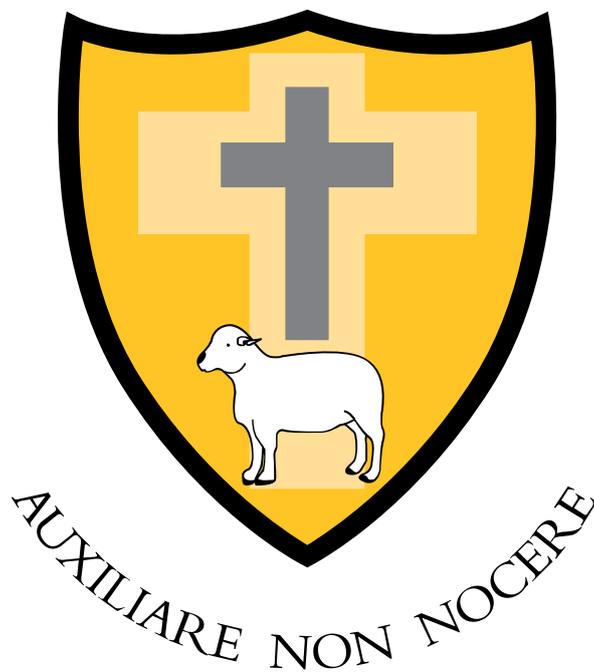


KS5 Transition Information

*Thinking Beyond Bonus Pastor:
A Student Guide*



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Qualifications Explained – What Can I Apply For?

You are currently studying for GCSEs which are Level 1 or 2 qualifications, depending on what grades you achieve at the end of Year 11.

Generally speaking:

- if you are forecast to achieve GCSEs at grades 1 - 4 then you can apply for Level 1 or 2 BTEC courses or an intermediate level apprenticeship. Once you have completed this you can progress to Level 3 courses.
- if you are forecast to achieve GCSEs at grades 4 or above then you can apply to study A Levels, Level 3 BTEC courses, or intermediate level or advanced level apprenticeships. (Most A Level courses will require you to have at least a grade 5 or 6 in the subjects you wish to study.)

However if you are applying for a vocational trade-based course such as Hair and Beauty, Motor Vehicle Mechanics or Electrical Installation, all courses start at Level 1 and then progress up to Level 2 and 3 courses.

Remember – it is important that you work hard to achieve at least a Grade 4 in English and Maths, otherwise you will have to re-sit them next year and this may affect which other courses you can do.

National Qualifications Framework

LEVEL 8	Doctorate PhD					
LEVEL 7	Masters Degree MS, MSc, MPhil					
LEVEL 6						
LEVEL 5	Bachelor Degree BA, BSc		Foundation Degree FdA, FdSc	HND	Higher Apprenticeship	
LEVEL 4				HNC		
LEVEL 3	A-Level	A2	L3 Diploma (National) BTEC	L3 Certificate (National)	Advanced Apprenticeship	
		A1 (AS Level)				
LEVEL 2	GCSE Grades A*-C New grades 9-4		L2 Award/Certificate/Diploma (First) BTEC		Intermediate Apprenticeship	
LEVEL 1	GCSE Grades D-G New grades 3-1		L1 Award/Certificate/Diploma (Foundation) BTEC			
						ENTRY LEVEL

A Levels vs BTEC - make an informed decision

A Levels

- Choose 3 Subjects
- Course content is pre-determined
- Usually 80% - 100% exam based

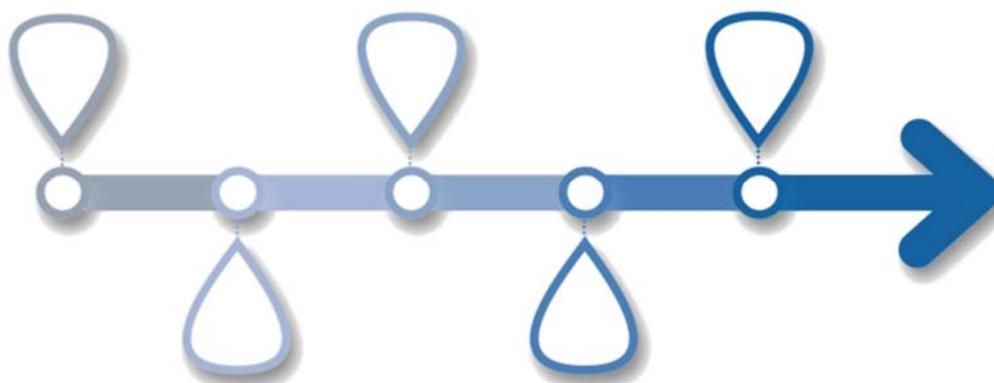
Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma

- Choose 1 Course
- Both compulsory and optional course content
- Usually 80% - 100% coursework based

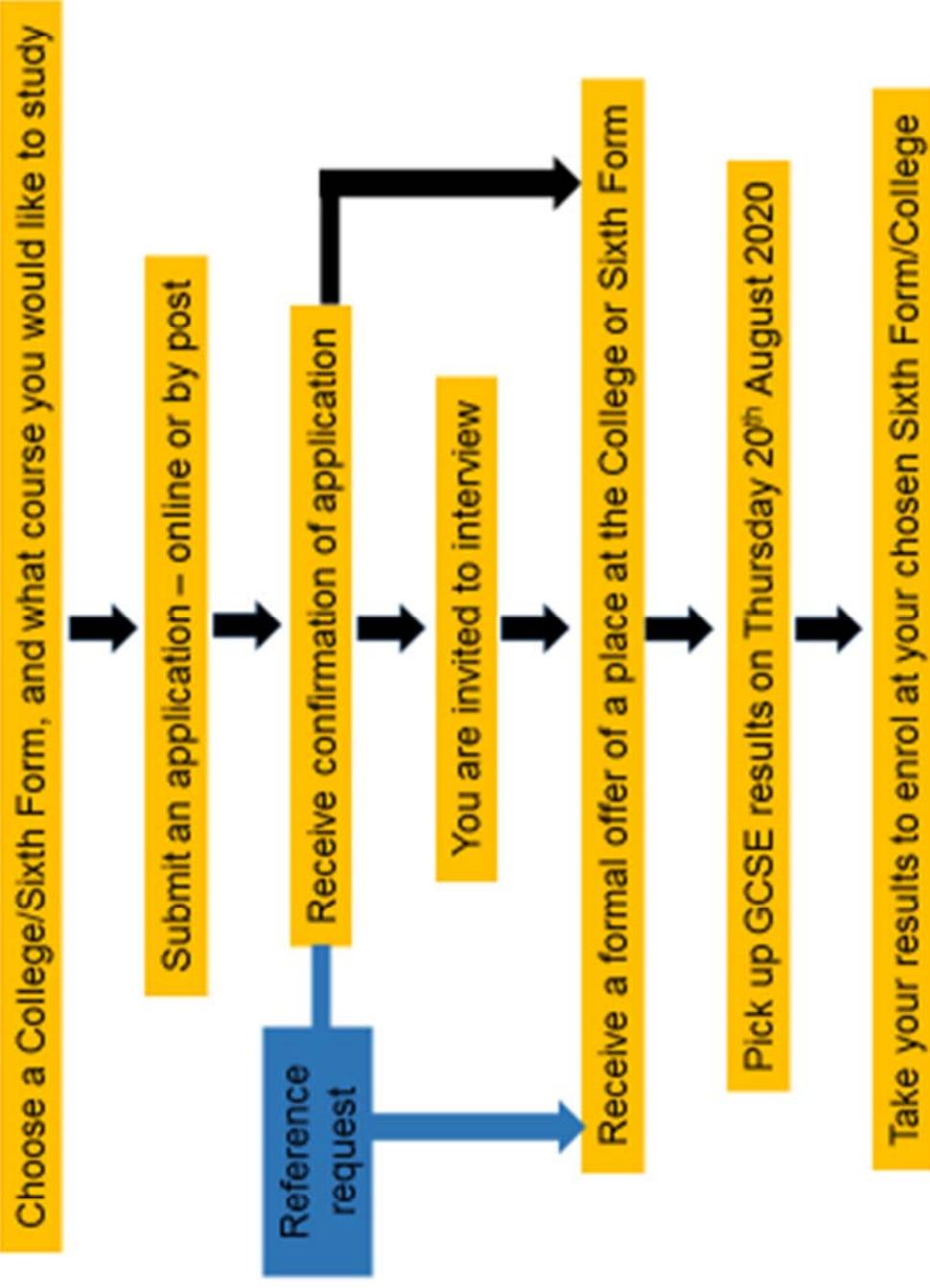
University, Degree
Level Apprenticeship
or Work

The KS5 Transition – A Timeline

Summer Term 2019	Attend Transition Meeting with Ms Hill
July 2019	WEX Placement
Summer Holiday	Begin researching courses and Colleges/Apprenticeships online. Begin writing your personal statement.
September 2019	Attend KS4-5 Transition Evening and BP Charter Celebration with your parent/carer
	Complete your Personal Statement and email it to Ms Hill for checking/editing.
	Begin attending Sixth Form and College Open Events
	See Ms Hill if you are still unsure about what/where to apply
October 2019	Local Sixth Forms and Colleges visit you in Year 11 Assembly
	Begin applying for Sixth Forms/Colleges
November/December 2019	Year 11 Mock Exams
December 2019	Many Sixth Form/Colleges applications due in Sixth Forms/Colleges request references about you from Mr McAuliffe, Ms Hill or SLT
	Sixth Form/College interviews begin
January 2020	
February 2020	Begin receiving offers from places you have applied to. Keep these safe!
May 2020	GCSE Exams begin
Thursday 20th August 2020	GCSE Results Day – pick your results up from Bonus Pastor and take them to enrol at your chosen College/Sixth Form



College and Sixth Form Application Process



How to Write a Personal Statement

Whether you are applying for Sixth Form, College or an Apprenticeship you will need to have a Personal Statement to attach to your application. This is your chance to sell yourself and show why they should choose you!

What should I include in my Personal Statement?

- 1) Explain why are you applying to this Sixth Form/College/Apprenticeship
- 2) Explain why you would like to study your chosen course(s) and how it supports your future plans
- 3) Personal interests and achievements

Use these ideas to help you and then send your draft to Ms Hill so that she can help you edit it.



Catholic Ethos?
Can you mention this?

The facilities?

Pick something relevant to your course:

- Science labs
- Art studios
- Drama studios
- PE facilities



1. Explain why you are applying to this Sixth Form/College/Apprenticeship.

What do you like about ___?

The courses?

Is there something special about the courses that you like?

- Work experience included?
- Trips on offer?
- Topics covered?



The atmosphere?

How did it feel when you visited?

- Mature atmosphere
- Caring environment
- No uniform

2. Explain why you would like to study your chosen course(s), and how this will support your future plans

Why do you want to study these subjects?

"I am looking to study Art at ___ because..."

"I am excited by the challenges that A Level/BTEC ___ would bring because ..."

"I would like to build on the things I have learnt in ___ at GCSE"

"I think these subjects compliment each other because..."

"Maths is my favourite subject because..."



Can you link it to what you want to do in the future?

"I would like to study Health and Social Care at ___ because I would like to be a Social Worker"

"Whilst I am unsure about what I would like to do after College, I want to study _____ to improve my communication skills."

3. Personal interests and achievements – why you?

Personal Achievements

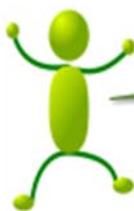
- 100% attendance and punctuality
- Work Experience – what did you learn?
- Are you involved in House activities?
- Have you shown commitment to a sport/club/extracurricular activity?
- **Have you achieved the BP Charter?**

Personal Interests

- What are your hobbies?
- Do you play any particular sports?
- What do you like to do in your spare time?

"Throughout my time at Bonus Pastor I have received many certificates for _____"

"I secured a two week work placement at _____ where I learned....."



"For the last three years I have represented the School as part of the football team."

"In my spare time I like to..."



Where do Bonus Pastor Students usually go on to study?

100% of Bonus Pastor students go on to Sixth Form, College or Apprenticeships.

Last year our students went to the following destinations:

Bacon's College	Kemnal Technology College
Bexley Grammar School	Langley Park School for Boys
Bishop Justus School	Langley Park School for Girls
Blackfen School for Girls	Lewisham Southwark College
Bromley College (London South East College Network)	London Academy of Excellence
Bromley High School	Newstead Woods School
Bullers Wood School	Ravensbourne School
Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School	Ravenswood School
Chislehurst School for Girls	Sacred Heart Catholic School
Christ the King Sixth Form College	Sedgehill School
City of London Academy	St Dunstan's College
City of Westminster College	St Francis Xavier Sixth Form College
Coopers School	St Michael's Catholic College
Croydon College	St Olave's Grammar School
Darrick Wood School	St Thomas the Apostle School
Dartford Grammar School	Stationers' Crown Woods Academy
Dulwich College	The BRIT School
Eltham College	The Charter School
Eltham Hill School	The Halley Academy
Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham College	The Leigh Academy
Haberdashers' Aske's Knights Academy	The Prendergast School
Harris Academy	The Sydenham and Forest Hill 6 th Form
Hayes School	Thomas Tallis School
James Allen's Girls School	Townley Grammar School

In September you will receive a list of dates and times for local College and Sixth Form Open Events. Before you attend the Open Event check if they offer your chosen courses!

Apprenticeships Explained

What is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship allows you to earn whilst you learn. As an apprentice you would be working in a real job; you would have a contract of employment, get paid a salary, and receive statutory benefits such as holiday allowance and sick pay.

Alongside your job you will be working towards qualifications that are directly related to your role.

What level of Apprenticeships are available?

Apprenticeships are available at 4 different levels – intermediate, advanced, higher and degree level. At this stage you can apply for intermediate or advanced level apprenticeships.

What type of Apprenticeships are available?

Apprenticeships are available across 170 industries, covering more than 1500 job roles including:



How do I find out about local Apprenticeship vacancies?

Apprenticeship vacancies are advertised online at: www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

To find out more about apprenticeships, and for help with applying, please see Ms Hill.

Online Careers Information, Advice and Guidance

You may find the following websites useful when thinking about what/where you would like to study, and what you would like to do in later life.

National Careers Service



- provides information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions about learning, training and work opportunities.
- offers 1-2-1 guidance via online messenger or telephone calls.
- gives detailed information about jobs, careers and courses, including entry requirements, average salary and working hours.

iCould

- careers videos from a range of careers, including jobs that may be more unusual.
- buzz quiz for students to identify what subjects or careers they may be best suited to.
- information for parents and carers on how to support young people making careers decisions.



Amazing Apprenticeships



- explains what apprenticeships are and the different levels they can be studied at.
- search for local apprenticeship vacancies.
- live broadcasts from current apprentices sharing their experiences and advice.
- information for parents and carers.

SACU

- careers quizzes to help students choose careers, courses or apprenticeships.
- provides information about vacancies, entry requirements, wages and working hours.



Barclays LifeSkills



- helps students match their interests to courses, jobs and careers.
- provides advice for students and parents about the KS5 transition.

Frequently Asked Questions

The KS5 Transition process can be a little daunting, but there are a fantastic team of people around you to help and support you to make the best decisions for you and your future.

Q: Can I still go to University if I study a BTEC course?

A: YES! BTEC Level 3 courses and A Level courses are of the same academic value. If you start on a Level 1 or 2 BTEC course in Year 12 you can build up to a Level 3 course later.

Q: How many sixth forms/colleges/post 16 providers should I apply to?

A: We advise that you apply to 4-5 places with varying entry requirements. Once you have applied and have received an offer, you do not need to make your final decision about where to go until results day in August.

Q: Can I wait until after my Mock Exams to apply to College?

A: No! Each post 16 provider has their own application deadline date; many are before Christmas, and before you receive your Mock results. You must meet the individual deadlines. We will send the college your most up to date tracking when they request a reference.

Q: Do I have to apply for the same courses/subjects at each College/Sixth Form?

A: No. You can apply for as many different courses at as many different places as you like.

Q: Do I have to go to College or Sixth Form next year?

A: No, you may wish to apply for an apprenticeship instead BUT it is vital that you make Post 16 applications – it is illegal not to be in education, (approved) work or training until you are at least 18 years old. Failure to attend will result in you and/or your parents being fined.

Q: If I study A Levels, how many should I study?

A: You only need 3 A Levels to get into university, however at some schools you will begin 4 subjects and then choose your best 3 at the end of Year 12 to pursue to A Level.

Got more questions?

No problem – email Ms Hill and she will get straight back to you!

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