

Cambourne Village College

Post-16 transition evening

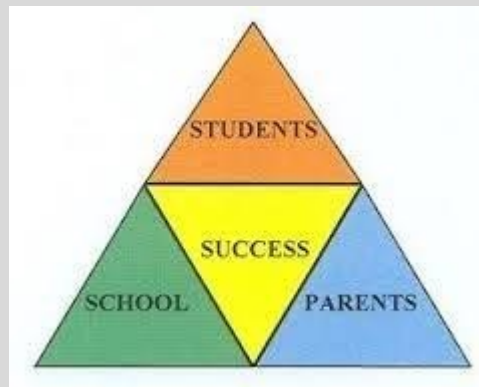
- To highlight some of the **key events** and **challenges** in Year 11
- To provide an overview of the **Sixth Form institutions** and **Post 16 application process**
- MyChoice16 guide: The following [PowerPoint](#) is a guide to mychoice16, outlining step by step how to submit college applications using the online application portal Mychoice16. Please click on 'Notes' located bottom right of the PPT for supporting notes.
- A recording of this presentation can be accessed on this [link](#) (School login required).



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1. Overview of Year 11
2. Predicted grades and what to do now
3. Post-16 choices
 - Things to consider
 - Options on offer
 - The application process
4. Start now – Meet the providers



Overview of Year 11

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| PSHE 15 th September 2021 | ‘Your Options for Post 16’ Options research including looking through prospectus’ |
| PSHE 29 th September 2021 | Introduction to MyChoice@16 online application process You will receive your login details to Mychoice16 |
| PSHE 13 th October 2021 | How to write a Personal statement Guidance on how to write a personal statement |
| PSHE 3 rd November 2021 | Mychoice16 – continuing with your profile, searching and applying for courses Guidance on how to search for, select and apply for courses and subjects at chosen post 16 institutions on mychoice16. |
| PSHE 17 th November 2021 | Mychoice16 – Reviewing, checking and sending your application(s) Dedicated time to complete, review and submit applications |
| PSHE 1 st December 2021 | Personal statement feedback -updating and resending applications OR Guidance meeting preparation. Personal statements will be returned to students with feedback for improvement – time given to act on feedback and re-submit applications where necessary OR dedicated time and support to prepare for college and sixth form guidance meetings. |
| PSHE 15 th December 2021 | My choice16 – final checks, updates & submissions, guidance meeting preparation OR revision. |
| Oct/Nov | College and Sixth Form open days and evenings across the county |
| 22nd October | Personal statement due in – added to MyChoice@16 profile. |
| 19th November | Online MyChoice@16 applications submitted (internal submission/deadline) |
| January 2022 | Post 16 application county deadline (final deadline) |
| February 2022 | Guidance meetings and interviews with providers start |
| May 2022 | GCSE Exams start |

2. Predicted grades and what to do now

- Look at your target grades for your subjects on Go4schools and the progress statements alongside them that indicate your likelihood of achieving those grades; these are based on the work you did in Year 10, taking into consideration: class work, test results, homework, attitude to learning.
- Projected grades will be reviewed as we go through the autumn, and you will receive them in your October report.
- Final projected grades will be submitted by the school at the end of term. These are non-negotiable and will go onto your post-16 application.



3. Post-16 choices

Things to consider

- Post-16 choices involves **everyone** due to Government legislation that requires young people to continue in education or training until at least their 18th birthday. This is known as Raising the Participation Age (RPA)
- Options:
 - Full time education, such as school or college
 - An apprenticeship or other work based learning
 - Part time education or training if they are employed, self employed or volunteering for more than 20 hours a week



3. Post-16 choices

Things to consider

Maths and English are important!

- Many course offers are subject to pupils getting a particular grade in English or maths – read the information carefully
- Students who achieve a grade 3 in English and/or maths **will need to retake**
- Students who achieve **below a 3** in English and/or maths will need to take a **stepping stone qualification** such as functional skills en route to a GCSE in these subjects, or retake a GCSE in these subjects.
- Students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, may be exempt from the above, but will still need to study maths and/or English in some form.



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Things to consider

Transport

- From the 1 September financial support will only be available for students living in low income households who meet the Council's qualifying criteria.
- New post-16 students who qualify on grounds of low income for post-16 support are all **required to make a financial contribution** towards the full cost of transport provided by the Council.
- For more information see the councils information booklet "Post-16 Education Transport in Cambridgeshire – do you qualify for help?"

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/post16edtransport



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Things to consider

Career pathway

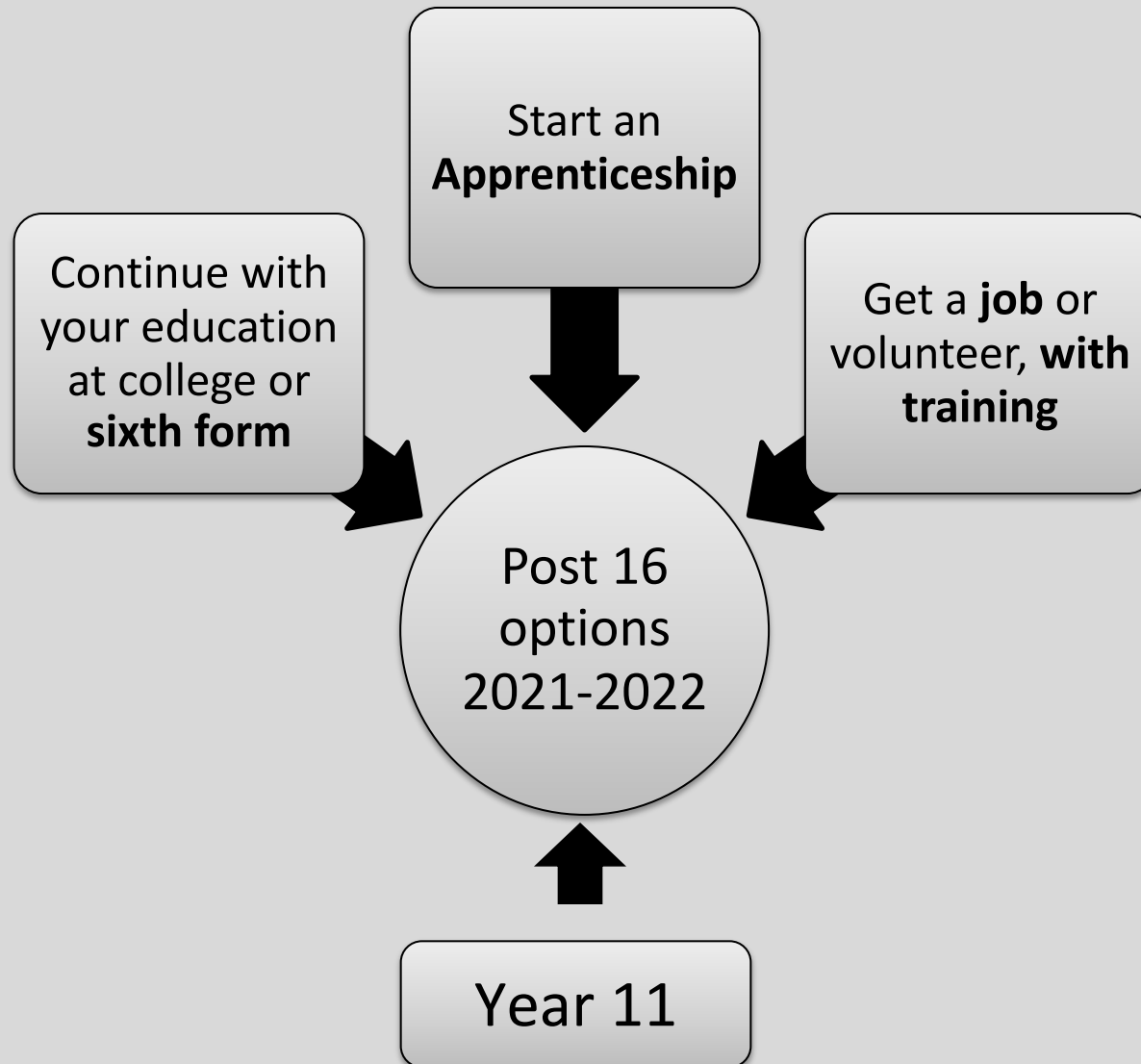
- What do you want to do longer term?

| Facilitating subjects | |
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| Mathematics | Physics |
| Further Mathematics | Geography |
| English Literature | History |
| Biology | Modern Languages |
| Chemistry | Classical Languages |



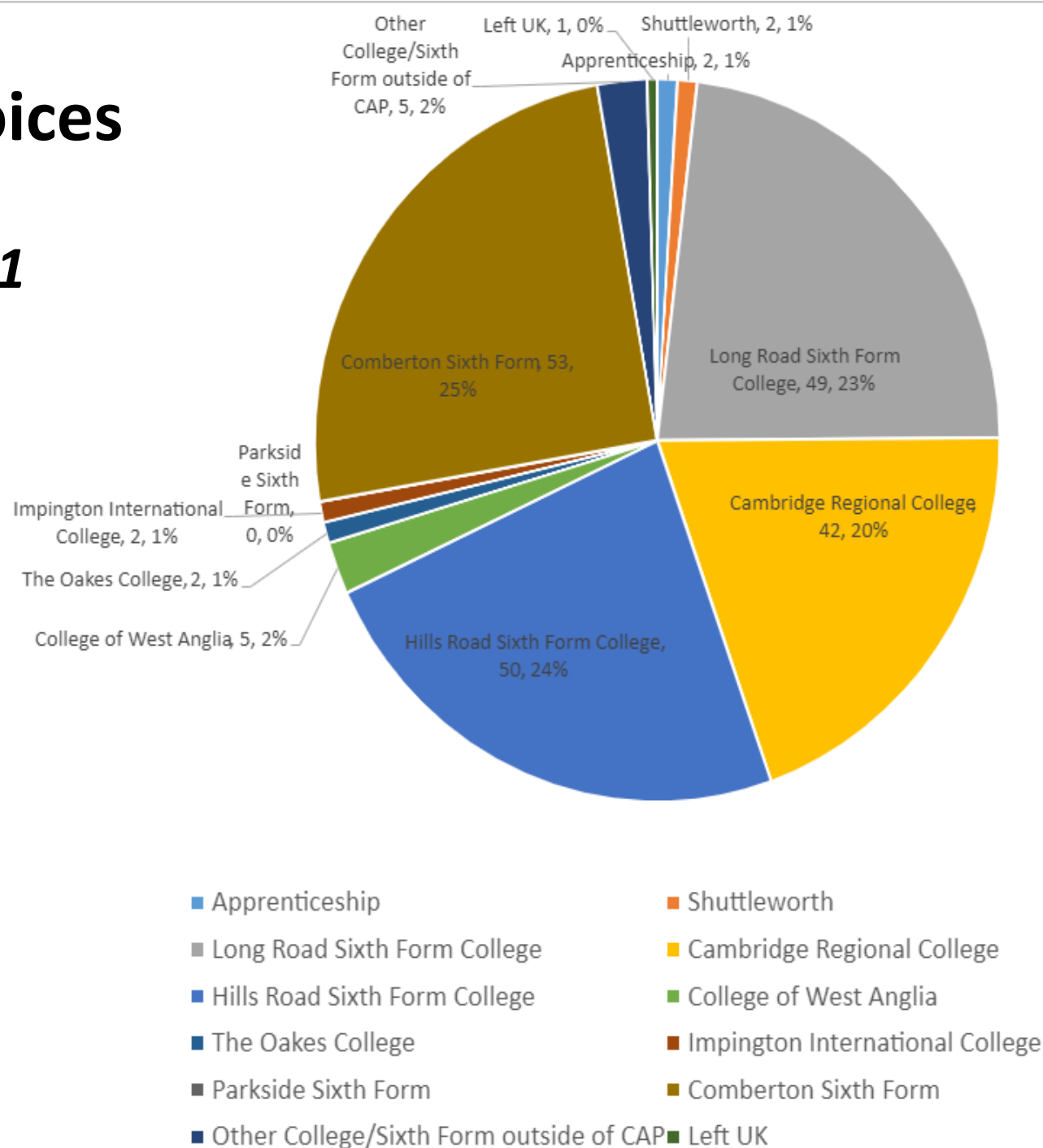
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Options on offer



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Year 11 Leavers destinations 2021



3. Post-16 Choices- Options on offer

| Level | Academic <i>mostly examinations</i> | Applied General <i>50% coursework</i> | Vocational/Technical Level (T Level) <i>coursework based/80% classroom 20% work</i> | Apprenticeship Traineeship <i>employment and training</i> |
|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 3 | A/AS-level IB | BTEC/OCR/Applied Diploma Level 3 | (NVQ)/C&G/T Level Level 3 only | Advanced Apprenticeship |
| 2 | GCSE 9-4 Maths / English 9-4 | BTEC/OCR Level 2 Applied Diploma | (NVQ)/C&G L2 | Intermediate Apprenticeship and Traineeship |
| 1 | GCSE 3-1 Maths / English 3-1 | BTEC/OCR Level 1 | (NVQ)/C&G L1 | Traineeship and Pre-employment schemes |

It is possible to combine Academic and Applied General route at some providers

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Options on offer

Apprenticeships

- Available to everyone
- Earn while you learn
- Run through a range of training providers
- Information can be found on
www.youthoria.org.uk
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- Quick search revealed 39 within 10 miles of school
- Start your search now – placements come up all the time

| Level | Apprenticeship Traineeship <i>employment and training</i> |
|-------|---|
| 3 | Advanced Apprenticeship |
| 2 | Intermediate Apprenticeship and Traineeship |
| 1 | Traineeship and Pre- employment schemes |



Myth 1

Apprenticeships are for people
doing plumbing and
hairstressing



Apprenticeships are available in 1500 job roles, and increasing all the time

Digital Marketer Fitness Instructor Engineer
Business Executive Receptionist Procurement
Animal Stylist Lawyer Groom Print Process
Technician Production Engineer Laboratory
Scientist Sheet Metal Engineer Dental Nurse
Infrastructure Technician IT Technician Aircraft
Engineer Software Developer Website
Designer



Travis Perkins



openreach



Myth 2

Apprenticeships are for
students who get poor grades




Qualifications

- Usually need 5 or more GCSEs 4-9 including English and Maths – sometimes higher
- Some require A levels
- Problem solver: happy to ask for help but equally someone who can think and work things out themselves
- Good interpersonal skills: to work with clients or colleagues

Apprenticeships

- Start searching now

 **Find an apprenticeship**

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Options on offer

Sixth-Form College

BTECs /Applied Diplomas

- Various levels of entry
- Comparable to A-Levels
- More vocational and practical
- Continually assessed through coursework and practical projects
- Can study a combination of BTECs/Applied Diplomas and A-Levels in some colleges
- Most Universities will accept a BTEC/Level 3 Applied Diploma (equivalent to 3 A-Levels) as entry



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Options on offer

Sixth-Form College

A-Levels

- All providers are now working to a linear system i.e. exams at the end of 2 years.
- Generally study 3-4 different subjects

IB (International Baccalaureate)

IBDP = International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

IBCP = International Baccalaureate Career-related Program

- Internationally recognised
- Offers a broader range of study than A-Levels
- Choose 6 subjects from specific strands- 3 subjects will be taken at a higher level and 3 at a lower levels



The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)



GROUP 1 LANGUAGE A

English Language and Literature
English Literature*
Self Study (SL only)

GROUP 2 LANGUAGE B

Ab initio Italian (SL only)
Ab initio Russian (SL only)
French
German
Spanish

GROUP 3 INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES

Economics
Geography
History
Psychology
Social and Cultural Anthropology

This list is our annual core offering of courses, and as we are a school with a highly skilled staff, we are also able to offer additional subjects, should they prove popular.

GROUP 4 EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES

Biology
Chemistry
Nature of Science (SL only)
Physics

GROUP 5 MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTING

Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches
Mathematics: Application and Interpretation

GROUP 6 THE ARTS

Dance**
Film
Music
Theatre**
Visual Arts

*We can also support self-study courses for students fluent in another language.

**Although we do not currently run these courses, we would be willing to do so for a sufficient number of students.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)

-suggested subject groupings

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| THE MEDICAL STUDENT | English SL | Maths AI SL | Ab initio Russian SL | Psychology HL | Biology HL | Chemistry HL |
| THE ENGINEERING STUDENT | English SL | Maths AA HL | Spanish SL | Economics SL | Physics HL | Chemistry HL |
| THE ALL ROUNDER | English HL | Maths AI SL | French HL | History SL | Physics HL | Film SL |
| THE SOCIAL SCIENCES STUDENT | English HL | Maths AI SL | French SL | History HL | Nature of Science SL | Social and Cultural Anthropology HL |
| THE LANGUAGES STUDENT | English HL | Maths AI SL | French HL | History SL | Biology SL | Spanish HL |
| THE ARTS STUDENT | English HL | Maths AI SL | Ab initio Italian SL | Geography HL | Nature of Science SL | Music HL |

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Options on offer

T Levels

EQUIVALENT TO 3 A LEVELS

T Levels are an alternative to A levels, apprenticeships and other 16 to 19 courses. Equivalent to 3 A levels, a T Level focuses on vocational skills and can help students into skilled employment, higher study or apprenticeships.

A 45-DAY INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

Each T Level includes an in-depth industry placement that lasts at least 45 days. Students get valuable experience in the workplace; employers get early sight of the new talent in their industry.

80% CLASSROOM, 20% WORK

T Level students spend 80% of the course in the classroom, learning the skills that employers need. The other 20% is a meaningful industry placement, where they put these skills into action.

- Currently only offered at Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology (CAST) in Science and Healthcare Science

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Options on offer

– What do qualifications lead to?

| Qualification | Leads to |
|----------------------|---|
| A Level/IB | University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work |
| T Levels | University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work |
| Technical/Vocational | Apprenticeship, work, college or university |
| Applied | University/college, apprenticeship, work |
| Traineeship | Apprenticeship, further education, work |
| Supported Internship | Work, traineeship, apprenticeship |
| Apprenticeship | Work, next level of apprenticeship, further education, higher education |

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Options on offer

There are 11 post-16 centres in the Cambridgeshire area, offering a range of courses:

- Cambridge Regional College,
- COWA (Milton campus),
- Comberton,
- Bishop Laney,
- Hills Road,
- Impington,
- Long Road,
- The Oakes College,
- Parkside
- Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology

Students applying to these centres will apply through the online MyChoice@16 system.



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Options on offer – overview by institution



Where can I study?

| A Levels | IB Careers Programme | Applied courses | Technical Vocational courses |
|---|--|--|--|
| Bishop Laney Sixth Form Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology Comberton Sixth Form Hills Road Sixth Form College Long Road Sixth Form College The Oakes College | Impington International Sixth Form | Cambridge Regional College Bishop Laney Sixth Form College of West Anglia (Cambridge) Long Road Sixth Form College Comberton Sixth Form The Oakes College | Cambridge Regional College College of West Anglia (Cambridge) |
| | IB Diploma Programme | | T Levels |
| | Impington International Sixth Form Parkside Sixth | | Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology |

There may be other local Non CAP post 16 centres

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Options on offer – institution overview

| Institution | Provision | Entry (minimum) | Guidance meetings policies |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Comberton Sixth Form | A-Levels, Cambridge IPQ , and BTECs | <p>A-levels:</p> <p>5x grade 5s, including at least a 4 in English and Maths</p> <p>Minimum of 6 in subjects to be studied at A Level</p> <p>- Subject specific entry requirements apply to some courses - please check prospectus</p> <p>BTEC Level 3</p> <p>5 x grade 4s incl. English and Maths</p> | Comberton aim to interview all appropriate first choice applicants who meet the admissions criteria. |

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Options on offer – institution overview

| Institution | Provision | Entry (minimum) | Guidance meetings policies |
|------------------------|---|--|---|
| College Of West Anglia | Land-based and Animal care focused Diplomas and Apprenticeships | Generally: 5x Grade 4s Check in prospectus – different level courses have different entry criteria | All applicants, if they meet the stated entry requirements will be invited for interview. If an applicant discloses potential additional support needs, there may be further assessment required. |

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Options on offer – institution overview

| Institution | Provision | Entry (minimum) | Guidance meetings policies |
|-----------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|
| CRC | Diploma courses in a variety of subjects. HNC and HND Courses available. | Level 1: 2 x Grade 2s Level 2: 3 x Grade 3s Level 3: 4 x Grade 4s, including English or maths | CRC will interview all applicants. |
| CRC (Apprenticeships) | Variety of apprenticeships. Student will need to source own work placement or apply directly to employer via https://www.camre.ac.uk/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-job-vacancies/ | Level 1 (Traineeship): 2 x Grade 2s Level 2: 3 x Grade 3s, including English and Maths Level 3: Generally 4 x Grade 4s, including English and maths | CRC will interview all applicants. |

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Options on offer – institution overview

| Institution | Provision | Entry (minimum) |
|-------------|-----------|--|
| Hills Road | A levels | <p>Non STEM: – Admissions score* of 58, including a grade 6 in English Language or Literature for most subjects. Also need a grade 4 in Mathematics for some subjects.</p> <p>STEM: – Science: Admissions score of 71. Including grade 7 in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics or Grade 7 in combined science.</p> <p>Maths: Admissions score of 60.</p> <p>Further Maths:- Admissions score of 78</p> <p>4 A Levels:- Admissions score of 78</p> <p><u>*Admissions score</u> Add up the following: English Language grade x2 Mathematics grade x2 Best six other grades</p> <p>Up to two GCSEs can be replaced in the ‘admissions score’ by level 2 vocational qualifications (BTECs), using the following conversion of vocational grades to numbers: Distinction*=8; Distinction=7; Merit=6; Pass=4.</p> |

Example student A:

GCSE results: Maths 8; English Language 6; Science 6,7; French 5; Computer science 3; History 4; DT 7; Art 4

Score:
8x2 plus 6x2; add to
7,7,6,5,4,4

TOTAL: 61

Example student B:

GCSE results: Maths 6; English Language 5; English lit. 5; Chemistry 4; Biology 4; Physics 4; Spanish 5; Geography 2; Music 2

Score:
6x2 plus 5x2; add to 5,5,4,4,4,2

TOTAL: 46

Hill Road continued...
Guidance meeting policy:

- When applying on My Choice 16, if Hills Road is **listed second to a school-based 6th form** (e.g. Comberton Sixth Form, Bishop Laney, The Oakes, Parkside Sixth, Impington International College) **a guidance meeting will be offered** (where all other entry requirements are met)
- If listed **second to non-school-based 6th form or College** (e.g. Long Road, CRC) Hills Road will **not offer a guidance meeting.**

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Options on offer – institution overview

| Institution | Provision | Entry (minimum) | Guidance meetings policies |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Impington International College | <p>The International Baccalaureate Diploma (6 x IB Subjects)</p> <p>The International Baccalaureate Careers Programme (1 x BTEC, 2 x IB subjects)</p> <p>BTECS and BTECS as part of the Performance School and Sports Scholarship Programmes.</p> | <p>IBDP: 7 x Grade 5s, including English Language and Maths. For subjects you wish to study at higher level you will need at least a grade 6.</p> <p>IBCP: 5 x grade 4s Ideally including Mathematics and English and preferably with a grade 5 in your area of specialism.</p> <p>BTEC: 5 x grade 4s, ideally including Mathematics and English and preferably with a grade 5 in your area of specialism.</p> | <p>Interview all applicants who meet the admission criteria. Recommend first choice over larger colleges such as CRC. Strong interest in the vocational BTEC subject will need to be evidenced at the guidance meeting.</p> |

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Options on offer – institution overview

| Institution | Provision | Entry (minimum) | Guidance meetings policies |
|-------------|----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Long Road | A level and diplomas | <p>A-levels: 7 x Grade 4s including English and Maths and a grade 5 in your chosen subject area, some may need a 6.</p> <p>Prospective students with fewer than 7 GCSEs at Grade 4, or without a Grade 4 in either Maths or English, may be considered depending on their intended programme of study and career plan if they have an average grade of at least 4 in all subjects taken at GCSE level, and two or more grades higher than 4.</p> <p>Level 3 Applied Diplomas: 5 x grade 4s, including English and Merit in relevant Level 2 Diploma (if taken). Students with a Distinction grade in a related subject may be considered with a grade in a related subject may be considered with a Grade 3 in GCSE English.</p> <p>Level 2 Applied Programme: 3 x grade 4s Including at least a 3 in English. Some L2 have different requirements – please check prospectus</p> | Will be interviewing all applicants. |

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Options on offer – institution overview

| Institution | Provision | Entry (minimum) | Guidance meetings policies |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| The Oakes College | A levels and some diplomas | A-levels: 7x grade 4s STEM A-levels: 7 x grade 4s, grade 6 in maths and grade 6 in combined or triple science. Diplomas: 7x grade 4s Some subjects have specific requirements, please check prospectus | Will interview first and second choice applicants. |
| Parkside Sixth | International Baccalaureate Diploma | IBDP: 5 x grade 4s, including English Language and maths at grade 4. For subjects you wish to study at Higher Level, you should ideally have grade 6 in a related subject. <i>NB certain subjects in the IB will require more.</i> | Will see all applicants but would recommend putting them higher than large colleges such as Long Road and CRC |

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Options on offer – institution overview

| Institution | Provision | Entry (minimum) | Guidance meetings policies |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology | STEM Focused ALevels and TLevels. | <p>A Levels: 7 x grade 4s (including English grade 4) with double or triple science (grade 6/6) and Maths (grade 5/6 depending on subject choice).</p> <p>Students select 3 A levels and should also take Core Maths, if they have not chosen one of their A level choices as Maths. The Extended Project will be undertaken by all students in their Challenge Day.</p> <p>T Levels: 5 x grade 4s including 5 in Science, 5 in Maths and 4 in English</p> | Will see all applicants but would recommend putting them higher than large colleges such as Long Road and CRC |

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Options on offer – institution overview

| Institution | Provision | Entry (minimum) | Guidance meetings policies |
|--------------|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Shuttleworth | Land-based and Animal care focused BTECs and Apprenticeships | Level 2 - 3 x grade 3s, ideally including English and Maths or a Level 1 qualification Level 3 - 4 x grade 4s, ideally including Maths and English or a Level 2 qualification. | Will interview all applicants |

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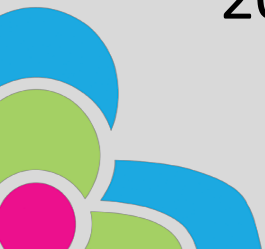
Options on offer – institution overview

| Institution | Provision | Entry (minimum) | Guidance meetings policies |
|-------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Bishop Laney sixth Form | <p>A Levels, Diplomas, Extended Diplomas and Norwich City FC College Football Programme (two & three year)</p> <p>Two year programme: any course of student's choice, plus 4-6 hours per week football training and representing Norwich City FC.</p> <p>Three year programme: BTEC First in Public Services Level 2, plus 4-6 hours per week football training and representing Norwich City FC.</p> | <p>Level 2: 3 x grade 3s</p> <p>Level 3: 5 x grade 4s, including English and Maths. Some Level 3 subjects have subject specific entry criteria - please check prospectus.</p> <p>Norwich city FC Football Programme: Two year programme- 5 x grade 5s</p> <p>Three year programme – 4 x grade 4s including English language and maths</p> | Will interview all applicants |

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Options on offer

- Post-16 centres may have different entry criteria for the courses offered.
- Post-16 centres will make their own decisions about which students they have guidance meetings with and when these meetings will be confirmed with pupils.
- Students need to seek information through prospectuses, open evenings and admissions policies.
- Each centre will process paperwork in different ways and at different timescales – all offers will be out by Easter 2022



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Options on offer

Response to offers

- Centres will determine their own guidelines over students' response to offers (e.g. Via MyChoice@16, email etc.)
- Students will be expected to respond to the offers following the instructions provided with the offer (June and July will be busy months)
- Students **may hold more than one offer at different centres** until results are published in August, but not more than one type of course at any one centre.
- Guidance will be provided by the centres about how to confirm offers in August but students are strongly advised to be available on results day to collect results and respond to offers made.
- Enrolment days take place straight after Results Day. Don't be on holiday or else you may miss out.



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The application process

- All applications to Cambridgeshire institutions will be online via MyChoice@16 Web based process done in PSHE, tutor time and at home
- Use www.mychoice16.co.uk to research courses and institutions
- Pupils each have an account – no parent access but please do help
- References and estimated grades provided by the school
- Students must list their order of preference on their application
- School deadline for completed applications: **19th November 2021**

County deadline for submission of applications (by school) is: January 2022



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The application process

Do's and Don'ts

- **Do download the Cambourne VC 'A guide to the College Application Process' booklet** – *available on the year 11 section of the website, the year 11 page of the CATalogue and the careers page of the CATalogue. Hardcopy booklets are available from Mr Thomas, Ms Larbey-Douglas or your tutor.*
- Do use the booklet
- Do research the courses and centres carefully
- Don't just look at one centre
- Do have a 'back up' option
- Do talk to other people
- Don't choose a course just because your friend is doing it
- Do be aware of the grades you will need, both to get an offer and to be able to take up the offer
- Don't settle for the bare minimum
- Do ask questions



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