in Guernsey will have a mixture of letter and number grades depending on their subject choices.

New GCSE Grading Structure		Ofqual
NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE	CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE	
9		A*
8		
7		A
6		B
5		
4		C
3		D
2		E
1		F
		G
U		U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

For further details about the changes to GCSE qualifications see:
<https://www.aqa.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/policy/gcse-and-a-level-changes/9-to-1>

Choices after Year 11

What are the options for my son or daughter?

Continuing in Full-Time Education

Students who choose to continue with their full-time education after Year 11 will have several options. Their final choice will be dependent on their future aspirations, what they want to get out of the course and their predicted grades.

Full-time courses come in different levels and are available at Guernsey College of Further Education, the Sixth Form Centre and at Ladies' or Elizabeth College.

If your son or daughter is struggling with their career decisions and is unsure of what to do next, it may be beneficial for them to speak with a Careers Adviser. A Careers Adviser from Careers Guernsey can see them in school, after school and during the school holidays at Careers Guernsey.

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Different levels of qualifications

Level 3	A levels International Baccalaureate Diploma BTEC Awards, Certificates, Diplomas and Extended Diplomas at Level 3 CACHE NVQ Level 3 (City & Guilds) UAL (University of Arts London)
Level 2	GCSE grades A* - C (9 -4) BTEC Awards, Certificates and Diplomas at Level 2 NVQ Level 2 (City and Guilds) OCR Diplomas Functional Skills UAL (University of Arts London)
Level 1	GCSE grades D-G (3 -1) BTEC Awards, Certificates, Diplomas at Level 1 OCR Diplomas Functional Skills UAL (University of Arts London)
Entry Level	Functional Skills at Entry Level BTEC Certificates and Diplomas at Entry Level, ASDAN Awards

Level 3: A Levels, International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or Vocational Qualifications?

All these qualifications are recognised as being at the same level (Level 3), and all can lead to either University, Further Education or employment. Entry requirements for these courses vary:

- Level 3 vocational courses and A Levels require a minimum of 5 GCSEs at A*-C (or 9 - 4) in a **range** of subjects including English Language.
- IB requires a minimum of 5 GCSEs at A*-C (or 9 - 4) in a **range** of subjects including English Language and Mathematics.

All courses are dependent on viable student enrolment, successful recruitment of staff and the availability of resources.

A Levels

A Levels are studied and assessed in a similar way to GCSEs, being assessed predominantly through examinations with coursework where appropriate. A Levels normally take 2 years to complete and come in a range of academic and applied subjects. Students normally choose to study 3 or 4 main subjects, sometimes along with additional qualifications. Students can study A Level subjects at the Sixth Form Centre, Elizabeth College or Ladies' College.

A Level subjects available at the Sixth Form Centre

Art	Environmental Science	Photography
Biology	Film (IB Certificate)	Physics
Business Studies	French	Physical Education
Chemistry	Further Maths	Psychology (IB Certificate)
Computer Science	Geography	Religious Studies
D & T— Product Design	German (IB Certificate)	Sociology
D & T— Resistant Materials	History	Spanish (IB certificate)
Economics	ICT (IB certificate)	Theatre Studies
English Literature and Language	Maths	
English Literature	Media Studies	
	Music	

For detailed course-specific information and entry criteria
please see the Sixth Form prospectus on the Grammar & Sixth
Form website: www.grammar.sch.gg



Sixth Form Centre contact: Kieran.James@grammar.sch.gg

Level 3 Vocational Qualifications

If your son/daughter wants to study a vocational area in depth, then a **Level 3 vocational qualification** would allow them to do that. These courses are also normally studied over 2 years, and provide knowledge and skills relevant to the sector and/or progression to University or employment. Level 3 vocational courses may have an element of external assessment, students are also assessed through coursework and in practical observations. Students can study Level 3 vocational qualifications at Guernsey College of Further Education.

Level 3 vocational qualifications available at Guernsey College of Further Education



Creative & Digital Arts
Business Studies
Childcare & Early Years Education*
Health & Social Care
Engineering*
IT & Computing
Performing Arts/Dance
Sport, Coaching & Fitness
Public Services



BTEC L3 Extended Diploma courses are the equivalent of 3 A-levels. Entry requirements include 5 GCSE Grades C/4 or above (or equivalent) in a range of subjects including English.

*These course also require GCSE Maths at C/4 or above.

For detailed course information see the College of Further Education website:
www.guernseycollege.ac.gg

Guernsey College of Further Education contact: future@gcfe.net

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma



The IB Diploma is a Level 3 qualification offered at the **Sixth Form Centre**. It is for students who wish to retain a broad range of subjects alongside a core curriculum incorporating an extended essay, theory of knowledge module and creativity, activity and service component. The qualification is equivalent to roughly 4.5 'A' levels.

Students choose six subjects, one from each of the groups below and will study three at Higher Level and three at Standard Level.

Group 1 and 2: Languages

Students select two languages: one from Group 1 and an additional language from Group 2.

Group 1 is English and the course is literature-based.

Group 2 is designed for students learning the language either at beginner level, standard or higher level. Students select the language courses based on their language proficiency. Group 2 languages include French, German, Spanish and Chinese.

Group 3: Individuals and Societies

History, Philosophy, Psychology, Business & Management, IT in a Global Society, Geography

Group 4: The Experimental Sciences

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Nature of Science or Sport, Health & Exercise Science

Group 5: Mathematics

Mathematical studies, Mathematics

Group 6: The Arts

Visual Arts, Film, Theatre or another Group 2, 3 or 4 subject.



The IB Diploma Programme, for students aged 16 to 19, is a balanced but academically challenging Level 3 programme of education with final examinations that prepare students for success at university and in life beyond. It is an international qualification, which is recognized and welcomed by universities worldwide because of its reputation for rigorous external assessment. Assessment also involves internally and externally marked coursework. The IB diploma is different from other courses of study due to its philosophy of education, which emphasizes the development of the whole student – physically, intellectually, emotionally and ethically. The IB diploma's learner profile has ten inspirational qualities that all IB learners strive to develop throughout their course. These are to be *Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-minded, Caring, Risk-takers, Balanced, and Reflective*.

IB contact: Nicola.Papworth@grammar.sch.gg

My son/daughter isn't predicted 4/5 A* - C (or 9 – 4) grades. What are their options?

Don't worry if your son or daughter isn't predicted A*-C (or 9 - 4) grades in their GCSE exams as there are a range of courses available at other levels. **Guernsey College of Further Education** offers courses at:

- **Level 2** — for those who achieve a minimum of four D (or 3) grades at GCSE including English & Maths
- **Level 1** — for those who have E-G (or 2-1) grades at GCSE
- **Entry Level** — for those who have no formal qualifications



Entry Level, Level 1 and Level 2 courses are one year in duration. Once your son/daughter has successfully completed all elements of the course they can progress on to the next level if they want to continue their education. Level 1 and 2 qualifications may have a mixture of external assessment and coursework and/or observation as

Full-time Level 2 Vocational Courses

Office Administration
Beauty Therapy
Business
Hospitality and Catering
Childcare and Early Years
Creative and Digital Arts
Engineering
Health and Social Care
IT and Computing
Sport and Fitness instruction
Performing Arts
Public Services

Full-time Level 1 Vocational Courses

Vocational pathways available in

Creative & Digital Arts
Beauty Therapy and Hairdressing
IT & Computing
Childcare & Early Years
Public Services
Construction & Engineering
Sport

Full time Entry Level Courses

BTEC

ASDAN

(an individual range of qualifications)

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future@gcfe.net

The Guernsey Apprenticeship

The Guernsey Apprenticeship allows you to earn a wage and learn alongside experienced staff at the same time as gaining qualifications related to your job. You will need to be employed to take up an apprenticeship.

Apprenticeships are available in the following areas:

- Construction and the Built Environment
- Engineering
- Hairdressing
- Hospitality and Catering
- Retail
- Work-based Horticulture

Anyone over the age of 16 is able to join the scheme with most courses commencing in September.

There are entry criteria for each apprenticeship pathway; English and Maths are essential for each.



Employment

Another option for your son/daughter is to enter full-time employment after Year 11. Full-time employment opportunities for Year 11 school leavers on Guernsey are however limited as many jobs will require some previous experience and qualifications. In 2017 most Year 11 school leavers entering full-time employment found work in Retail, others also found work in Finance and Public Administration and Defence.

Applying for work

Finding work as a school leaver can be difficult as there will be competition for most vacancies. Students should be prepared for applying for jobs by having an up to date CV and covering letter which they will have completed in school. It is important to ensure that any work experience undertaken, part time jobs, volunteering, achievements and hobbies are included in the CV, further information on CV and letter writing can be found on www.careers.gg.

When applying for employment opportunities students need to be aware of their skills and the skills required to do the job that they are applying for. Some of the top employability skills which are essential for a variety of jobs, include:

- 1. Communication skills**
- 2. Positive, can-do attitude**
- 3. Team working**
- 4. Numeracy, Literacy & ICT**
- 5. Honesty & integrity**

Where are the jobs?

Many school leavers will find jobs through networking and word of mouth as not all jobs will be advertised. Your son/daughter should be encouraged to be proactive with their job hunting and to contact organisations and employers direct in person or by sending in their CV & letter enquiring about any possible job openings. For applying to advertised vacancies see the Guernsey Press recruitment pages and the following websites as a starting point:

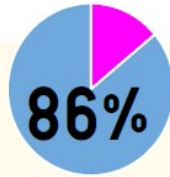


2017 School Leaver Destinations



1654

students completed
Years 11, 12 or 13



of 16 year olds stayed
on in full time
education.

89%

of females
and

82%

of males

332



went on to
study A levels
or the I.B.

194



were studying
BTEC or other
vocational
qualifications

187

school leavers
were employed by

132

different employers in

89

different occupations



Business, Professional
& Technical



Wholesale & Retail



Construction

were the top 3 industry
sectors for school leavers

33

16-18 year olds went
from education to an
apprenticeship



Top 3
Apprenticeship
areas were



(8)



(6)




(5)


162

(24%)



of 18 year olds went
into Higher
Education

That's  of females
aged 18
30%

and  of males
aged 18
20%

Popular university destinations
(student numbers)



Top 5 subject areas were

Biological Sciences (26)

Creative Arts & Design (26)

Linguistics & Classics (12)

Business & Admin (12)

Social Studies (12)

Some 2017 Guernsey school leaver jobs-

Junior Developer Chef Student Nurse Trainee Accountant Fitness Instructor Dental Nurse
Waiter Beauty Therapist Aerial Photographer Police Officer Marketing Assistant
Nursing Assistant Audit Assistant Trainee Actuary Floor Layer Cosmetics Adviser
Dog Walker Trust Administrator Sales Assistant Payroll Officer Lifeguard

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What parents might hear...

“All my friends are going to the Sixth Form Centre so I'm going to apply for courses there.”

This is a risky decision to make without taking into account the entry requirements, courses on offer and your son/daughter's commitment to learning and future career plans. Take some time to explore these with them to make sure they are choosing this option for the right reasons.

“I'm a bit worried about leaving school and not knowing what to do next. It's a big decision to make!”

It can be a worrying time for your son/daughter as they realise school is going to end. It also shows us that they feel it is an important decision. Lots of events and information is available to them so make sure they are using it and exploring all the options properly.

“I don't leave school for ages yet. What's the point of thinking about things now?”

It is surprising how fast decision-making time comes around in Year 11 so being prepared is important. Although your son/daughter may feel it is ages away, you can show them the calendar of events on the back of this booklet to help them plan.

What parents might say...

“You can do better than that! What do you want to do that job for?”

It is difficult as parents want the best for their son/daughter but they also want them to be happy. Find out more about the reasons why they are looking into a particular job and together find out about what they want from a job and what they can offer. Their reasons for choosing a job may well be different to yours.

“Stay on in learning and get more qualifications. That’s what employers want these days.”

Although more and more jobs do ask for qualifications, employers are also looking for skills and qualities that make them a good employee with a good attitude to work and training. Stay up to date with what employers look for on www.careers.gg

“Make an appointment with a Careers Adviser. They will tell you what to do”

This is not what a Careers Adviser does! They will work with your son/daughter on how to plan, research, make decisions, consider alternative plans with up to date information and guide them through the process. The decision is theirs!

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Want to find out more?

Timetable of Events for Year 11 2018-19

Dates will be made available by individual schools

Autumn

- Sep/Oct Careers Guernsey Introductory talks in Schools
Joint talks by GCFE and SFC to Year 11 students & parents
- November Sixth Form Centre Information Evening on **Tuesday 13th November**
Guernsey College of Further Education
Information Day & Evening
20th November-PM Year 11s from all Schools. 5-8pm– Progressing students, Parents, general public.

Spring

- Jan/Feb Application forms available in schools.
Sixth Form Centre Taster Day on the **24th January**
- Feb/March Individual student guidance discussions with the Sixth Form Centre and Guernsey College of Further Education.
- 8th March **Post-16 applications deadline**-Midday
- 19th March Higher Education Event
- 4th April Careers and skills Show at Beau Sejour
- April/May Offer letters sent to students

Summer

- June/July Bridging courses at the Sixth Form Centre
- 22nd August GCSE Results**
Confirmation of places

Go to **www.careers.gg** for further information about all the options after Year 11:

- 16-19 full time course
- Apprenticeships
- Employment

Your son/daughter will have seen and been shown how to use this website during school careers lessons.

School contacts

Les Beaucamps High

Richard Sinkinson (Tel: 756040)

La Mare De Carteret High

Emyr Davies (Tel: 256588)

St Sampson's High

Rachel Kaufman (Tel: 244411)

Le Murier

Julie Plummer (Tel: 246660)

Grammar School & Sixth Form Centre

Doug Belford (Tel: 256571)

Blanchelande College

Hugh Tabel (Tel: 237200)

Ladies College

Elena Johnson (Tel: 721602)

Elizabeth College

Andrew Carey (Tel: 726544)

Les Voies School

Tim Halden (Tel: 710721)

St Anne's School (Alderney)

Angela Etheredge (Tel: 822173)

