

Future Pathways

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Things to Talk About...

1. **Sixth Form**
2. **College**
3. **Apprenticeships**
4. **Employment with training**
5. **Support**



Sixth Form

- The Friary Sixth Form offers consistently high quality teaching and learning.
- In 2023 the average A Level grade was a B and the average Level 3 vocational grade a D*.
- The vast majority of our students continue their studies at university.



Class of 2023		
Destination	Amount	Percentage
University	58	69%
College	1	1%
Apprenticeships	8	10%
Gap Year	12	14%
Employment	5	6%
Total	84	100%
First Choice University	53	91%
Russell Group University	24	41%
Oxford	1	1.7%

Sixth Form Entry Requirements

- All students must achieve a grade 4 in Maths, English and at least three other subjects to gain a place in Sixth Form.
- Changes are in the pipeline that may affect our entry requirements.
- From 2025 students will be able to study one vocational subject only. BTECs are changing and will be called Alternative Academic Qualifications (AAQs).

GCSE Profile	Suggested Route
At least 8 GCSEs including a minimum of 6 at Grade 6 or higher	3 A Levels or equivalent Level 3 Qualifications. The Extended Project Qualification is also recommended
8 GCSEs including at least 4-5 at Grade 6 or higher	2 A Levels and 1 Vocational Level 3 Qualification and an enrichment subject/ opportunity
5-7 GCSEs at Grade 4 (5 Maths and English Language) with up to 3 at Grade 6	1 A Level and 2 Vocational Level 3 Qualifications and an enrichment subject/ opportunity
5-7 GCSEs at Grade 4 (4 Maths and English Language) with up to 2 at Grade 6	3 vocational Level 3 Qualifications and an enrichment subject/opportunity

Breadth

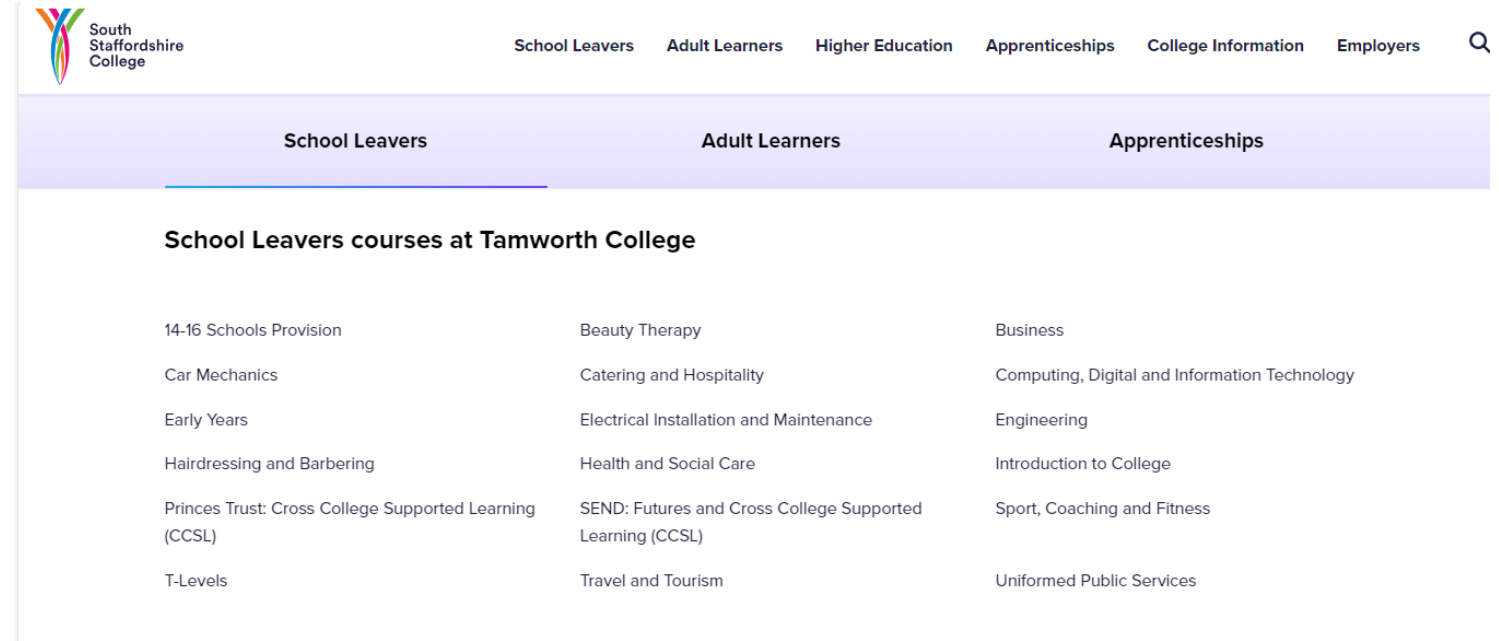
Sixth Form provides a breadth of opportunity that goes far beyond the academic.



- World Challenge
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Work experience
- Leadership opportunities
- Inter school competitions
- Employer talks
- University visits
- Field trips
- Fund raising
- Debating competitions
- Mock trials
- Public speaking competitions
- Enrichment opportunities

College

- The most commonly attended colleges are South Staffs College with campuses in Lichfield, Tamworth and Rodbaston (Penkridge), Stafford College and Walsall College.
- They offer diplomas, apprenticeships and T Levels amongst others.
- Open days and interviews will commence in the October preceding a September start.
- Thorough research of the courses is vital to make sure that they are at the right level.



The screenshot shows the South Staffordshire College website. The header includes the college logo and navigation links: School Leavers, Adult Learners, Higher Education, Apprenticeships, College Information, and Employers. A search icon is also present. Below the header, there are three tabs: School Leavers (selected), Adult Learners, and Apprenticeships. Under the 'School Leavers' tab, the heading is 'School Leavers courses at Tamworth College'. The courses are listed in three columns:

School Leavers	Adult Learners	Apprenticeships
14-16 Schools Provision	Beauty Therapy	Business
Car Mechanics	Catering and Hospitality	Computing, Digital and Information Technology
Early Years	Electrical Installation and Maintenance	Engineering
Hairdressing and Barbering	Health and Social Care	Introduction to College
Princes Trust: Cross College Supported Learning (CCSL)	SEND: Futures and Cross College Supported Learning (CCSL)	Sport, Coaching and Fitness
T-Levels	Travel and Tourism	Uniformed Public Services



- Animal care and management
- Countryside Conservation and Environmental Management
- Equine
- Agricultural Engineering
- Ariculture
- Plumbing
- Veterinary Care and Nursing

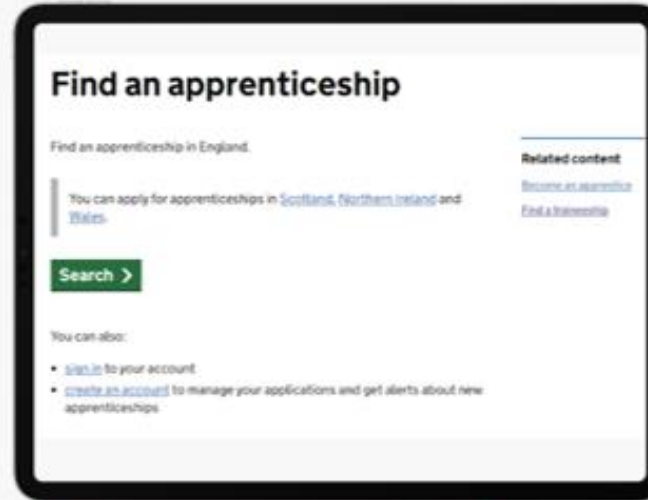
Apprenticeships

- **Students should be looking at Level 2 or 3 after GCSEs.**
- **All fees are paid and the apprentice is salaried throughout. Though salaries vary depending on the employer all apprentices earn at least the apprentice national minimum wage. This is currently £5.28.**
- **All apprenticeships include 20% off-the-job training.**

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grade A*-C or 4-9
Advanced	3	2 A Levels / Level 3 diploma / international Baccalaureate
Higher	4,5,6 & 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 & 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

Where?

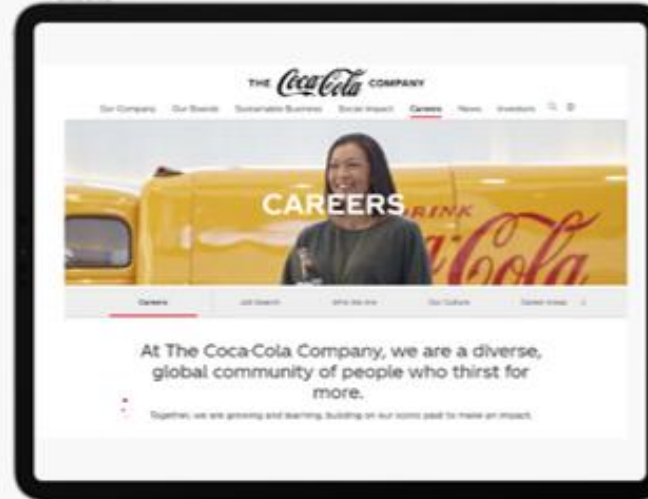
- Most apprenticeships can be located at the GOV.UK website.
- Apprenticeship opportunities are updated daily.
- You can also find them via UCAS, direct from the employer and the Apprenticeships website.



Find an Apprenticeship



UCAS



Employer Websites



Higher and Degree listing



Student Apprenticeship Support


Students have regular meetings with Mrs Bullock. She proof reads letters of application and CVs, discusses key interview questions and techniques and ways to search for jobs in particular sectors.

She sends them details of potential apprenticeships weekly.

Apprenticeship students receive guidance with CVs and letters of application, just as other students do with personal statements during form time.

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Student



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Professional Profile

Dedicated young professional currently studying towards GCSEs, with complimentary experience in customer services obtained from a busy retail environment. Predicted to receive excellent grades at GCSE level Maths, Sociology and Geography, with a recent Geography Award for academic achievement. Passionate about music with Grade 7 in Piano and Grade 5 in Flute. An active member of the school piano club and chess club, dedicated to both personal and professional development. A reliable team member with a personable nature and positive communication style, experienced in collaborating with team members to ensure the delivery of unrivalled customer support.

Core Skills

- Customer services
- Piano/flute playing
- Retail operations
- Customer enquiries
- Microsoft Office
- Team collaboration
- Complaints resolution
- Effective communication

Education

- **9 x GCSEs including English and Maths** | London Bridge Comprehensive School | Sep 2021 - May 2023 |

Subjects and Predicted Grades: English – 6, Maths – 7, Science – 6, Art – 6, Geography – 7, Sociology – 7, IT – 6, Design and Technology – 6, Spanish – 6

Extracurricular activities: Grade 7 Piano, Grade 5 Flute

Memberships: School Piano and Chess Clubs

Awards: London Bridge Comprehensive School Geography Award

Career Summary

Jan 2022 - Present **Primark, London**
Shop Assistant (Part Time)

Outline

Working within Men's Wear and Home within a team of 8 staff members, as part of a wider team of circa 200 staff. Providing excellent customer service when responding to requests and reporting to the Team Manager.

Key Responsibilities

- Maintain an in-depth product knowledge across Men's Wear and Home to support customers to make well-informed selections of suitable products decisions on refunds and price matches

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Employment with training

- Minimum wage is £5.28 per hour
- Must be work ready
- Must know what sector appeals to you
- Must include some aspect of training
- You'll need a CV, covering letter & complete application forms
- Research suitable job opportunities (job websites/newspapers/employment agencies)
- Formal interview (*telephone/one to one/panel/assignment/presentation/specific exercise*)
- Consider part time or voluntary work prior to applying



Support

- Each student has a meeting with an independent careers advisor.
- We run trips to colleges.
- We have regular talks from employers and apprenticeship providers.
- In Year 10 students complete employability workshops and mock interviews.
- The PSHE programme and wider curriculum is devised to support students in developing their employability skills.
- Students have access to Unifrog from Year 9.





What is unifrog?

A one-stop-shop for getting in.



Apprenticeships



Further Education



University



+ Lots more!

How does it help?

Unifrog empowers students and teachers.

Strategy

Easily take into account academic performance and likelihood of success. Compare every opportunity to find the best one.

Tasks

Students and teachers always know their next task, what they've already done, and what they've got left to do.

Target

One place to track every student's progress, and feed-in to their applications - you can target help at students who need it most.

- All students are given a Unifrog login during Y9.
- They will learn how to explore and get the most out of the Unifrog platform during Enrichment.
- Unifrog is the one stop site for information and support in exploring every pathway possible.

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Exploring pathways	Searching for opportunities	Recording what you've done	Drafting application materials	Making applications
Careers library	UK universities	Activities	Personal Statement	Post 16/18
Subjects library	US universities	Competencies	CV / Resumé	Locker
Know-how library	European universities	Interactions	Teacher References	Applications list
MOOC	Oxbridge		Common App Essay	
	Apprenticeships	Create an account		
	College/ Sixth Form	Sign up		
	Canadian universities			

Click the text boxes above to take you to the tool.