



Post 16 Information Evening

29th September 2026



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Post 16 Evening

Evening Outline:

- Welcome & Introductions
- Opportunities available after leaving Hobart
- Application process & Help You Choose
- Hobart Information
- Guidance & Support
- Opportunity to meet the providers



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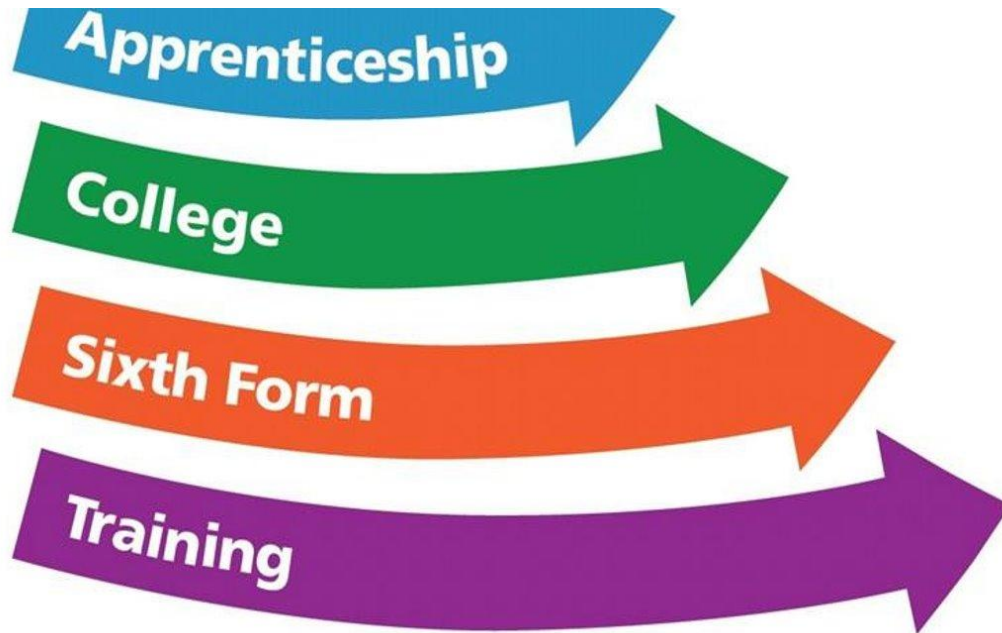
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Resitting is compulsory for **Maths & English** if you do not achieve a pass grade (4)

You must stay in some sort of education or training programme until you are 18.

It's up to you to decide what that will look like.



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Choices at 16...

Continuing studies

- A Levels
- T Levels
- Vocational Qualifications
Eg). BTEC

Combining work & study

- Apprenticeships
- Traineeships
(preparing you for an apprenticeship)
- Volunteering/Job with training

It's always important to do some research around the careers you are interested in to see the best pathway to take- often there is more than one!



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There are lots of options available to you whether you choose an academic route or a vocational route.

Level	Academic Route	Vocational Route
Level 1	GCSE's - Grades 3-1	- Foundational Learning - BTEC Level One
Level 2	GCSE's – Grade 4-9	- BTEC level 2 - Intermediate Apprenticeship
Level 3	- A-levels - T-Levels	- BTEC Level 3 - Advanced Apprenticeship
Level 4 & 5	Foundation Degree	Higher Apprenticeship
Level 6	Batchelors Degree	Degree Apprenticeship
Level 7	Masters	



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Which Qualification?

Which Qualification suits your future plans? Check the entry routes for any careers you are interested in

How do you learn best? Check which course fits with your preferred learning style and assessment method

Which level is right for you? Each course has a level of difficulty make sure you select the correct difficulty level for you.



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A Levels

Academic

- **Description:** Study a GCSE subject in more depth or pick something new. You select 3 subjects to study.
- **Duration:** 2 years
- **Assessment:** Mostly exams at the end of the course
- **Level of study:** 3
- **Entry requirements:** Typically 5 GCSEs Grade 9-4 (usually including English and Maths)
- **Work experience:** Usually 1 week during year 12
- **Leads to:** University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work



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T Levels

Academic

- **Description:** Combines classroom learning with industry placements to prepare you for skilled work or higher level study. 1 T Level is the equivalent of 3 A levels.

- **Duration:** 2 years with 3 month work placement

- **Assessment:** Exams, projects & practical assignments

- **Level of study:** 3

- **Entry requirements:** Course dependent

- **Work experience:** At least 45 days on industry placement

- **Leads to:** University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships work as you still earn UCAS Points.



Currently offered by:

East Norfolk Sixth Form, City College Norwich, Thorpe St Andrew Sixth Form, University Technical College (UTCN)



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BTec

Academic/Vocational

Description: A flexible vocational pathway that allows you to study a particular subject such. You will develop practical skills and knowledge that employers will love.

- **Duration:** 1 or 2 years
- **Assessment:** Mainly assessment based
- **Level of study:** Can be completed at different levels (more on next slide)
- **Entry requirements:** Course dependent, dependent on level of study
- **Leads to:** Higher and degree apprenticeships, work



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BTEC

It's important to remember that Btec's start at different levels. You must select the most appropriate level for you- don't undersell yourself!

On some course
e.g. bricklaying at City
College you **have**
to start on a level 1
course

- Is this right for you?
- Is there an apprenticeship that's more suited to you?

Level	BTEC Qualification	Equivalent to
3	BTEC Extended Diploma	3 A Levels
3	BTEC Diploma	2 A levels
3	BTEC Subsidiary Diploma	1 A level
2	BTEC Diploma	4 GCSE's 9-4
2	BTEC Extended Certificate	2 GCSE's 9-4
2	BTEC Certificate	1 GCSE 9-4
1	BTEC Award/Certificate/ Diploma	1 GCSE 3-1
Entry	BTEC Entry Level Qualification	N/A



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Apprenticeships

- **Description:** Apprenticeships combine practical on-the-job skills training with off-the-job learning. You'll get training that is relevant to your job and be paid a salary.
- **Location:** You'll spend 80% of your time in the workplace and 20% off-the-job with some study in a college
- **Duration:** A minimum of 1 year generally longer!
- **Entry requirements:** Will be dependent on the industry, job role and apprenticeship level
- **Qualifications:** apprenticeship certificate, diploma, degree and masters depending on level
- **Leads to:** Work, next level of apprenticeship, further education, higher education



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Apprenticeships are available in over 1500 job roles across 280 skills and industries from engineering to veterinary nursing, accounting to digital media.



LEVEL 2 *Intermediate apprenticeships*

Typical length
12-18 months

Entry requirements:
None or few

Qualifications obtained:
GCSE, BTEC or equivalent

Who's it for?
Mostly for 16-year-olds with limited or no academic qualifications.



LEVEL 3 *Advanced apprenticeships*

Typical length
12-24 months

Entry requirements:
Usually 5 GCSEs

Qualifications obtained:
A levels or equivalent

Who's it for?
Mostly for 16-year-olds with reasonable academic achievements but who don't want to study in sixth form.



LEVEL 4/5 *Higher apprenticeships*

Typical length
3-5 years

Entry requirements:
A levels or equivalent

Qualifications obtained:
Higher national diploma / foundation degree

Who's it for?
Mostly for those who want to qualify for professional career paths without attending university or college. Sometimes referred to as 'school leaver' or 'non-graduate' programmes.



LEVEL 6/7 *Degree apprenticeships*

Typical length
3-7 years

Entry requirements:
At least 2 A levels or equivalent

Qualifications obtained:
A BA or BSc degree or higher

Who's it for?
Mostly for those with excellent sixth form results that want to study for a degree or similar whilst working. Aimed at attracting high-calibre candidates to bridge professional skills gaps.

Apprenticeships

You can look for Apprenticeships on
www.findapprenticeships.service.gov.uk

Remember apprenticeships are advertised all year round, so many won't be available until after Christmas.

Apprenticeships suit students who:

- Want to start earning money
- Like to learn while doing a task
- Want to gain experience in the work-place

You can do A-Levels first and then do a higher level apprenticeship.

Find an apprenticeship

Search and apply for an apprenticeship in England

Search

Keywords (optional)
Can include job title, employer or reference number

All

Your location
Enter postcode, town or city or [use current location](#)

Within

5 miles

Apprenticeship level

All levels

Only show

☐ Disability Confident

Search

Browse

[Reset search options](#)

Help

[How to search for an apprenticeship](#) (interactive walkthrough)

0800 015 0400

[Contact us](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): read our guidance for apprentices](#)

[About apprenticeships](#)

<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/zones/student/>

Amazing apprenticeships has a student page dedicated to info for students.



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Start thinking...

- Do you want to stay in full-time education?
- Do you want to work and study part time?
- What subjects do you want to study?
- Do you want to train for a definite career or keep your options open?

**Career development is a lifelong journey & the world of work is always changing!
It's important to keep learning & developing your skills and abilities throughout
your life!**



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Have a back-up plan...

- Even if you know what you want to do it is a good idea to have a back-up plan
- Particularly important if you are aiming to do a popular course or career
- You may need to change your plans if you do not get on your chosen course or find it difficult getting an apprenticeship, traineeship or job



You must apply for more than one option when it comes to applications & accept them all.



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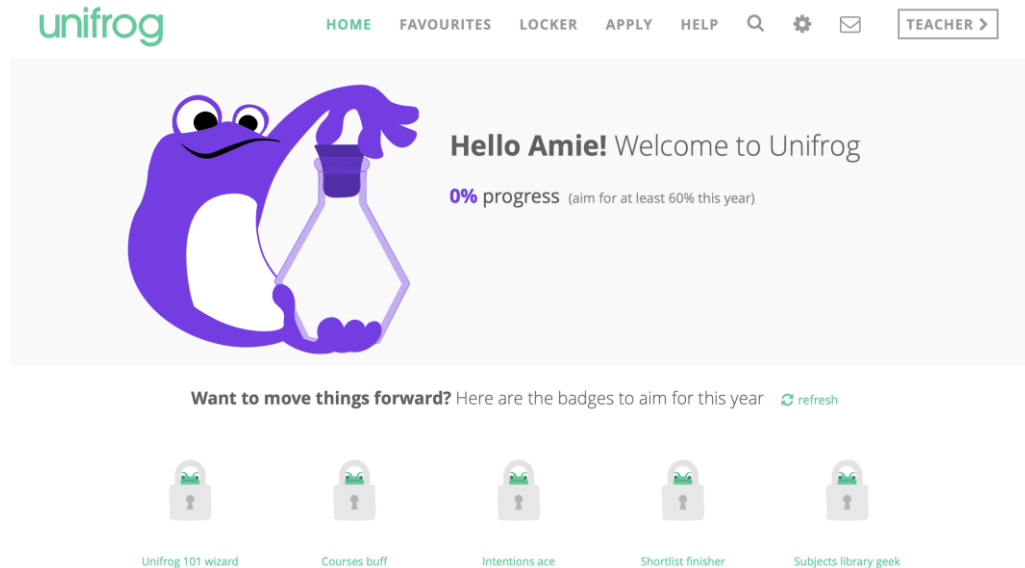
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Unifrog...

You can also use Unifrog to complete online quizzes about your interests to help you identify what the best next steps might be for you...



Unifrog contains lots of information about:

- **Post 16 options**
- **Different courses**
- **How courses relate to a career**
- **How your skills relate to a career**
- **Apprenticeship information**



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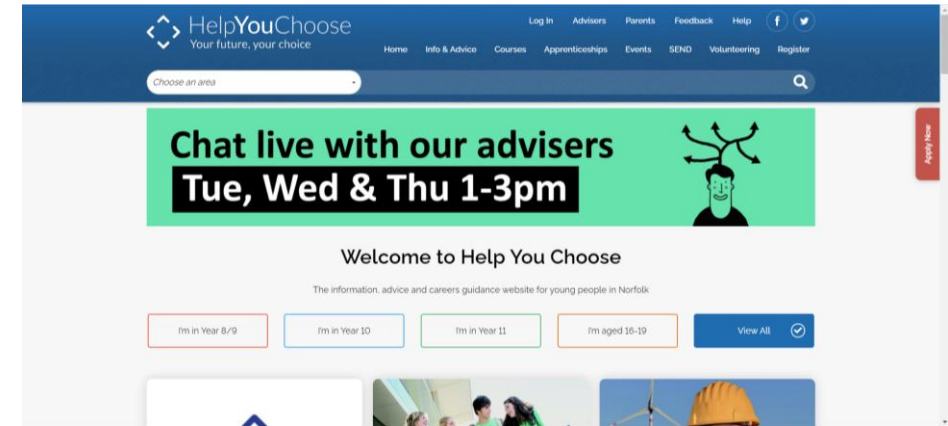
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How do I apply?

You can apply directly to the course/training provider via their website

Alternatively, you can use **Help you Choose....**

- Prospectus of courses, training and jobs in Norfolk
- Prepare and submit online applications
- Information and advice on choosing options
- The website address is: www.helpyouchoose.org



- **Easier**
- **Quicker**
- **Keep track of your applications more easily**



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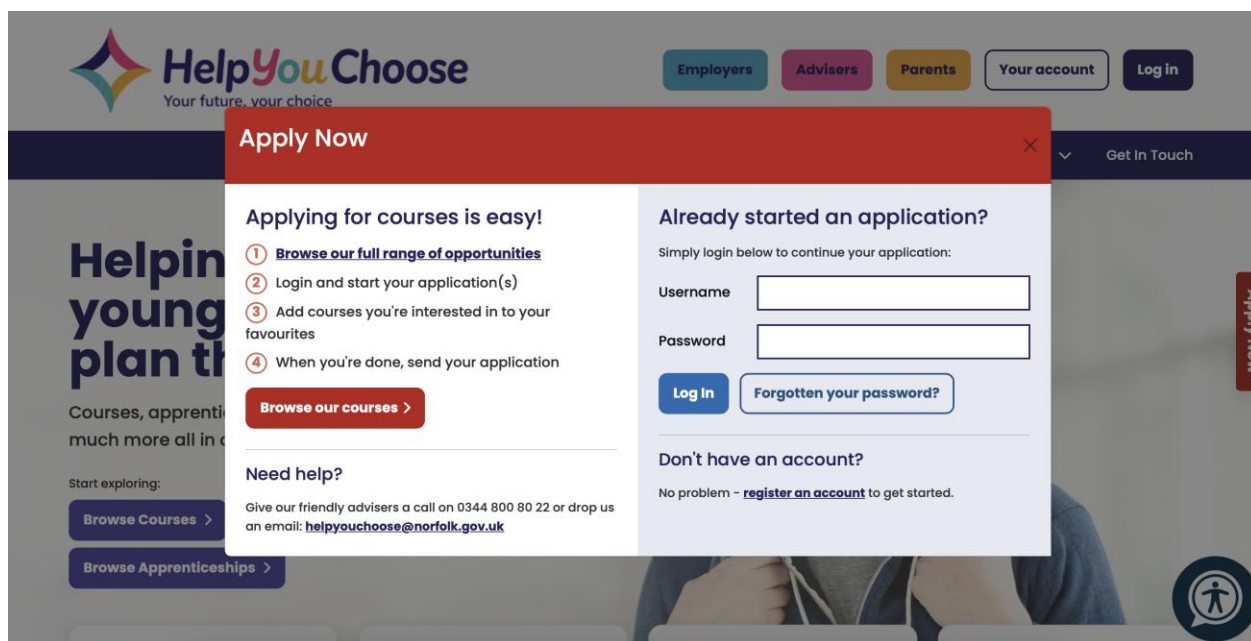
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How do I apply?

On the home page select the 'Apply Now' button on the right



The screenshot shows the HelpYouChoose website with a red 'Apply Now' modal open. The modal contains the following sections:

- Applying for courses is easy!**
 - 1 Browse our full range of opportunities
 - 2 Login and start your application(s)
 - 3 Add courses you're interested in to your favourites
 - 4 When you're done, send your application

[Browse our courses >](#)
- Need help?**

Give our friendly advisers a call on 0344 800 80 22 or drop us an email: helpyouchoose@norfolk.gov.uk
- Already started an application?**

Simply login below to continue your application:

Username

Password

[Log in](#) [Forgotten your password?](#)
- Don't have an account?**

No problem - [register an account](#) to get started.

- **Create a profile & submit your applications**
- **Browse all available courses including apprenticeships**
- **Track the progress of your application**



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Applying to your course...



- You should be starting to look at your options Post 16 and begin making a start on your applications.
- Applications should be done as soon as possible, **ideally before Christmas!**
 - Do NOT leave it till March to apply!
- Applications for apprenticeships are usually later in the year!



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Finance for Learning...

- **16-19 Bursary Fund** –School sixth forms, colleges and training providers have **discretionary bursary** to help students with a net household income of £45,000 or less.
- **Vulnerable person bursary** is also available up to £1200 for those students most in need:
 - Young people in care
 - Young people claiming income support or Universal Credit
 - Young people getting Employment support Allowance or Disability living allowance,
 - Young people who have an EHCP
- **Child Benefit** will continue provided they stay in full time education for more than 12 hours per week there is an upper pay threshold.
- More information available: **www.gov.uk/child-benefit-16-19** or call **0300 200 3100**



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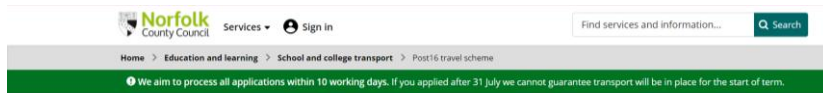
Travel & Transport...

Post 16 Travel scheme

Most local bus and train operators offer discounted fares for students- its worth checking these before you apply to Norfolk County Councils Post 16 travel scheme as the discounts are often better.

Some post 16 providers may offer their own transport at reduced costs

More Information on core routes, local discounts is available at: www.norfolk.gov.uk/post16transport
Call **0344 800 8020**



Post16 travel scheme

Who is eligible for post16 travel scheme

Which students qualify for travel support to sixth forms and further education colleges

Apply for the post16 travel scheme

Apply online

Track your application

Use our online Travel Pass Search to track the progress of your transport application

Travel options by college or sixth form

Find out about the different transport options for every sixth form and college in Norfolk

Post16 travel scheme cost and payment options

The cost and payment options for post 16 travel scheme including details on refunds for school and college transport due to coronavirus

Local bus and train operator discounts

Students can get discounted fares - download our handy guide to discounts and passes

Post16 travel scheme terms and conditions

Using post16 transport

Replace or cancel a post16 travel



Who is eligible for post16 travel scheme

The post16 travel scheme offers support to students who study at school sixth forms, sixth form colleges and further education colleges.

To qualify for the post16 travel scheme, students must:

- Live in Norfolk at least three miles from the sixth form or college (this is measured by the nearest walking route as determined by the Council). Transport will also be provided for Easton College students living outside Norfolk, if a student travels on the direct routes funded by the College
- Be studying full-time (at least 540 hours per year supervised study - approximately 14 hours per week)
- Be under 19 years of age on 1 September, or under 25 years of age for students with special educational needs (SEN) (transport will be provided up to the end of the course year in which the student reaches 19 or 25)
- Be studying a course of further education, not an HND, HNC or degree course
- Travel on a core route determined by us
- If your child has an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) there is no need to apply for travel assistance as the Travel Independence Training Team (TITAN) are already assessing who is entitled to travel assistance and if independent travel training might be appropriate for them - you will hear direct from one of the TITAN team soon.

Transport will not be agreed to any alternative college, sixth form college, sixth form or other learning

You may also be looking for....

[Apply for the post16 travel scheme](#)
[Travel options by college or sixth form](#)
[Special educational needs transport](#)
[TITAN travel training](#)



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Contacts & Support...

- **Head of Year 11-** Dr Wharton dwharton@hobart.org.uk
 - Head of Year 10- Miss Field
 - Assistant Head- Mrs Wilkinson
- **Form Teachers & Pastoral Team**
 - Mrs Armitage – KS4 Pastoral Assistant
 - Miss Barker- Assistant Head & Careers Lead
- **Subject Teachers**
- **SENCO-** Ms Ellison
- **Exams Officer** – Mrs Bromley
- **Beacon East Careers** – Natasha

Contact Number: 01508 520359



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