

# Information for Parents and Carers

Parents/carers play a huge role in supporting young people in their decisions about what to do after school or college. This page aims to give you careers information, links and advice for you to support and guide your child in their next steps.

- **Post 16 education:**

All young people must stay in some sort of education or training until their 18th birthday. To find out more about study and training options, visit the [National Careers Service](#).

- **Choosing a course at college:**

There is a wide range of courses to choose at HLNSC. Visit the college website to browse courses and to apply:

- Choose the campus where you want to study
- Choose the course category e.g. Full time & A levels to find the courses on offer
- Vocational courses will have a blend of practical learning as well as classroom; A levels will tend to involve more classroom learning

- **Course levels: the course information sets out the GCSE grades required to start the course.**

Choose the right level for your child:

- Entry Level: student would benefit from support in their learning and may have few or no qualifications
- Level 1: GCSE grades 2 (grade E) including maths and English
- Level 2: 4 x GCSE grades 3 (grade D) including maths and English
- Level 3: 4 x GCSE grades 4 (grade C) including maths and English

Note that for skills-based courses such as Construction, students will need to start at Level 1 to build their skills knowledge and experience.

- **Maths & English GCSE:** if your child doesn't achieve grades 4+ in their maths and English GCSEs, they will have the opportunity to continue their study in timetabled lessons each week and re-sit the exams in the summer term

- **Information events:** College open events for parents and students take place in November, January and March. These are excellent opportunities to view the facilities and talk to tutors. For dates of up and coming open days, visit [News and Events](#)

- **Apply:** [apply online here](#)

- **Apprenticeships:** to learn more about apprenticeships, visit the [College Apprenticeships pages](#)

- **Careers programme:** students follow a careers programme that provides the information and advice they need to learn about career areas and make informed decisions about their next steps. 'Meet Your Future' events each year give students the chance to learn directly from employer organisations about apprenticeships and training opportunities

- **Careers advice:** if you feel your child would benefit from a conversation with a trained careers adviser about course choice or career plans, please contact:

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