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What's Next?

2023 Provision Guide – Mid Essex

Employability & Skills Team

A guide to support a young person's next steps.

The purpose of this guide is to give you an overview of the options for post-16 provision in your local area. Delivery and availability of the opportunities listed may change.

Many of you will expect to achieve the grades needed and will be staying in your school sixth form, have secured a place at college, or have a start date agreed for an apprenticeship. If you do not have any firm plans in place, then please read on.

Planning

When considering your next steps, it can seem confusing as there are so many options to choose from. Whether you are looking at further education, apprenticeships, work or training, we recommend that you research thoroughly.

There are several websites listed in this resource which can help you to explore courses and careers. In addition, it is important to identify existing skills as well as your hobbies and interests to help you when considering your options.

You could also speak with school or college staff, careers advisers and family networks to help you to make a strong choice. Remember to have a backup plan.

Extension to Child Benefit

If you are a school or college leaver, under 18, unemployed and do not have a course or training programme to start in September 2023, your parent/carer may be entitled to claim Extension to Child Benefit. There is a time limit in which you can register your claim. For more information contact the **Employability and Skills Team** on **0800 707 6384**, and we can put you in touch with a local adviser for advice and guidance.

College and Further Education options

If you have not already applied, then we suggest that you make applications quickly as some providers have deadlines early in the academic year. There are broadly two different types of college course:

Academic Courses (e.g. A levels/ International Baccalaureate)

Usually involves studying multiple subjects. This may provide increased progression options at the end of the course.

- Assessment is usually weighted towards exams with less emphasis on continuous assessment.
- Entry Criteria: Typically, applicants will be expected to achieve at least five GCSEs at grades 9 to 4. The specific requirements vary across schools and colleges.
- Some schools and Sixth Form Colleges may offer GCSE resit options for young people that have narrowly missed out on GCSE grades.

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Vocational Courses (e.g. BTECs/T Levels/NVQ/CACHE)

Vocational courses are typically designed around a specific industry/occupation.

Courses usually range from Level 1 and go up to Level 3 and higher.

Vocational courses are an opportunity to specialise early in a subject that interests you.

It often means studying one main subject (some schools and colleges allow you to blend academic and vocational options).

If you have not achieved Grade 4 in GCSE Maths or English, you will be required to complete these qualifications alongside your main course.

Sixth Form & College options for summer 2023

For more information about course availability, application procedures, open events and entry requirements, please contact the establishment directly.

School Sixth Forms

Chelmer Valley High School, Chelmsford

Telephone: 01245 440232

Website:

www.chelmervalleyhighschool.co.uk

Chelmsford County High School for Girls

Telephone: 01245 352592

Website: www.cchs.co.uk

Great Baddow High School

Telephone: 01245 265821

Website: www.gbhs.co.uk

Hedingham School, Sible Hedingham

Telephone: 01787 460470

Website: www.hedingham.essex.sch.uk

Hylands School, Chelmsford

Telephone: 01245 266766

Website: www.hylands-tkat.org

King Edward VI Grammar School, Chelmsford

Telephone: 01245 353510

Website: www.kegs.org.uk

Maltings Academy, Witham

Telephone: 01376 512911

Website: www.maltingsacademy.org

Moulsham High School, Chelmsford

Telephone: 01245 260101

Website: www.moulshamhigh.org

New Rickstones Academy, Witham

Telephone: 01376 515756

Website:

www.sites.google.com/a/etinet.org/new-rickstones-academy

Ormiston Rivers Academy, Burnham on Crouch

Telephone: 01621 782377

Website: www.ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Sandon School, Chelmsford

Telephone: 01245 473611

Website: www.sandon.essex.sch.uk

St John Payne, Chelmsford

Telephone: 01245 256030

Website: www.sjp.essex.sch.uk

Tabor Academy, Braintree

Telephone: 01376 323701

Website: www.taboracademy.co.uk

The Boswells School, Chelmsford

Telephone: 01245 264451

Website: www.boswells-school.com

The Plume, Maldon

Telephone: 01621 854681

Website: www.plume.essex.sch.uk

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**William De Ferrers School,
South Woodham Ferrers**
Telephone: 01245 326326
Website: www.wdf.school

Colleges & Sixth Form Colleges

Chelmsford College

Telephone: 01245 265611

Website: www.chelmsford.ac.uk

The Braintree Sixth Form College

Telephone: 01376 556300

Website: www.braintreesixthform.com

Colchester Institute

The College at Braintree

Telephone: 01206 814000

Website: www.colchester.ac.uk/about-us/campuses/braintree

Writtle College, near Chelmsford

Telephone: 01245 424200

Website: www.writtle.ac.uk

Other Colleges close to Mid Essex

Suffolk Rural College (was Otley College)

Telephone: 01473 382200

Website: www.suffolk.ac.uk/course-categories/suffolk-rural

South Essex College

Basildon, Canvey, Southend and Thurrock

Telephone: 0345 52 12345

Website: www.southessex.ac.uk

The Colchester Sixth Form College

Telephone: 01206 500723/500700

Website: www.colchsfc.ac.uk

Thurstable College, Tiptree

Telephone: 01621 816526

Website: www.thurstable.co.uk/sixth-form

Still unsure?

Where possible, speak with the Careers Adviser at your school or college who will have access to information about subject choices and career paths. Please check websites for contact details.

From Monday 26th June: If you are aged 16–18, do not have access to a school or college Careers Adviser and do not have a firm plan for September, then please get in touch.

Employability and Skills Team

0800 7076384

KeepInContactTeam@essex.gov.uk

Website: www.youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/education-employment-and-training-support/

Apprenticeships

What is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship gives you the opportunity to gain work experience, a qualification and earn a wage at the same time.

Apprenticeships are available from Level 2 (equivalent to GCSE 9-4) all the way up to Degree level in some occupational areas.

For current information on local vacancies and further support, please visit:

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

apprenticesupportcentre.apprenticeships.gov.uk

essexopportunities.co.uk/apprenticeship-hub

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Training Providers that frequently deliver apprenticeship opportunities for young people in the local area:

ACL Essex County Council

Apprenticeships in Business Administration, Customer service and more

www.aclessex.com/apprenticeships

Debut Training Academy

Apprenticeships and funded training in Beauty and Nails with a training centre/salon in Wickford

www.debutacademy.com/

Easi Hairdressing Academy

www.easihair.co.uk/

Halls of Ivy

Hairdressing and Beauty Apprenticeships

www.hallsofivy.co.uk

Hit Training

Hospitality and Catering

www.hittraining.co.uk/contact-us

Ixion Holdings

Offers Apprenticeships and Traineeships in: Business, Construction, Customer Service, Digital Media and Marketing

www.ixionholdings.com/

Just IT Training

Apprenticeships in IT Support, Digital Marketing, Software Development and more

www.justit.co.uk/candidates/become-an-apprentice/

NOVA Apprenticeships

www.novatrainng.co.uk/apprenticeships

QA

Apprenticeships in IT Systems and Networking/Software and Website Development, Digital Skills, Business Admin

www.qa.com/learners/become-an-apprentice

TCHC Apprenticeships

www.tchc.net/individual/apprenticeships

The Lightbulb

Business Administration, Digital Marketing and Teaching Assistant

www.thelightbulbapprenticeships.com

Colleges that offer Apprenticeships

Chelmsford College

www.chelmsford.ac.uk/courses/apprenticeships.asp

Colchester Institute

www.colchester.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Cambridge Regional College

www.camre.ac.uk/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-job-vacancies/

Harlow College

www.harlow-college.ac.uk/study-options/apprenticeships

Writtle College, near Chelmsford

www.writtle.ac.uk/Apprenticeships

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Foundation Learning Programmes

Foundation Learning providers offer English and Maths qualifications often alongside vocational elements to help improve your skills and get you ready to undertake an apprenticeship opportunity. This option often is usually accepted as approved training.

*Some Foundation Learning courses may have restrictions due to funding. Check with the provider when making your enquiries.

Central Training Group

www.centraltraininggroup.com

Online Functional Skills – These cannot be taken as a ‘stand-alone’ offer but can be paired with one of their online courses – there are quite a few options to choose from.

For more information, please email:
courseenquiries@centraltraininggroup.com
or telephone: **0800 783 2901**

Nova Training – Colchester

www.novatraining.co.uk

Focussing on improving English and Maths up to level 1, 2 or GCSE if needed, this programme offers 16-18-year olds the opportunity to gain work experience, apprenticeship opportunities and support into employment.

For more information contact:
Anna Gregory
anna.gregory@novatraining.co.uk
or telephone **07794281174**

Runway Training

www.runwaytraining.co.uk

Online Level 1 and 2 Maths and English Functional Skills course available. In addition to fully funded industry qualifications through knowledge based online courses.

For more information, please email:
essexneets@runway.co.uk

TCHC – GAPS Programme

www.tchc.net/individual/youth-support/gaps

GAPS is long term programme which includes functional skills in English and Maths with an opportunity to link into various vocational areas.

For more information contact:
Aaron Wallis
aaron.wallis@tchc.net

Youthbuild

www.essexyouthbuild.co.uk

Construction based courses up to Level 1 in Chelmsford. They also offer a CSCS course and test which is required to work on construction sites.

Please contact:
admin@essexyouthbuild.co.uk

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Useful Websites

Below is a list of useful websites ranging from careers advice, skills assessments, finding work to volunteering.

Careers and Opportunities Research

www.essexopportunities.co.uk

www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk

www.youthemployment.org.uk

www.icould.com

www.careerpilot.org.uk

<https://careers.startprofile.com>

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers

Apprenticeships

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk

www.aclessex.com/apprentices

www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk

www.amazingapprenticeships.com

www.talentview.org

www.essexopportunities.co.uk/apprenticeship-hub

Jobs

www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk

www.gov.uk/find-a-job

www.indeed.co.uk

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

Higher Education

www.ucas.com

www.prospects.ac.uk

Volunteering

www.vinspired.com

www.volunteersex.org

www.volunteering.england.nhs.uk

www.doit.life/volunteer

www.youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/volunteering/

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Local provision options, opportunities & support

www.youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/education-employment-and-training-support/

Raising of the Participation Age

www.essex.gov.uk/education-and-training-for-young-people

Mental Health Support

The Southend, Essex and Thurrock Children's and Adolescent Mental Health Services (SET CAMHS) provides advice and support to children, young people and families who are in need of support with their emotional wellbeing or mental health difficulties. www.nelft.nhs.uk/set-camhs

Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm: call **0800 953 0222**

Email: set-camhs.referrals@nelft.nhs.uk

Urgent or out of hours: call **0800 995 1000**

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