



Sixth Form

Apprenticeship

A-Level

Vocational

T-Levels

**NEXT
STEP ?**

YOUR

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This guide is designed to give you important information about your next steps after school. We want to ensure that you leave Honiton Community College fully informed and prepared for the future.

Identifying your next steps can feel daunting. The process begins with choosing your options in Year 9 and continues through making informed decisions in Years 10 and 11 about what to do after your GCSEs.



Knowing all your options helps you keep every door open. There are many paths you can follow, what matters is discovering the one that feels right for you. The most important thing is choosing the route that works for you.



- What qualifications, skills and interests do I have?
- What would I like to be doing in 5 years time?
- What course, training or future job is likely to get me where I want to go?



Honiton Community College are here to support you, just like colleges and sixth forms. Achieving a Grade 4 or above in English and Mathematics is very important, as it opens more opportunities for your future. If you don't quite reach this grade, don't worry, you'll be able to work towards it as part of your study programme.

Some courses may require specific GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, depending on the subject. A course tutor will explain these requirements when you speak with them. Entry requirements can also vary between different courses.

OPTIONS FOR POST-16

A-LEVEL

Type: Level 3 qualification (UK)

Duration: Typically 2 years

Subjects: Usually 3 or 4 subjects chosen freely

UCAS Points: Each subject earns UCAS tariff points



The **International Baccalaureate (IB)** 6 subjects:

- 3 Higher Level and 3 Standard Level
- Extended Essay (student-selected topic)
- Project-based personal development
- Physical activity component
- Designed to provide broad, well-rounded knowledge

Level: Equivalent to A Levels (Level 3)

Duration: 2 years

T-LEVELS

A two-year vocational qualification, equivalent to three A-Levels, taken after GCSEs. It combines classroom-based learning with a substantial industry placement of at least 45 days to prepare students for skilled employment or higher education.

Vocational Courses

- Designed to prepare you for the workplace or help you progress to university.
- Available at Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3.
- Lead to recognised qualifications.
- Can help you progress to a higher-level degree or an apprenticeship.

Foundation courses

Designed to build your confidence in Mathematics and English, with levels ranging from Level 3 to Level 1. They're a great stepping-stone to further study and help you develop valuable skills in a variety of subjects.



have different levels from Entry Level up to Level 5 and can take a different amount of time to complete.

Level 1 - a one-year course, an introduction to working in a particular vocational area.

Level 2 - a one-year course, similar standard to 4 GCSE's.

Level 3 - a one or two-year course, similar standard to A-Levels.

Level 3 Extended Diplomas are the equivalent of 3 A-Levels and take 2 years to complete.

Colleges and Post -16 Options in the Area

Post-16 Colleges



Post-16 school & Sixth Form



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