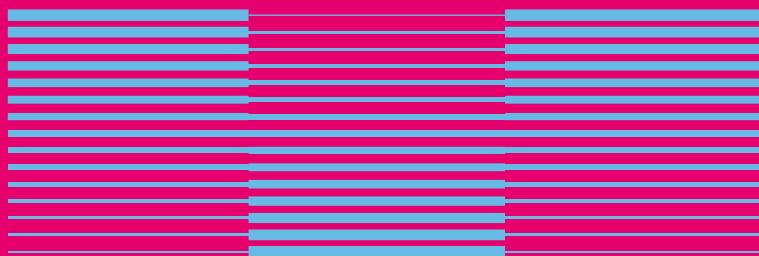
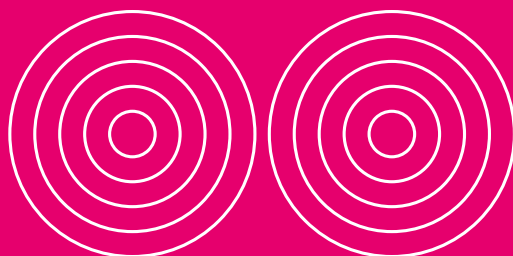


# Post-16 Options

A Brief Guide for Parents and Carers

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# WELCOME

Supporting and helping a young person as they make decisions around their Post-16 options can be daunting. We have made this booklet to break down all the options and to help inform you about what is out there for them once they leave school. The booklet also includes a timeline of what support and experiences a young person will have access to.

Skills Jersey is an all-age service that exists to support Islanders with advice, guidance and information around their education and employment.

We are here to help, and you can always reach out to us if you would like more information about anything you read in this booklet.

You can contact Skills Jersey by calling **01534 449440** or emailing [skillsjersey@gov.je](mailto:skillsjersey@gov.je)

## Important to remember:

Young people can apply to multiple places for their Post-16 options – for example, if they are interested in studying a vocational course at Highlands College and A levels at Sixth Form but cannot decide which one, they can apply for both and make their decision at a later date. It will be much harder to apply after results day as many courses will be full.

This booklet aims to provide an overview of all the Post-16 options available. Please remember – If a young person has a career area in mind that requires undertaking a higher level of education, for example Medicine to become a Doctor, they must check that the qualifications they are thinking of doing will meet the University entry requirements.

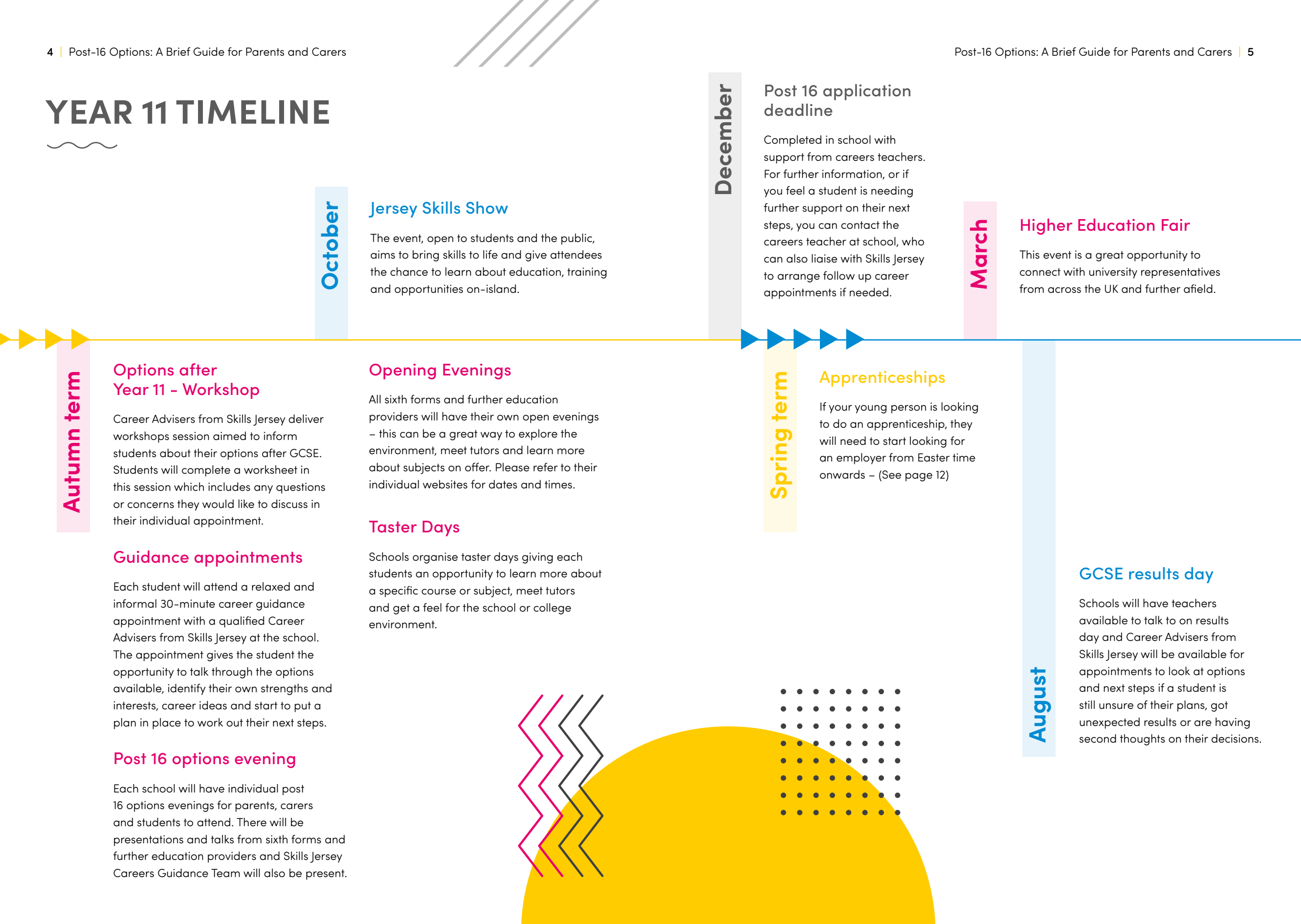
You can look on UCAS.com to see what the entry requirements are for specific undergraduate degrees as well as speak to the school Careers Teacher or speak to a Skills Jersey Careers Adviser.



**THE MAIN THING TO REMEMBER IS THAT THERE ARE LOTS OF OPTIONS – ALL YOUNG PEOPLE ARE DIFFERENT BUT THERE WILL BE SOMETHING OUT THERE FOR THEM!**



# YEAR 11 TIMELINE



Autumn term

## Options after Year 11 – Workshop

Career Advisers from Skills Jersey deliver workshops session aimed to inform students about their options after GCSE. Students will complete a worksheet in this session which includes any questions or concerns they would like to discuss in their individual appointment.

## Guidance appointments

Each student will attend a relaxed and informal 30-minute career guidance appointment with a qualified Career Advisers from Skills Jersey at the school. The appointment gives the student the opportunity to talk through the options available, identify their own strengths and interests, career ideas and start to put a plan in place to work out their next steps.

## Post 16 options evening

Each school will have individual post 16 options evenings for parents, carers and students to attend. There will be presentations and talks from sixth forms and further education providers and Skills Jersey Careers Guidance Team will also be present.

October

## Jersey Skills Show

The event, open to students and the public, aims to bring skills to life and give attendees the chance to learn about education, training and opportunities on-island.

## Opening Evenings

All sixth forms and further education providers will have their own open evenings – this can be a great way to explore the environment, meet tutors and learn more about subjects on offer. Please refer to their individual websites for dates and times.

## Taster Days

Schools organise taster days giving each students an opportunity to learn more about a specific course or subject, meet tutors and get a feel for the school or college environment.

December

## Post 16 application deadline

Completed in school with support from careers teachers. For further information, or if you feel a student is needing further support on their next steps, you can contact the careers teacher at school, who can also liaise with Skills Jersey to arrange follow up career appointments if needed.

Spring term

## Apprenticeships

If your young person is looking to do an apprenticeship, they will need to start looking for an employer from Easter time onwards – (See page 12)

March

## Higher Education Fair

This event is a great opportunity to connect with university representatives from across the UK and further afield.

August

## GCSE results day

Schools will have teachers available to talk to on results day and Career Advisers from Skills Jersey will be available for appointments to look at options and next steps if a student is still unsure of their plans, got unexpected results or are having second thoughts on their decisions.



# A-LEVELS

## What are A levels?

Advanced Level qualifications, otherwise known as A levels, are offered in a range of different subjects and studied over a two-year period.

## How are A levels assessed?

A levels are mainly exam-based. Some subjects may have more coursework than others, such as Art subjects - but the final mark will be heavily assessed by the exams at the end of the two years.

There may be mock exams at the end of the first year and these play an important part in A level study, even though they do not go towards your final mark. Mock exams are a useful way to gauge where a young person is at with their studies and can help ensure support is in place if needed, as well as help with experiencing the exam environment.

## Why would a person choose A levels?

A levels allow you to study three different subject areas in depth which can keep your options open if you are unsure what you would like to do in the future.

They offer a lot of self-study time, so if someone enjoys independent study this can also be a benefit. With an emphasis on exams, A levels may also suit someone who is comfortable with an exam environment.

In some cases, A levels are necessary to meet certain university degree entry requirements, or to attend specific universities. Examples would be medicine, dentistry and veterinary science.

## How many A levels can you take?

You would normally take three A levels.



## Where can you study A levels?

A young person would undertake their A levels at a sixth form college.

There are five sixth form colleges in Jersey:

- Beaulieu Convent School
- De La Salle College
- Hautlieu School
- Jersey College for Girls
- Victoria College

It is worth looking at the list of A level subjects in the relevant schools' prospectuses as each will offer slight variations of subjects in addition to the core subject areas. Prospectuses can be found online on the Sixth Form's website.

You cannot study A levels at Highlands College.



## Can someone work full time and undertake A levels?

A levels are a full-time programme and although a young person may have some free periods during the week, there is an expectation that these are used for self-study. Like secondary school, there will also be extra-curriculum activities on offer, such as sport clubs and programmes.

A young person may wish to undertake holiday, evening or weekend work but it is important to ensure enough time is dedicated to their A level workload.

## What GCSE grades does my young person need to do A levels?

Generally, they will need five GCSEs grade 4 to 9. To study specific subjects, they may need to be grade 6+. Please be aware different sixth forms can have different entry requirements so look at each school's individual prospectus online or contact them directly if you have any specific questions.

## What do A levels lead on to?

After completing A levels, a young person can progress into employment or onto higher education, such as university.

## Where can I find out more?

- Visit each school's sixth form website to find out more information, including the subjects on offer and any available financial support
- Attend open days and Post-16 option evenings - this is a great way to see the Sixth Form environment and meet the tutors. You are not committing to anything by attending an open day and it can be a great way for a young person to experience what it is like first hand. Keep a look out on each school's sixth form website, or give them a call to find out when the dates are

# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) DIPLOMA

The International Baccalaureate (IB) is offered at Hautlieu School sixth form.

It is a broad programme of study encompassing six subject groups and three core elements:

## The IBCP – International Baccalaureate Careers Programme:

This is designed for students wishing to enter directly into the workplace at the end of Year 13 and is run at Hautlieu. Vocational courses are Business related qualifications including ACCA Level 3 Diploma in Financial and Management Accounting and the Level 3 Certificate in Financial Studies (CeFS). These qualifications teach essential knowledge in business, finance and accounting and partnership with relevant businesses is a unique aspect of the IB Careers Programme. For more information, please refer to Hautlieu's website or speak to your young person's careers teacher.

## Subject groups:

- **English language and literature studies**
- **Language acquisition** – can be from beginners' level (Italian) to advanced level languages
- **Individuals and societies** – (see link below for subjects info)
- **Sciences**
- **Mathematics** – this can be taken at different levels with the lower level focusing mathematics more on what you would find in the workplace to the higher level going more in depth
- **Arts** – you can opt out of art or film studies if preferred and choose another subject instead from the other categories

For further subject information:

[hautlieu.co.uk/level/ib](http://hautlieu.co.uk/level/ib)

## Three Core Elements

- **Theory of knowledge** – this develops students critical thinking skills; having students to question how we know what we claim to know
- **Extended essay** – independent research paper
- **Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)** – “Students work on projects for both their own interest and the benefit of others, the local or global community and the environment” (Hautlieu School Prospectus). More about this element can be found here: [here](#)

## Six subjects look like a lot – are they all the same level?

You would take three subjects at Standard Level (SL) and three subjects at Higher Level (HL).

If your young person is looking to go on to University, they may need to study certain subjects at Higher Level depending on what you wish to study for example, Medicine will require Highers in science.

## Is there more work if you do the IB?

The IB workload is different from A levels. There is more of a full timetable which may suit a student who prefers structure, whereas A levels will have more free periods for study.

## What GCSE grades does a young person need to do the IB?

Generally, they will need five GCSEs grade 4 to 9 – one of these must be English language. To study specific subjects, they may be grade 6+. All entry requirements will be in schools sixth form prospectuses and on their websites. You can also contact them directly if you have any specific questions.

## Can someone work full-time and undertake the IB?

The IB is a full-time programme and although a young person may have some free periods during the week, there is an expectation that these are used for self-study. Like secondary school, there will also be extra-curriculum activities on offer, such as sport clubs and programmes.

A young person may wish to undertake holiday, evening or weekend work but it is important to ensure enough time is dedicated to their IB workload.

## Who does the IB suit?

- It suits students who may wish to study a range of different subjects, perhaps in order to keep their options open or just to develop a broad skill set and gain different experiences
- Students wanting a fuller timetable and more structure to their week
- There is more coursework than with A levels, so it would also suit a person who enjoys a mix of coursework and exams

## What can the IB lead onto?

After completing the IB, a young person can progress into employment or onto higher education, such as university.

## → FIND OUT MORE

### For more information on the IB. please see:

Listen to the informative “Why IB?” podcast: [hautlieu.co.uk/ib](http://hautlieu.co.uk/ib)

IB Subjects: [hautlieu.co.uk/level/ib](http://hautlieu.co.uk/level/ib)

General information on the IB: [ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme](http://ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme)

# VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS

## What are vocational and technical qualifications?

Vocational and technical qualifications relate to a specific job or career sector. They typically involve a mixture of theory, practical learning and work experience with the aim of preparing learners for work.

## How many can you take?

You would normally only take one vocational or technical course.

## How are they assessed?

A mixture of exams, coursework, and practical assessments.

## Where can you study vocational and technical qualifications?

There are some sixth forms where you can mix a vocational subject with an A Level – please refer to their websites for more information. Highlands College is the largest provider of vocational and technical qualifications – they offer a range of courses all of which can be explored more on their website. There are also a few different levels you can commence studies, including:

### ► THE JERSEY PROGRESSION QUALIFICATION/DIPLOMA (JPQ)

#### What is this?

The JPQ is available in a select number of subjects at Highlands College and exists to enable young people aged 16 to 18 to develop the knowledge and skills in order to progress to a Level 3 qualification, or the world of work.

#### How long is a JPQ?

A JPQ is a one-year course.

#### Who is this suitable for?

Students who may not have achieved the GCSE grades required for entry into a Level 3 vocational and technical course but are wanting to commence into further education after leaving school.

#### What are the entry requirements?

Generally, JPQs require five GCSEs at grade 2 or 3 – please speak to the school careers teacher, a Skills Jersey careers adviser or Highlands College directly though if need clarification. Students will have the opportunity to sit their Maths and English Language GCSE again during a JPQ if they did not gain a Grade 4, as this is a requirement for progression onto a Level 3 course.

#### What does a JPQ lead on to?

Level 3 courses within the college or employment.

### ► LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

#### What is this?

A Level 3 Extended Diploma is a full-time, two-year course in one subject area.

A Level 3 Extended Diploma is a course of study which will develop specialist knowledge, practical skills and understanding within a vocational area and will give you a qualification that is the equivalent to three A Levels.

#### Who is it suitable for?

Vocational and Technical qualifications may be favoured by those who prefer more practical learning and know which area of industry or higher education they are interested in.

Many vocational and technical courses involve work placements too which can appeal to some people who enjoy hands-on experience of the world of work.

#### What are the entry requirements?

Generally, Level 3 Extended Diplomas required five GCSE grades 4 to 9. Specific courses can have slightly different requirements so please look into course specific information on the Highlands College website or prospectus.

#### What does a Level 3 Vocational and Technical qualification lead onto?

Some Level 3 Extended Diplomas will enable learners to apply for higher education such as university. Completing a vocational and technical qualification can also lead directly into employment.

Some vocational or technical qualifications will provide learners with the required professional qualifications needed for entry level into a specific area, for example hairdressing.

Some sixth form colleges offer select vocational qualifications alongside their A level programme, meaning students can do a mixture of the two. Speak to individual sixth forms or look at their websites to find out more.

#### Can someone work full-time and undertake a vocational and technical qualification?

Both the JPQ and Level 3 Extended Diploma are full-time programmes and although a young person may have some free periods during the week, there is an expectation that these are used for self-study. Many the courses also include work placements and close links with employers.

A young person may wish to undertake holiday, evening or weekend work but it is important to ensure enough time is dedicated to their workload.



Highlands College has a booklet for parents and carers that is accessible in multiple languages – [highlands.ac.uk/parents](https://highlands.ac.uk/parents)



# APPRENTICESHIPS

## What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is an opportunity to 'earn while you learn'. This can be done by day release, normally four days at work as a trainee and one day in college, or by distance learning and working simultaneously. Apprenticeships can last up to four years at Level 3. You can then go on to earn a HNC (Higher National Certificate), HND (Higher National Diploma) or a degree.

Apprenticeships are available in a range of areas on the Island. These include the traditional routes in:

- Plumbing
- Carpentry
- Electrical installations (Electricians)
- Hair and beauty
- Motor mechanics
- Painting and decorating
- Brick laying
- Welding and fabrication

There are also non-traditional apprenticeships in areas such as:

- Care
- Hospitality
- Childcare
- Veterinary nursing
- Retail

## Where can you do apprenticeships?

Apprenticeships are split between training providers and learning in the workplace. There are various training providers on Island, for example Highlands College.

## Why do an apprenticeship?

If a young person is passionate or interested in a specific industry, has some work experience in this area and likes the idea of earning while they learn in a practical environment, this could be the right route for them.

## How much does it cost?

The cost associated with apprenticeships is in relation to the qualification. Some employers can assist with the costs of training, or this can be completely self-funded.

## Money is a barrier – is funding available?

Yes, you can apply to Trackers for funding for your apprenticeship up to Level 3. Funding for HNC, HND and degree level apprenticeships is provided from Student Finance.

You must be employed in industry to receive funding from Trackers.

As part of funding through Trackers you will be assigned a professionally qualified coach and mentor. Your mentor will work with you to support you throughout your qualification.

For more information on Trackers, please refer to [gov.je/trackers](http://gov.je/trackers)

## Can you do more than one apprenticeship?

Yes, however Trackers will only fund one route. For example, if you qualified as a plumber with funding from Trackers, then you wanted to do carpentry, you would need to look at alternative funding.

## How can I secure an apprenticeship?

There are a few ways you can secure an apprenticeship. Some people are offered a contract after completing a Trident or work experience placement. You could also:

- **Write a speculative letter** – not all jobs or apprenticeships are advertised. Identify an employer that undertakes the work you are interested in and write to them – the worst they can say is no! If you would like help writing a speculative letter, book an appointment with one of our advisers at Skills Jersey or see our guide to writing speculative or cover letters: [bit.ly/3feqnSZ](http://bit.ly/3feqnSZ)
- **Have an up-to-date CV** – having a CV is a great way to showcase your work experience, skills and key achievements. Templates for student CVs can be found at [bit.ly/3BAZTD0](http://bit.ly/3BAZTD0) or book an appointment with one of our advisers to talk through this more
- **Cold calling** – as well as writing, you can telephone an employer. It will help to have a 'Script' to follow – introduce yourself, explain why you are calling, ask if there are any opportunities for work experience
- **Speak to family and friends in the industry** you are interested in to get an overview and insight – for further information and employer contacts, Skills Jersey can help
- **Online** – try searching employers or company's websites, they often have a careers/vacancies section with a contact. There are also opportunities available at: [gov.je/jobs](http://gov.je/jobs)
- You can also find out more about apprenticeship opportunities within the Government of Jersey at - [earlyincareers.gov.je](http://earlyincareers.gov.je)

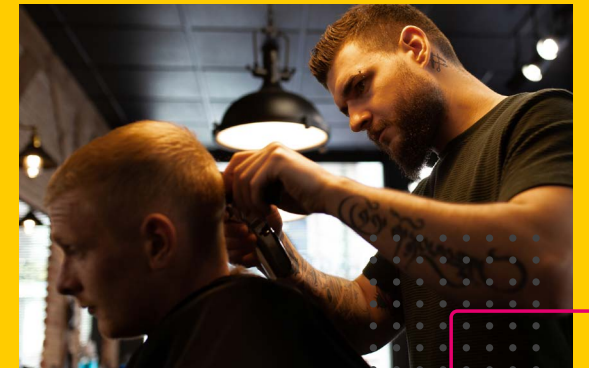
If a young person is wanting to go down the apprenticeship route but isn't sure on a specific area or industry, it is worth having a look at some of the one-year full-time Progression Route (JPQ) courses at Highlands College to gain an introduction to specific industries, gain further work experience and basic skills to then apply for an apprenticeship.

[highlands.ac.uk/courses-select](http://highlands.ac.uk/courses-select)



### IMPORTANT

If a young person is interested in an apprenticeship, they will need to start looking for an employer from around Easter time before they finish their GCSEs – do not leave this to the last minute!



# EMPLOYMENT

Once a young person finishes their GCSEs and leaves secondary school, they can go into employment – whether this is full-time, part-time, holiday or weekend work.

## Why do people choose this route?

For some young people, the world of work is much more appealing than remaining within education. It is an excellent way to develop lots of different skills such as confidence, communication, teamwork and working well under pressure. There are some obvious benefits too – such as earning money, developing a sense of independence and growing networks or meeting new people.

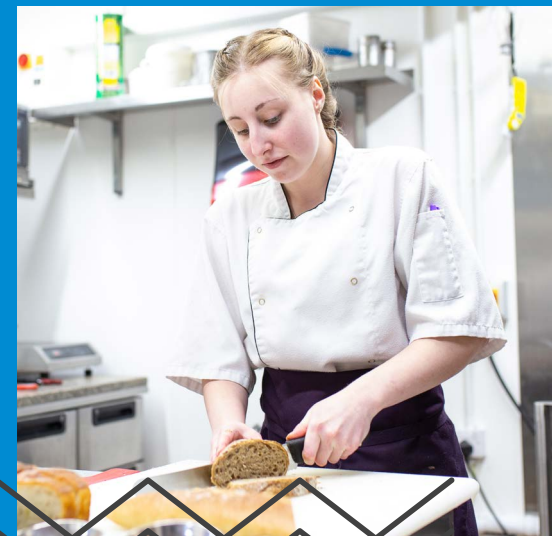
Some employment pathways also offer qualifications, meaning you can learn and earn at the same time. Opportunities can be found by speaking to your career teachers or a careers adviser at Skills Jersey. You can also find student opportunities here: [bit.ly/3C3qTw8](https://bit.ly/3C3qTw8)

Thinking about employment can be overwhelming – a young person may know they want to go into employment full-time but are not sure what they want to do. If this is the case, a careers appointment with Skills Jersey can help – we can support a young person with guidance, exploring different areas, as well as thinking about their own strengths, values and skills. To book a careers appointment, please go to [bit.ly/3N1D948](https://bit.ly/3N1D948)

## Things to consider

- **Having an up-to-date CV** – templates can be found on the Government website: [bit.ly/3C2ZtXd](https://bit.ly/3C2ZtXd)
- **Where to look for work** – there are many places to look for work in Jersey, including the jobs in Jersey pages on the Government website, local newspapers, social media or directly on an organisation's own website or social media channels
- **Approaching organisations and gaining work experience when needed** – writing a speculative letter or email along with your CV and approaching organisations in sectors you are interested in can sometimes be an effective way of sourcing opportunities. A speculative letter or email needs to be clear and concise
- **Tax and Social Security** – if a young person wants to go into employment, they will need to ensure they are registered with Social Security and Tax. If you have any questions about this, you can contact Customer and Local Services: [gov.je/cls](https://gov.je/cls)
- **Please be aware that some roles required five year residency** – this is normally stated on the job advertisement

Please remember a young person can also contact Skills Jersey directly to arrange an appointment to discuss topics such as cover letters and CVs in more detail.



## Can young people work under the age of 16?

For information on laws regarding children and employment, please refer to: [bit.ly/3C3UfdV](https://bit.ly/3C3UfdV)

Support with employment can also be accessed through schemes and organisations such as:

- **Princes Trust** – [bit.ly/3dG3gRa](https://bit.ly/3dG3gRa)
- **Back to Work** – [gov.je/backtowork](https://gov.je/backtowork)
- **Jersey Employment Trust (JET)** – JET can provide support to people with disabilities or health conditions to help secure and sustain employment. They have a team dedicated to working with young people including school leavers – more information can be found at [jet.co.je](https://jet.co.je)



# ARMED FORCES

## What are the armed forces?

The armed forces include the British Navy, British Army and The Royal Air Force (RAF). Whether it is land, air or sea based, the British forces are a part of UK governments military support. They are responsible for the safety and security of the United Kingdom. Their work involves combat, peacekeeping, and humanitarian aid.

## What types of careers are available within the armed forces?

There are a variety of different careers and opportunities within the armed forces and the level of entry will depend on your skills, qualifications, and experience. There are also lots of opportunities to develop and gain professional qualifications such as becoming a nurse, engineer, chef and pilot.

## Why do people join the armed forces?

There are many different reasons someone joins the armed forces, whether it be a way of gaining qualifications on the job, providing a service that makes a difference, or travelling and seeing the world whilst earning money and experiencing different cultures. Some people like the idea of structure and routine which the armed forces can provide. It certainly is a lifestyle choice and we recommend you research it as much as possible prior to application.

## How can I find out more?

You can find out about the different roles, what is involved and their entry requirements at:

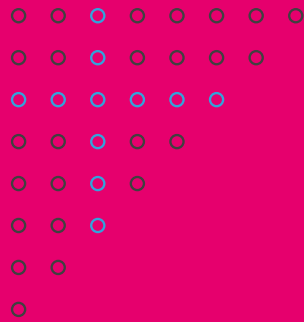
- British Army careers - [apply.army.mod.uk](http://apply.army.mod.uk)
- Royal Air Force (RAF) careers - [recruitment.raf.mod.uk](http://recruitment.raf.mod.uk)
- Royal Navy Careers - [royalnavy.mod.uk/careers](http://royalnavy.mod.uk/careers)

## What can I be doing whilst at school?

For further information on local opportunities see: [bit.ly/3LDCt4q](http://bit.ly/3LDCt4q)

The cadet schemes in Jersey are a great way to develop essential skills such as teamwork and communication whilst developing as a person and having fun. If you would like to join any of the local cadet schemes and learn how they work in Jersey, speak to your careers teacher and/or Skills Jersey for further information and contacts.

You can also speak to your school careers teacher about specific school and career events involving the armed forces and if they are taking place.



# VOLUNTARY WORK

## Why voluntary work?

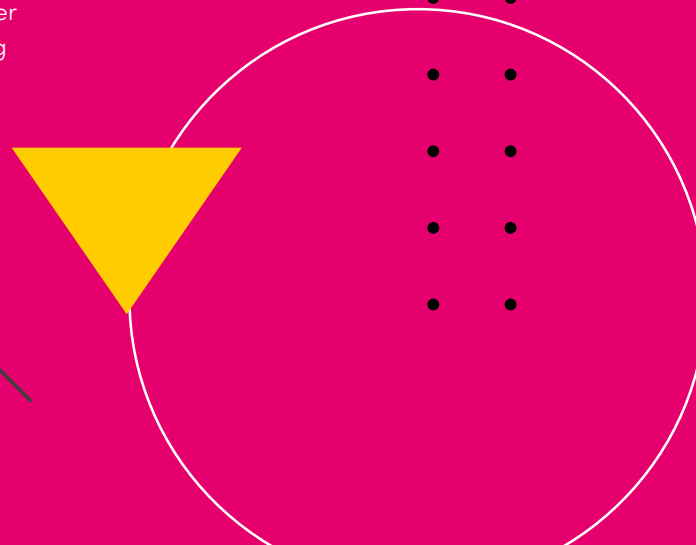
Volunteering can give a young person the opportunity to experience real life situations outside of the school environment where they can develop their communication skills, confidence and employability skills whilst building connections with employers and industry.

Volunteering is a great way to test out different career ideas and gain contacts with potential future employers.

## Will it not take up too much time?

Volunteering can fit around a young person's school life and hobbies. Most organisations on the volunteer websites will give information on hours required, job duties and age requirement.

Find out more on the benefits and finding the right volunteering post: [bit.ly/3BDJhdQ](http://bit.ly/3BDJhdQ)



## WHAT ELSE IS ON OFFER?

### Skills Camps

During school holidays, Skills Jersey often runs Skills Camps which run either on one day, or across two. These allow for students to learn more about and gain skills in areas such as cooking, horticulture, business and carpentry. Keep an eye on our social media pages to hear more about these, as well as our Eventbrite pages as this is where you will be able to book. Find more events at: [bit.ly/3gCgLCn](https://bit.ly/3gCgLCn)

### Insight Days

Throughout the year, Skills Jersey organise insight days for students focused in different areas – for example, we have done Medical and Nursing insights. Jersey Finance also organise insight days into Life and Careers in Finance. Keep an eye on our social media pages to hear more about these or via: [bit.ly/3LAjCRs](https://bit.ly/3LAjCRs)

You can also email us directly if you would like any further information on the above.

[skillsjersey@gov.je](mailto:skillsjersey@gov.je)

### Higher Education Fair

The Higher Education Fair, held in spring every year, is an exciting opportunity to learn not only about university courses, but also about alternative routes including apprenticeships, gap years and general career advice from representatives on-Island, the UK and further afield.

Schools attend with students during the day. Parents and carers are invited to attend too. There will be representatives from Student Finance and Skills Jersey Careers Guidance team available to talk to. There are also university talks and Student Finance information evenings you can attend around this time.

You can find further information on the event and universities on the Higher Education Fair website at [jerseyskillsshow.com/higher-education-fair](https://jerseyskillsshow.com/higher-education-fair)

### Jersey Skills Show

The Jersey Skills Show, held in autumn each year and open to parents or carers to attend, is an exciting, interactive take on a traditional careers fair designed to give your child a taste of different industries and help them plan for the next stage of their future whether it be for work or study with the aim of inspiring attendees to explore skills, careers and further education.

The Jersey Skills Show website is available all year round to support careers learning. This has lots of unique information about industries, videos featuring behind the scenes tours and job insights, and resource including quizzes, activities and career guidance information.

You can find further information on the event and careers information at [jerseyskillsshow.com](https://jerseyskillsshow.com)

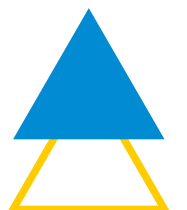


### Post 18 – Come talk to us

It can sometimes feel like you have only just gone through the process of discussing Post-16 options, when suddenly you have to start thinking about Post-18 options. Whichever option a young person takes, it is important to remember that they will be supported with Post-18 options, whether this is thinking about options such as university, employment, or a gap year.

A young person can have an appointment at any stage to come and see us at Skills Jersey during key transitions – we are a free, confidential and impartial service and can be there to run through options, or explore different areas, sectors or ideas in more depth.

We can also be there for you – we are an all-age service, meaning we see absolutely anyone resident in Jersey at any stage of their career. You may be thinking about a career change yourself, want to explore some options or have an idea about a role but are unsure how to get there – you can always come and book in for an appointment with us. **Remember – there are always options!**



## USEFUL WEBSITES

### Careers websites

#### iCould

[icould.com](http://icould.com)

Great for exploring careers by subject and industry. Also has the Buzz Quiz which is a quick personality quiz to give some ideas of where to start if someone is just starting to explore careers.

#### BBC Bitesize Careers

[bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers](http://bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers)

Provides some great insights and case studies showcasing how subjects link to different jobs

#### My World of Work

[myworldofwork.co.uk](http://myworldofwork.co.uk)

A useful website to explore where subjects studied at school can take you in the world of work.

#### Prospects

[prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree](http://prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree)

Great resource for exploring jobs linked to subjects to see where subjects can take you. Useful for working backwards if interested in a particular area to see the pathway you will need to study.

#### UCAS

[ucas.com](http://ucas.com)

Look at degree courses to see the entry requirements at level 3. Useful if you have career ideas and know you will need a degree to ensure you are choosing the right qualifications at level 3.

There is also a lot of information about personal statements including subject specific guides. You can talk to current students from an array of different universities and courses if you have any specific questions.

### Jersey Specific websites

#### Jersey Skills Show

[jerseyskillsshow.com](http://jerseyskillsshow.com)

Local industry information can be found under "Exhibitors"

#### Career resources and tools

[jerseyskillsshow.com/exhibitors/skills-jersey-careers-guidance](http://jerseyskillsshow.com/exhibitors/skills-jersey-careers-guidance)

You can also find Skills Jersey's Direction magazine on this page that cover local employment case studies with insight into various careers.

#### Career advice and guidance appointments

[bit.ly/2D3FitE](http://bit.ly/2D3FitE)

Young people are likely to have a careers appointment in Year 11 with a Skills Jersey careers adviser but if your child would benefit from further support with their next steps then please contact us directly for an appointment.

#### Local opportunities for students

[bit.ly/3r1tmkt](http://bit.ly/3r1tmkt)

Current opportunities for students including internships, school leaver and graduate work opportunities.

#### Writing your CV

[bit.ly/3SdulKn](http://bit.ly/3SdulKn)

#### Apprenticeships

[gov.je/trackers](http://gov.je/trackers)

#### Early in Careers

[earlyincareers.gov.je](http://earlyincareers.gov.je)

Opportunities for internships, apprenticeships and professional apprenticeship opportunities within the Government.

## LEVELS AND GRADES

If you are unsure the difference between qualification levels, this table helps to break it down. If you're unsure about the difference in grades, find out more here: [bit.ly/3UA74E8](http://bit.ly/3UA74E8)

GCSEs used to be graded using a letter system – it is now a number system. The below table compares the two (Source: Ofqual/BBC).

Old grades	New Grades
A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6
	5 Strong Pass
	4 Standard Pass
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U

#### Student Finance

[gov.je/studentfinance](http://gov.je/studentfinance)

#### Skills Jersey Eventbrite Page

[eventbrite.co.uk/o/17456675296](http://eventbrite.co.uk/o/17456675296)

Book into events such as the Skills Camps that run in the summer for students of all ages

#### Reach Magazine

This is a guide to higher education created by Skills Jersey, filled with tips and advice to take you to the next level including applications timelines, information on personal statements and all the different options. To find a digital copy, go to: [gov.je/skillsjersey](http://gov.je/skillsjersey)

### Sixth Form Schools and Colleges

#### Beaulieu Convent School

[beaulieu.jersey.sch.uk/sixth-form-curriculum](http://beaulieu.jersey.sch.uk/sixth-form-curriculum)

#### De La Salle College

[dls-jersey.co.uk/secondary/sixth-form](http://dls-jersey.co.uk/secondary/sixth-form)

#### Hautlieu School

[hautlieu.co.uk/16-application](http://hautlieu.co.uk/16-application)

#### Highlands College

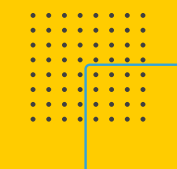
[highlands.ac.uk/16-plus](http://highlands.ac.uk/16-plus)

#### Jersey College for Girls

[jerseycollegeforgirls.com/pages/parent](http://jerseycollegeforgirls.com/pages/parent)

#### Victoria College

[victoriacollege.je/sixthform](http://victoriacollege.je/sixthform)





## Careers Guidance



### Are you...

- In education?
- Looking for a career change?
- Starting your career?
- Looking to gain a qualification
- Returning to work or retiring?

Our Careers Guidance team offer free, confidential and impartial careers guidance to people of all ages including school pupils, 16+ students and adults.

To book an appointment, visit [gov.je/skillsjersey](https://gov.je/skillsjersey)  
Email [skillsjersey@gov.je](mailto:skillsjersey@gov.je) or call 01534 449440



## Skills Coaching for young people

Connect with Education



### How can a young person get the support of a Skills Coach?

The Skills Coaching service is a voluntary and impartial service which aims to support you by understanding where the world of work links with your learning. If you are under the age of 25 and would like support from a Skills Coach, you can refer yourself by searching 'About Skills Coaching' on gov.je and completing our online referral form. The page includes information on the service, leaflets for employers, young people and professionals and permissions letters.

The Skills Coach team works behind the scenes impacting the lives of many young people in primary school, secondary school and further education. It is an impartial service which complements education plans and strategies for young people helping them connect their school studies with the world of work.

