



## Next Steps – Education, Employment and Training

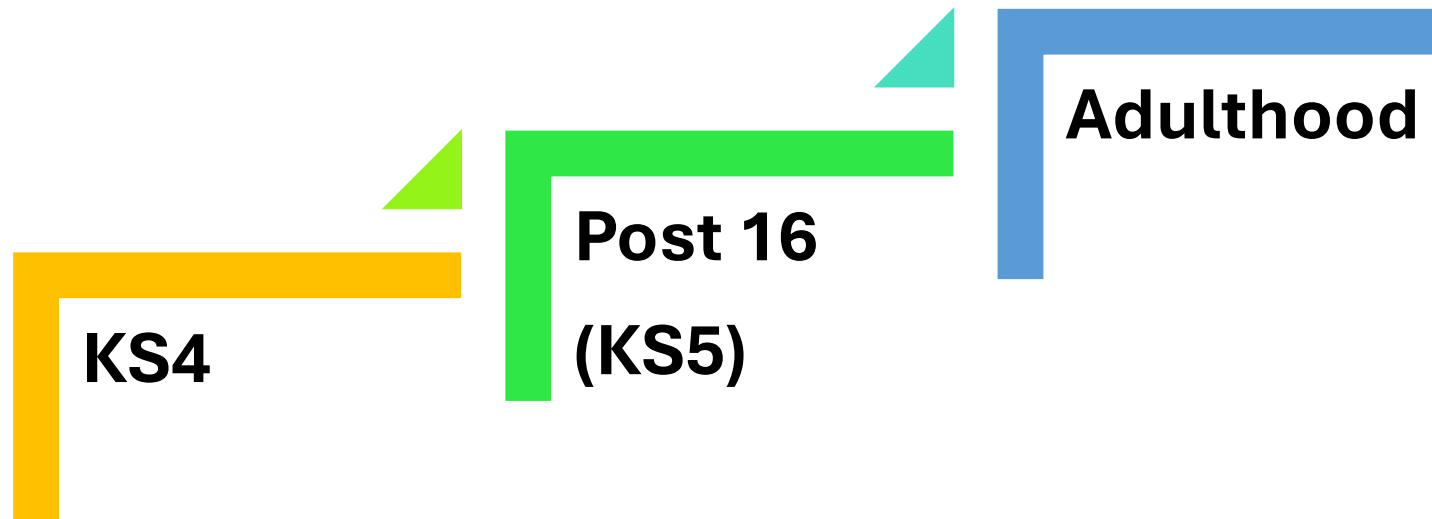
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# Aims of workshop

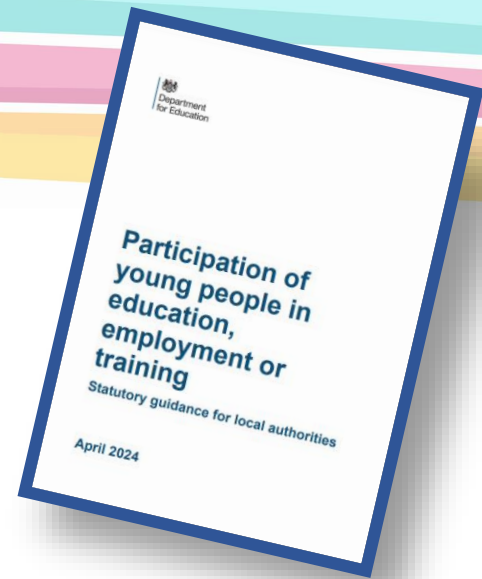
- To understand the different types of Post 16 pathways
- To understand the different levels of types of qualifications
- To understand how to effectively plan for Post 16 education, employment and training

# Ambition and Aspiration



## Pathways to Achieve Ambitions

Young people must be in some form of education, employment or training until the age of 18.



Full Time Study

Full Time work or  
volunteering (20 hours)  
combined with part-time  
education or training

Apprenticeship or  
internship



Leading Towards Regulated Qualifications

## Employment

### True or False?

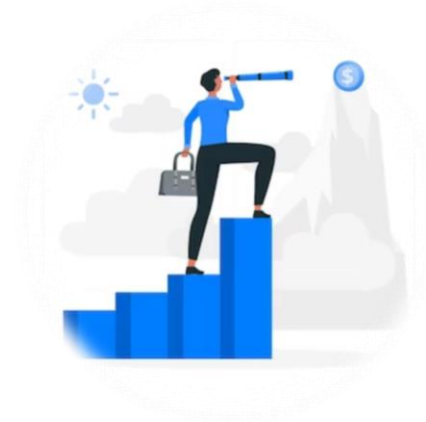
A young person employed for 35 hours per week on a permanent contract satisfies the participation law.

Volunteering and self-employment are classed as 'employment'

### High Aspirations

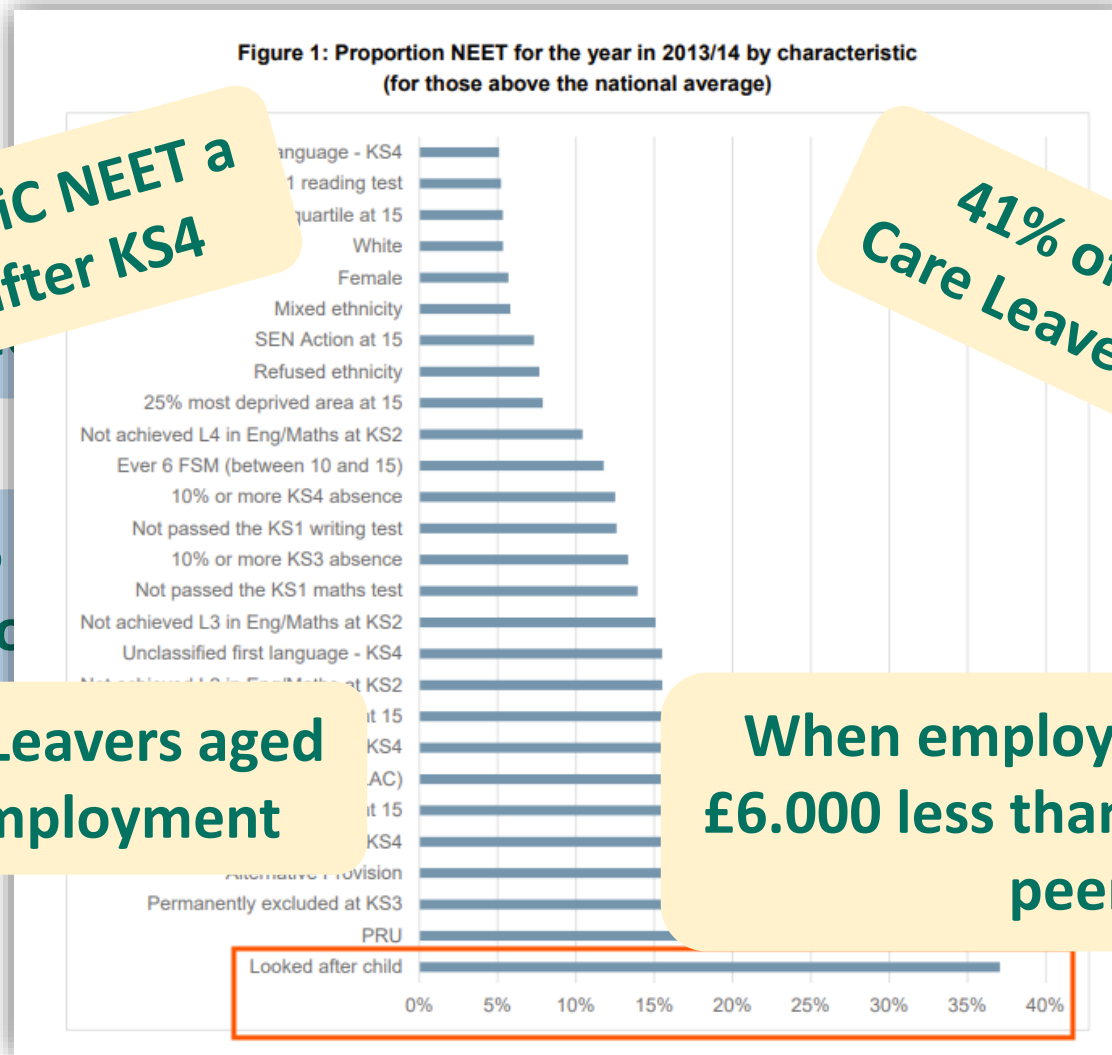
What is the employment leading to next?

What qualifications can be gained?



# NEET – Lifelong Disadvantage

Figure 1: Proportion NEET for the year in 2013/14 by characteristic (for those above the national average)



21% of CiC NEET a year after KS4

41% of 19-21 Care Leavers NEET

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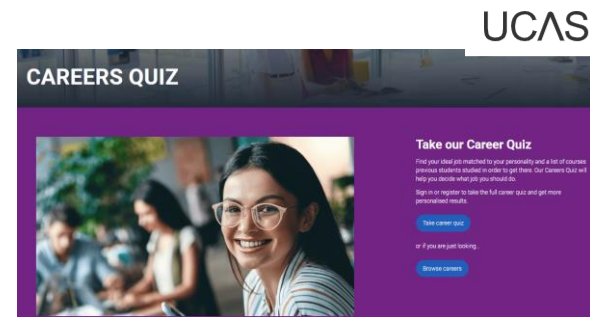
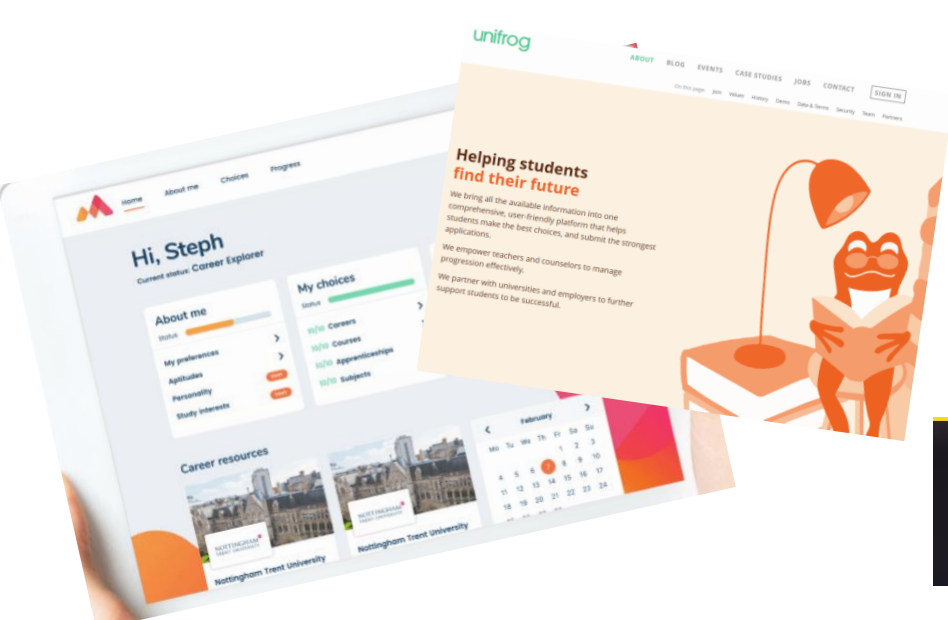
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22% of Care Leavers aged 27 are in employment

When employed, Care Leavers earn £6.000 less than non-care experienced peers (aged 27)

# Ambition and Aspiration

- Choice
- Strengths, interests and skills
- Building on & growing
- Awareness of self-efficacy & self-worth
- High Aspirations





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## Subjects it's useful to have studied first

Some art courses or apprenticeships will have requirements for previous qualifications in certain subjects. Entry requirements vary, so always check with the provider.

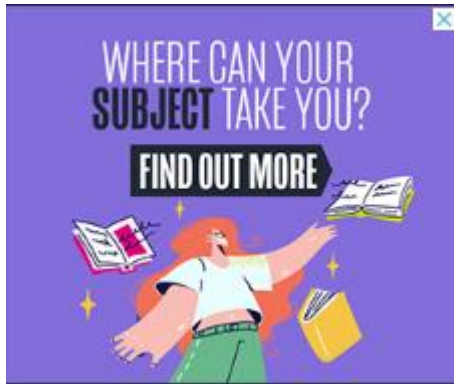
Art

Design

Design and technology

Photography

Fine art



	<b>Available jobs</b> 11,545 vacancies in the past year 9.01% growth over next eight years		<b>Average salary</b> £30,638 Up to £55,641
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# Qualifications: Types and Levels

Qualification Levels			
Entry level	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<p>Three sub-levels - 1, 2 and 3.</p> <p>Entry level 3 is the most difficult.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. entry level award</li> <li>. entry level certificate (ELC)</li> <li>. entry level diploma</li> <li>. entry level English for speakers of other languages (ESOL)</li> <li>. entry level essential skills</li> <li>. entry level functional skills</li> <li>. Skills for Life</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. <b>GCSE - grades 3, 2, 1</b></li> <li>. level 1 award</li> <li>. level 1 certificate</li> <li>. level 1 diploma</li> <li>. level 1 ESOL</li> <li>. level 1 essential skills</li> <li>. level 1 functional skills</li> <li>. level 1 national vocational qualification (NVQ)</li> <li>. music grades 1, 2 and 3</li> <li>. first certificate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. <b>GCSE - grades 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4</b></li> <li>. intermediate apprenticeship</li> <li>. level 2 award</li> <li>. level 2 certificate</li> <li>. level 2 diploma</li> <li>. level 2 ESOL</li> <li>. level 2 essential skills</li> <li>. level 2 functional skills</li> <li>. level 2 national certificate</li> <li>. level 2 national diploma</li> <li>. level 2 NVQ</li> <li>. music grades 4 and 5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. <b>A level</b></li> <li>. access to higher education diploma</li> <li>. advanced apprenticeship</li> <li>. applied general</li> <li>. AS level</li> <li>. international Baccalaureate diploma</li> <li>. level 3 award</li> <li>. level 3 certificate</li> <li>. level 3 diploma</li> <li>. level 3 ESOL</li> <li>. level 3 national certificate</li> <li>. level 3 national diploma</li> <li>. level 3 NVQ</li> <li>. music grades 6, 7 and 8</li> <li>. T Level</li> </ul>

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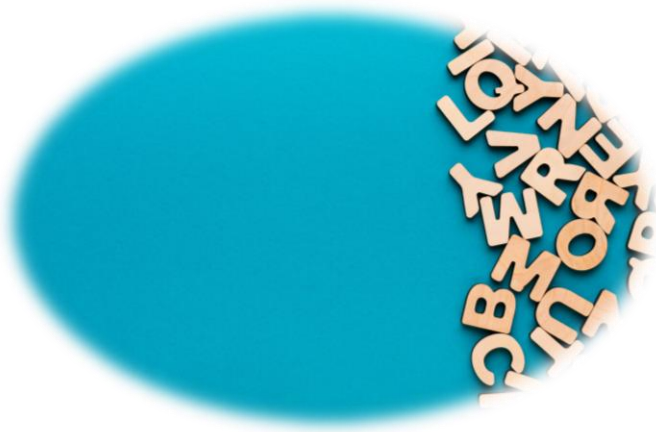
- Level 3 Pathway
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- HE Offer for VS
- Access Courses



## Qualifications: Types and Levels

### English and Maths Level 2

- 3 hours in English & 4 hours in maths (per week)
- Working towards GCSE, Functional Skills Level 2 or 'stepping stone' qualifications



## Education and Training Types

### Academic

Broadly based around an area of work or 'job family'.  
They equip you with knowledge of a sector and introduce you to the different careers within it.  
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## Example Subjects

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Health and Social Care, Business Administration, Performing Arts, Music Technology, Computing and many more!

### Vocational

Childcare, Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Plumbing, Food Preparation, Accounting and many more!

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# Training - Apprenticeships

- Work and study
- Paid a salary – standard employee
- Dedicated study time
- £3000 bursary for Care Leavers
- Qualification varies
- 12 months – 4 years
- End Point Assessment

## Intermediate apprenticeships (Level 2)

Level 2 apprenticeships are equivalent to GCSE standard.

## Advanced apprenticeships (Level 3)

Level 3 apprenticeships are equivalent to two A Level passes.

## Higher apprenticeships (Level 4 and 5)

Higher apprenticeships are equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate degree or a foundation degree.

## Degree apprenticeships (Level 6 and 7)

A degree apprenticeship is equivalent to an undergraduate or a master's degree.





**College**



**School**



**Work Place**



**Training Provider**

**What Support Is Available?**



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## Hoping to go to college?

This page includes helpful information if you are planning to go to college.

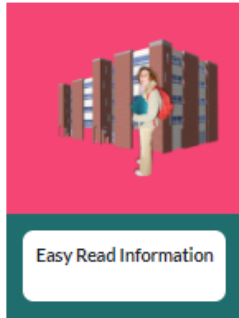
### What help is available?

Ask your school or college SENCO and careers advisers about how they can help you decide on:

- Which course
- Which college
- How to get help with your application

Look on the college websites or look at the 2 documents to help you choose a course and apply.

- [Peterborough Post-16 Education Offer 2024 - 2025](#)
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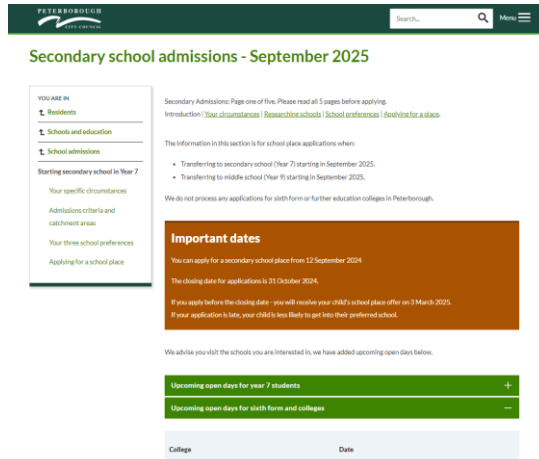
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Links to courses

The Five Day Offer



- Considering Post 18 – CIAG
- Open visits (3<sup>rd</sup> October - 15<sup>th</sup> March)

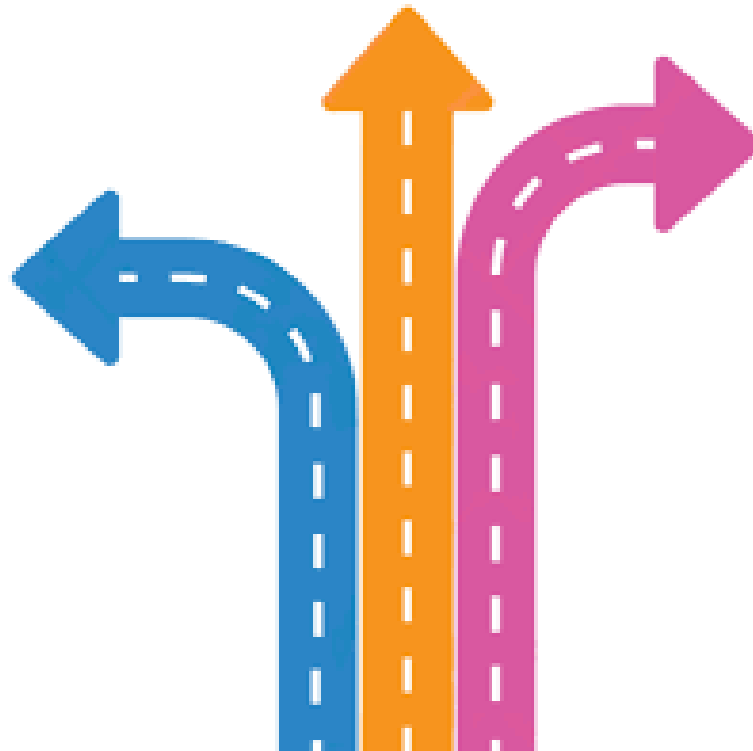


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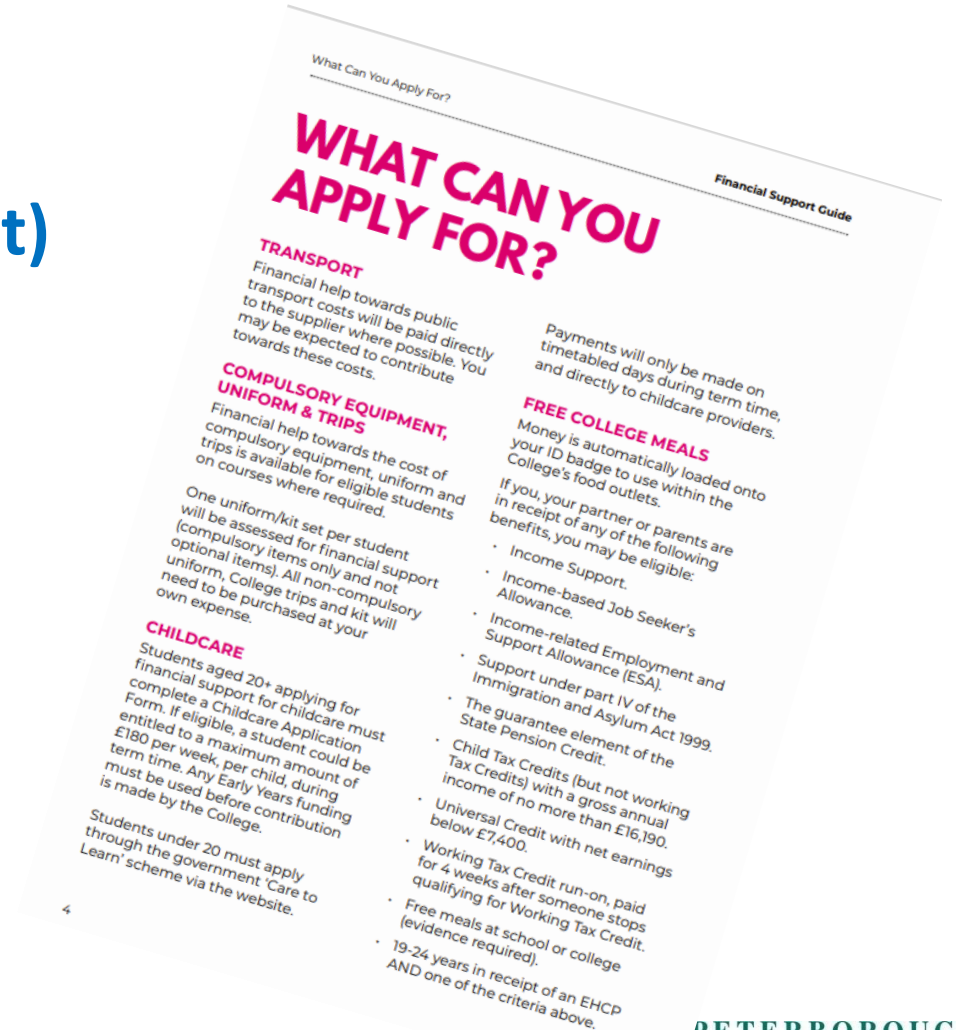
- Start applying in October and November of Year 11

## Early Decision Making

- Informed Decision Making
- Building Relevant Skills
- Maximising opportunities
- Avoid last-minute pressure



- No course fees under the age of 19
- 16-19 Bursary (lunch, equipment, transport)
- Care to Learn



**Course, career, skills  
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[Post 16 qualifications you can take | UCAS  
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Skills For Careers

[Your training options | Skills for Careers \(education.gov.uk\)](#)

National Careers Service

[Skills assessment | National Careers Service](#)

[Results | Find a course | National Careers Service](#)

DfE

[What qualification levels mean: England, Wales and Northern  
Ireland - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Talking Futures

[Post 16 Education Options - Talking Futures](#)

**Apprenticeships**

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[Apprenticeships | Learn About Apprenticeships And Find The  
Right One For You \(ucas.com\)](#)

Amazing Apprenticeships

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Institute for  
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Gov.uk

[Search for an apprenticeship – Find an apprenticeship – GOV.UK  
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Growth Works With Skills

[All about Apprenticeships \(growthworkswithskills.com\)](#)

## Applications/ Open Days

PCC

[Peterborough Information Network | Are you hoping to go to college \(Local Offer\)](#)

PCC Admissions (Open Days)

[Secondary school admissions - September 2025 | Peterborough City Council](#)

## Peterborough Settings

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## Finances

16-19 Bursary

[16 to 19 Bursary Fund: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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Apprenticeship Bursary

[Apprenticeships care leavers' bursary guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)