# **Year 11 Results Day Guide 2025**

This guide is to support those in year 11 who will be receiving their results on Thursday 21st August 2025. There is information about post-16 options including: A levels, BTEC, T Levels, apprenticeships and more.

* The date you receive GCSE results is Thursday 21stAugust.
* Other qualification results, including BTEC and T-Levels will be released to students on or before 14th August.
* For more information go to [Ofqual student guide to exams and assessments in 2025 - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofqual-student-guide-to-exams-and-assessments-in-2025)

Guidance

**Ofqual Student Guide 2025**

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We will still be available to support you on results and other days. Careers Advisers will be available in your school on GCSE results day in the morning. Come in and see us on results days from 2pm – 4.30pm at Careers [Young WorkPath, Idea Store, 260 Commercial Road, E1 2FB (near Shadwell DLR and Shadwell Overground Station)](https://www.ideastore.co.uk/visit-us/idea-store-watney-market). Alternatively, contact us Monday – Friday 9am-12pm and 1pm-5pm as we will also offer careers interviews over the phone or via video:

Telephone: 020 7364 1401 or 0800 35812410 (free phone)

Email: [young.workpath@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:young.workpath@towerhamlets.gov.uk)

We expect to be very busy, so please do be patient if contacting us. There is also information on our webpage [click here](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/youngworkpath) and on the Young Tower Hamlets website (Careers & Guidance section) [click here.](https://www.youngtowerhamlets.org.uk/careers.)

# **What’s next?**

**The entry requirements can vary and often depend on the level.**

A Levels at college/sixth form

BTEC at college/sixth form

T Levels at college/sixth form

Apprenticeship

Employment with training

Supported Internships

NVQ at college/training provider and/or workplace

Study Programme (traineeship/pre-apprenticeship) – \*see update below.

Foundation/entry at college or another provider

Volunteering with part-time education or training

Programme (could be study, employability etc.)

Resit - you might be able to do with an option above.

# **Raising the participation age (RPA)**

Raising the participation age means you must continue in education or training until you are 18, read more [here](https://www.gov.uk/know-when-you-can-leave-school). It ***does not*** mean you must stay in school; you can choose one of the following options:

* Full-time education, such as college or sixth form
* Work-based learning, such as an apprenticeship or training programme.
* Spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering, while in part-time education or training.



# **What are the different options?**

More information [click here](http://here/) ‘Options after year 11’, also you can go to the Young Tower Hamlets website and go to the Careers & Guidance section [click here.](https://www.youngtowerhamlets.org.uk/careers).

**A level:** Available in a range of subjects and you would usually pick 3/4 subjects, these might be new subjects that you have not studied before e.g. psychology. Usually require at least 5 GCSEs grades 4/5-9, including English Language and Maths, and some might require specific subject grades. You would study these for two years.

**BTEC (levels from entry to level 3):** a vocational qualification that involves a mixture of practical and academic learning. The subjects available are related to broad job areas, e.g. business, performing arts, engineering, and health and social care. Usually, you study just one subject for one to two years. BTECs are the most common type of general vocational qualification, but you may come across others, such as CTECs (Cambridge Technicals). The entry requirements will depend on what level you want to do.

**T Level (16–19-year-olds or up to the age of 25 who have an education, health, or care plan):** started in 2020, these are two-year courses equivalent to three A levels and are available in selected schools and colleges in over 20 career areas. They prepare students for work by combining 80 per cent of their time in the classroom and 20 per cent at an industry placement, which is for at least 45 days. For students who are not ready to progress onto a T Level, there is a one-year post-GCSE T Level Transition Programme to prepare students for a T Level.

**Apprenticeships (levels from 2-7):** a work, learn and earn option, where you are employed by a company to work 80% of the week (usually 4 days) and 20% studying (usually one day or in block release every few weeks) for a qualification relevant to your job and is paid for by the company. For higher/degree level apprenticeships you might need to be 18 and have a level 3 qualification. These are for a minimum of one year to 18 months (longer for higher level/degree apprenticeships).

**Employment (if with training sometimes called an ‘apprenticeship or school leaver/training programme’):** could be full or part- time working for a company in a variety of sectors. Entry requirements can vary. If an apprenticeship or school/college training programme, you would work for a company most of the week and get training/qualification for that job.

**NVQ (levels 1-7):** is another type of vocational qualification that involves training for a specific job, a work-based way of learning, which is carried out at a college, or workplace usually in conjunction with an employer. NVQs involve a range of on-the-job tasks and activities that are designed to test you on your ability to do a job effectively. They can also be studied as part of an apprenticeship.

**Study Programme (Formerly known as Traineeships sometimes called a ‘pre-apprenticeship’ programme):** these programmes are aimed at 16-18-year-olds (and up to 24 for those with an EHCP), who are not ready for an apprenticeship, and these may last up to six months. They offer the chance to do work experience, improve work skills and (if needed) gain English and Maths qualifications. These programmes are not usually paid, but financial help may be available. **\*Since 1 August 2023, the Government now no longer funds a standalone national traineeship programme. This is now integrated into the 16 to 19 study programme or the adult education budget. Traineeships continue to be offered by providers locally (under the name of study programmes/pre-apprenticeships), check with providers directly.**

**Foundation/entry level:** This can be a course to prepare you to progress onto the next level and do not usually require any qualifications. You may also need to develop maths and English skills, with Functional Skills.

**Volunteering:** A great way to understand a business, organisation, or company, explore career area/s, develop relevant skills, and meet new people. It can also look great on your CV and contribute to a Duke of Edinburgh Award.

**Programme:** there are various other programmes depending on circumstances, interests and what is available at the time.

**Resit:** depending on your results you might be able to re-sit some subjects while working and/or studying. If after Year 11 you do not have a grade 4 (formerly C) in maths and/or English Language, you must keep studying these subjects until you achieve a minimum GCSE grade 4 **or** Functional Skills Level 2 (this applies until your 18th birthday).

# **Results day**



* **I have applied and been offered a place:**

If you have received enrolment/start date information, then follow the college/sixth form or company instructions. If not, then contact them directly.

* **I have applied and not been offered a place:**

Contact the sixth form/college directly to enquire further. If it is a work-based option, like an apprenticeship you can ask the company for feedback but do keep applying to others. Contact us if you would like us to support you with this.

* **I did not get the grades I wanted:**

Hopefully, you can still progress onto your next step, contact them to find out. You should speak to school staff about your grades and appeals, as remarking ('reviews of results') any exams will be done through them (unless a private candidate/home schooled). However, there could be a fee for retakes, and your grade/s could go up or even down. There is further information in the Ofqual Student guide at [Ofqual student guide to exams and assessments in 2025 - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofqual-student-guide-to-exams-and-assessments-in-2025)

* **Resits:**

If you did not pass English Language and/or Maths (grade 4 or higher) you will need to re-sit these until you achieve a minimum GCSE grade 4 **or** take Functional Skills Level 2, and they are usually done alongside another option. This applies until your 18th birthday.

* The GCSE resit usually takes place in the November exam series, and/or retakes for other subjects take place the following summer. For resit/s some students may choose to study independently and enter exams as private candidates. Private candidates register to take exams in a school, college, or other type of exam centre. Some exam centres only deliver assessments and exams, and do not teach students. There could be a charge.
* **I have not made any applications:**

There might be places available at college/sixth form but depends on where, what course/s you want to study and your results. Click [here](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/youngworkpath) for a list and contact directly, we can also help. If you want to apply to a work-based option, including an apprenticeship one of our team can also help you and you can also use the resources below to search for vacancies.

* **Be prepared!**

If you did not do as well as expected, it does not mean that you cannot progress. Get support from those around you: at home, school staff, sixth form/college and at Tower Hamlets Young WorkPath. Come in and see us on results days from 2pm – 4.30pm at The Idea Store, 260 Commercial Road, E1 2FB (near Shadwell DLR and Shadwell Overground Station). Alternatively, contact us Monday – Friday 9am-12pm and 1pm-5pm as we will also offer careers interviews over the phone or via video. Telephone: 0207 364 1401 or 0800 3581 2410 (free phone) or email: [youngworkpath@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:youngworkpath@towerhamlets.gov.uk)

On the day, have your results, any acceptance letters/emails, a fully charged device with telephone and Internet access, notepad, and pen. If you are going into school to collect your results, also take these with you in case you need to make phone call/s and take notes.

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# **Resources**

**Various careers information and results day support:**

* [Tower Hamlets Young WorkPath](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/youngworkpath)
* [OFQUAL](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofqual)
* National Careers Service (lines are open from 08:00 to 20:00 Monday to Friday and 10:00 to 17:00 on Saturdays) [careers helpline for teenagers](http://www.gov.uk/careers-helpline-for-teenagers)
* [National Careers Service course search](https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/find-a-course/search) (make sure you select the appropriate options)
* [Careerpilot](https://careerpilot.org.uk/information/your-choices-at-16/what-to-do-on-gcse-results-day/) Get information: Your choices at 16: What to do on GCSE Results Day
* [BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zjbn47h#zkm8tcw)
* [UCAS](https://www.ucas.com/discover)

**A few links for apprenticeships and jobs (check company website/s directly):**

* [Careers Young WorkPath apprenticeships websites](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/jobs_and_careers/employment_and_training_initia/Workpath/Young-workpath/Young-Workpath-Apprenticeships.aspx)
* [WorkPath (for Tower Hamlets residents only)](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/workpath)
* [Apprenticeships](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/)
* [Apprenticeship vacancies](https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)
* [Not going to Uni](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/)
* [UCAS](https://careerfinder.ucas.com/searchjobs/)
* [Indeed](http://www.indeed.co.uk/)
* [All about school leavers](http://www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk/)
* [Multiverse](https://www.multiverse.io/en-GB): Upskilling platform for AI and tech adoption
* [Get my first job](http://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/)
* [StudentJob UK](https://www.studentjob.co.uk/part-time-job/london) Part Time Jobs in London
* [Jobs Retail](http://www.jobsretail.co.uk/)