

CAREERS BULLETIN

MAY 16TH 2025

This week's Careers Bulletin is dedicated to our Year 11 students, who are not only working hard for their GCSE exams, but are also finalising their plans for next year.

Some students have had a clear idea of what their next steps will be for several months, others have decided more recently, and some may still be undecided.



If your child is still unsure what they would like to do next or they have changed their mind, Rossett Careers Team is here to help. Please let us know if your child needs support at

wainwrighte@rs.rklt.co.uk

Watch [this short video](#) to refresh your memory on what the options are once your child finishes Year 11.



SIXTH FORM OPTIONS STILL AVAILABLE

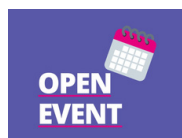
Leeds Sixth Form College

offers a range of A-levels and applied courses and is still accepting applications. You can explore those courses and apply [here](#)

General Entry Requirements:
5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Maths and English.
Individual A Level subjects may have specific additional requirements. Check [here](#)



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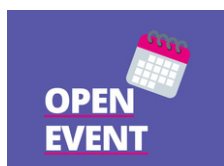
You can book on to Leeds Sixth Form College's next open event on the **12th of June** [here](#)



Alongside vocational and single subject courses, York College also offers a broad range of A-levels and is still accepting applications. Click [here](#) to read more and apply.

General Entry Requirements: a minimum of four GCSE subjects at grade 5 or above, plus English Language and Maths at grade 4 or above. Individual A Level subjects may have additional specific requirements. Check [here](#)

You can book on to York College's next open event on the **19th of June** [here](#) ...



...and explore travel options to commute to York College [here](#)

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Whilst some of the most popular courses fill up early, many college courses still have availability. Even if a course is full, your child can join a waiting list.

Places regularly become available in September.

Colleges offer vocational courses like Catering & Hospitality, Construction, Motor Vehicle and Automotive, and Health & Social Care.

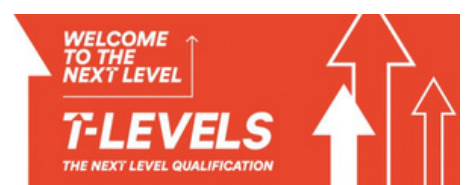


They also offer single subjects like Art & Design, Applied Science, and Business.

***Vocational and single subject courses are available from entry/foundation level (with no formal entry requirements), to Level 3 (equivalent to A-level), so there is ALWAYS a course available to get your child to where they want to be.**

*If your child needs a bit of extra time to build their confidence, there are personal development courses available that give students the chance to take a breath and explore their options.

T-Levels - vocational qualifications, equivalent to 3 A Levels, that combine academic classroom study with a significant work placement of around 45 days.



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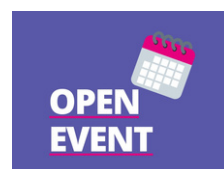
Applying to College

You can apply for a course online using the links to local college websites below. The application form will ask for your child's predicted (target grades). **Please get in touch at wainwrighte@rs.rklt.co.uk if you need a copy of your child's target grades.**



[Askham Bryan College](#) - primarily a Land-based and Agricultural College, but also offers courses in Motorsports, Public/Uniformed Services, Sport and Fitness. and Animal Care/Management.

Explore courses [here](#)



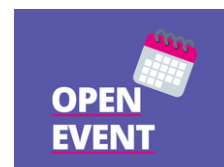
Book your place on the next open day, **Saturday 21st of June [here](#)**



[Leeds City College](#) -
Explore courses **[here](#)**

Explore T-levels **[here](#)**

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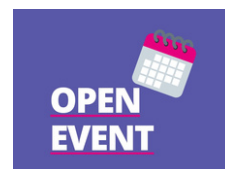


[Harrogate College](#)

Explore courses [here](#)

Explore T-levels [here](#)

Book on to the next open event on the **25th of June** [here](#)



[Leeds College of Building](#)

is the only Further Education College in the UK dedicated to the construction industry.

This means that some of their courses fill up very quickly so your child may end up on a waiting list. It is still worth applying, as a place may become available, but they will also need a back-up option that they are really happy with.



Explore courses [here](#)

Explore T-levels [here](#)

Find Leeds College of Building courses still recruiting [here](#)

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If your child would prefer a smaller, less formal environment, they might like to explore the study programmes available at YMCA in Leeds.

Study Programmes are made up of 4 parts:

Qualification: studying towards a vocational qualification in their area of interest.



Work Experience and Employability Skills: For 1 to 3 days a week, students have the opportunity to undertake meaningful work experience and skills development.

Personal and Professional Development: The programme is enhanced with a series of enrichment activities, tutorials and workshops that might range from CV writing to nutrition advice or personal finances.

Maths and English: If students have not yet achieved a grade 9-4 in GCSE Maths and/or English, they will continue to study these subjects at the pace that is right for them.

Courses are available in

Early Years and Childcare

Employability/Occupational Skills

Fitness Training

Health and Social Care

*They also offer a pre-Apprenticeship short programme for anyone not quite ready to go straight into an apprenticeship

To find out more information and apply, contact Sally Briggs, Learner Recruitment & Progression Coordinator at sally.briggs@ymca.co.uk or on **0113 243 2377**

OPTIONS STILL AVAILABLE



Leeds Hair and Beauty Academy

13-14 South Parade

Leeds LS1 5QS

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Courses (16 years +)
16+ yrs - Level 1 - Beauty Therapy
16+ yrs - Level 2 - Beauty Therapy
16+ yrs - Level 2 - Hair & Media Make-up
16+ yrs - Level 3 - Make-up Artistry
16+ yrs - Level 3 - Beauty Therapy (Massage Route)
16+ yrs - Level 3 - Nail Technology

If your child is interested in any of these courses, please call **Ann-Marie Furness**, Client Engagement Advisor on

01388 436 176

or email her at

ann-marie.furness@learningcurvegroup.co.uk

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Apprenticeships

An apprenticeship is a full-time paid job, which includes studying for a qualification. It is not possible to do a **full-time** college course **and** an apprenticeship, but if your child is hoping to secure an apprenticeship, it is advisable to apply for **both**.

Applying for both will help ensure that your child has a really positive next step, even if they are not able to secure an apprenticeship straight away. It also gives them the chance to:

- **Test out** whether they would enjoy an apprenticeship in their area of interest;
- **Build** their knowledge, skills, and maturity before starting a full-time job.

Finding an Apprenticeship

- **Explore** live apprenticeship vacancies [here](#)
- **Browse** the types of apprenticeships available across a range of sectors [here](#)

Where else to look



- Careers sections of company websites that particularly appeal to your child, and follow them on social media for updates
- Regularly check job boards like [Indeed](#)
- Tell everyone you know that your child is looking for an apprenticeship. You never know who might have useful connections!
- Sign up to college apprenticeship team newsletters to hear about new vacancies (via their website).



Apply for a Parallel Option

If your child is worried that

- They might not meet the entry requirements for their preferred option;
- They have made a decision without exploring all the possible options;
- They are following their friends rather than their own aspirations

then applying for a parallel option is a good idea. This might be a Sixth Form with lower entry requirements, applying for a course of interest at a college or training provider, or they might want to apply for an apprenticeship as well to see which suits them better.

Make Use of Rossett Careers Team - Even once your child goes on study leave, we are here to support them **and** you. We can help with:

- College, Sixth Form, and Apprenticeship applications;
- Creating CVs and cover letters;
- Exploring alternatives if your child has changed their mind;
- Checking on the progress of applications;
- Finding volunteering or part-time job opportunities for the summer;
- Answering questions and addressing worries.

Please email Emmi Wainwright at wainwrighte@rs.rklt.co.uk