

Further Education – at a glance

What is FE:

- The next step after secondary school (usually between the ages of 16-18).

What can you study:

- A Level, T-Levels, BTEC, Apprenticeships

Where can you study:

- Sixth Form College; most offer A Levels and some vocational qualifications too. Some are independent, some are attached to schools.
- FE College; some offer A Levels but focus on a wide range of vocational qualifications in different subjects.



Leeds College of Building



Heart of Yorkshire Wakefield College

Higher Education – at a glance

What is HE:

- Higher Education is the optional final stage of formal education, following secondary and further education

What can you study:

- There are 100s of courses to choose from, from subjects you may already have studied like Maths and English, to something completely new like Animal Behaviour and Welfare and 2D Animation.

Where can you study:

- You can search and apply for most HE courses online.
- You usually have to be 18 or older to take a higher education course. They are usually taught in: universities, colleges, specialist institutions like art schools or agricultural colleges.



Apprenticeships – at a glance



Earn while you learn:

- £6.40 - £11.44 (average salary - £19,319)



Employability:

- Industry-specific training, and longer spent in the role.

Relevant skills:

- Real world skills and experience.

No student loan:

- Qualifications paid for by your employer, so no student loans.

Competitive:

- Limited vacancies.
- School leavers, college leavers and adults already in employment can apply.

Commitment:

- Working full time while studying.

No fixed entry route:

- Application deadlines and openings vary.
- Thorough research needed e.g. checking company websites, industry specific searches.

Growing each year:

- Since the beginning of 2020 more than 20 T-Level qualifications have been introduced

A great balance:

- 80% of time in the Classroom, 20% of the time completing a 45 day work placement

Relevant skills:

- Gives a potential advantage over others who have studied at A-Level that might be applying for similar jobs

High Pass Rate:

- In 2024 91% of students achieved a 'pass' or above

Limited:

- Not all subjects are available to study.

A great balance:

- A T-Level qualification is equivalent to 3 A-Levels and can lead to a place at a University.