



Year 11 Parents' Information Evening

Thursday 10th September

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Planning for success

Pastoral support in school

Post-16 information



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Term 1- Assessment 1, report 1

Term 2- TRIAL EXAMS: 9 Nov- 23 Nov

Term 3 – Assessment 3, report 2, exam preparation evening for parents/carers, guided revision programme begins

Term 4- Assessment 4, parents/carers evening

Term 5- Summer exam season begins: 10 May

Term 6- Summer exam continues, study leave

GCSE results day- Thurs 19 August



**The summer exam season finishes on 23 June -
Please don't book holidays before this date !**

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Subjects with non-examined elements (coursework/NEAs)

art	textiles	product design (DT)	food preparation and nutrition	drama
music	performing arts	photography	PE	Sports studies

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Trial exams: 9 Nov- 23 Nov

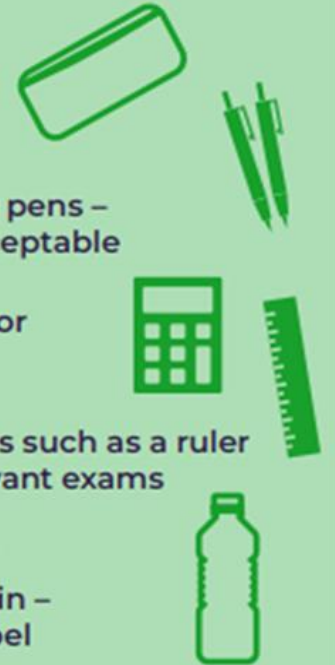
Revision practice – what works, what doesn't work

The "exam experience" including a "results" day

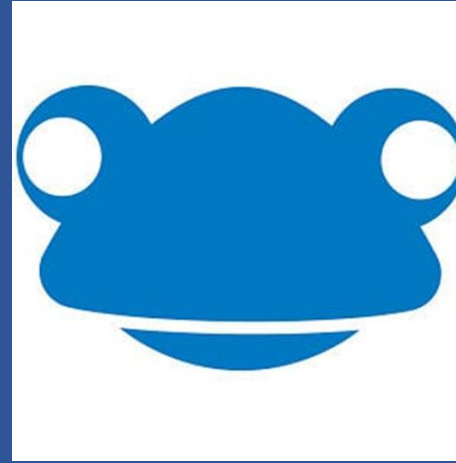
Next steps – feedback

What you will need:

- ☐ a clear pencil case
- ☐ at least two black ink pens – blue pens are not acceptable
- ☐ an approved calculator for relevant exams
- ☐ appropriate apparatus such as a ruler or protractor for relevant exams
- ☐ a clear water bottle if you wish to take one in – it must not have a label

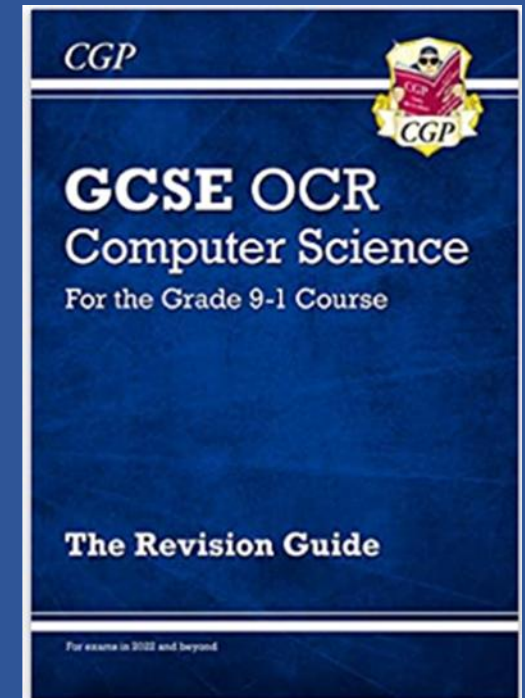
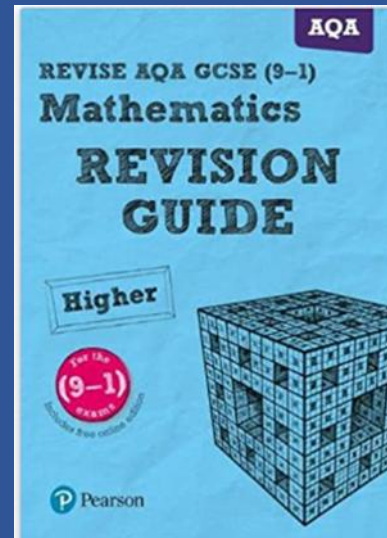
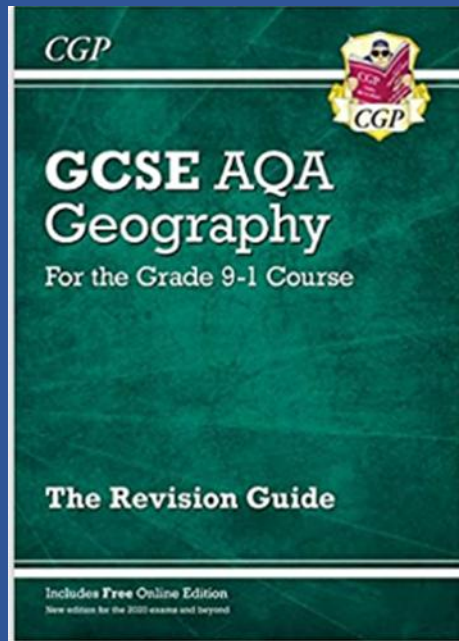
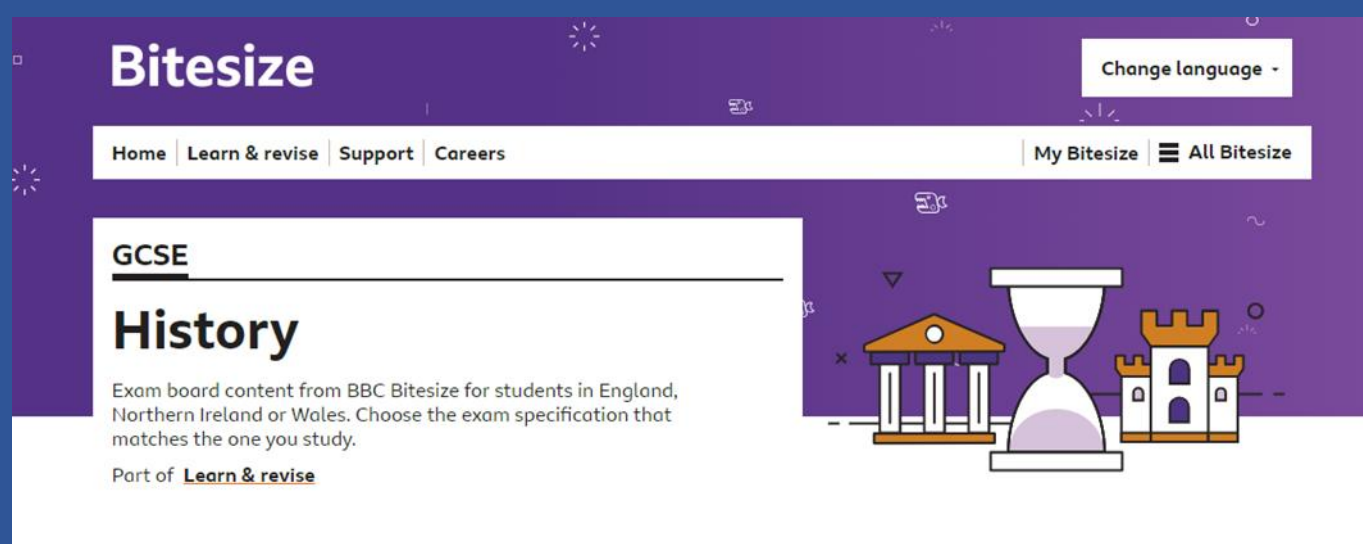


- Every exam subject will continue to set home learning once a week
- All tasks will be set on Frog
- Download the frog app
- ...which means you can check!
- Space and time to work at home (remove distractions)



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Check before
you buy!



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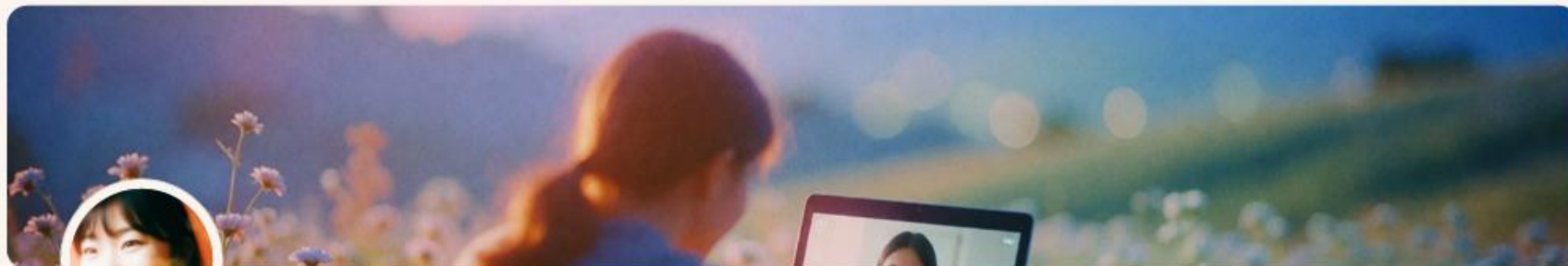
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FOR PARENTS AND CARERS • LAUNCH EVENT TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

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GCSE grades above non-users in a study of 113 Year 11 students

10 months

of additional progress, on the EEF's own scale

+2 grades

for the lower-attaining third — help where it was needed most

COME AND SEE IT FOR YOURSELF

Launch event for parents and carers
Tuesday 15 September

Details from school. In the meantime you can try it free at myinkling.ai — a 30-minute session, no card details required. Cancel any plan whenever you like.



SCAN ME

DfE Report March 2025

Attendance and attainment

.....Missing 10 days of school in year 11 reduces the likelihood of achieving grade 5 in English and maths by around 50%.



The link between attendance and attainment in an assessment year

Research Report
March 2025

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Pastoral Support

- Teachers
- Tutor
- Pastoral Leader
- Assistant Pastoral Leader
- Support staff team
- Nurture
- School Nurse
- School Counsellors
- Numerous Outside Agencies



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Positive Relationships



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Keep communicating



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Examples of pastoral support

- Time with a Key adult
- Listening to the Student Voice
- Pen portrait
- Thoughtful seating in classrooms
- Timeout card
- Teaching & Learning strategies to form adaptive teaching
- Behaviour management strategies
- Recommended nurture principles



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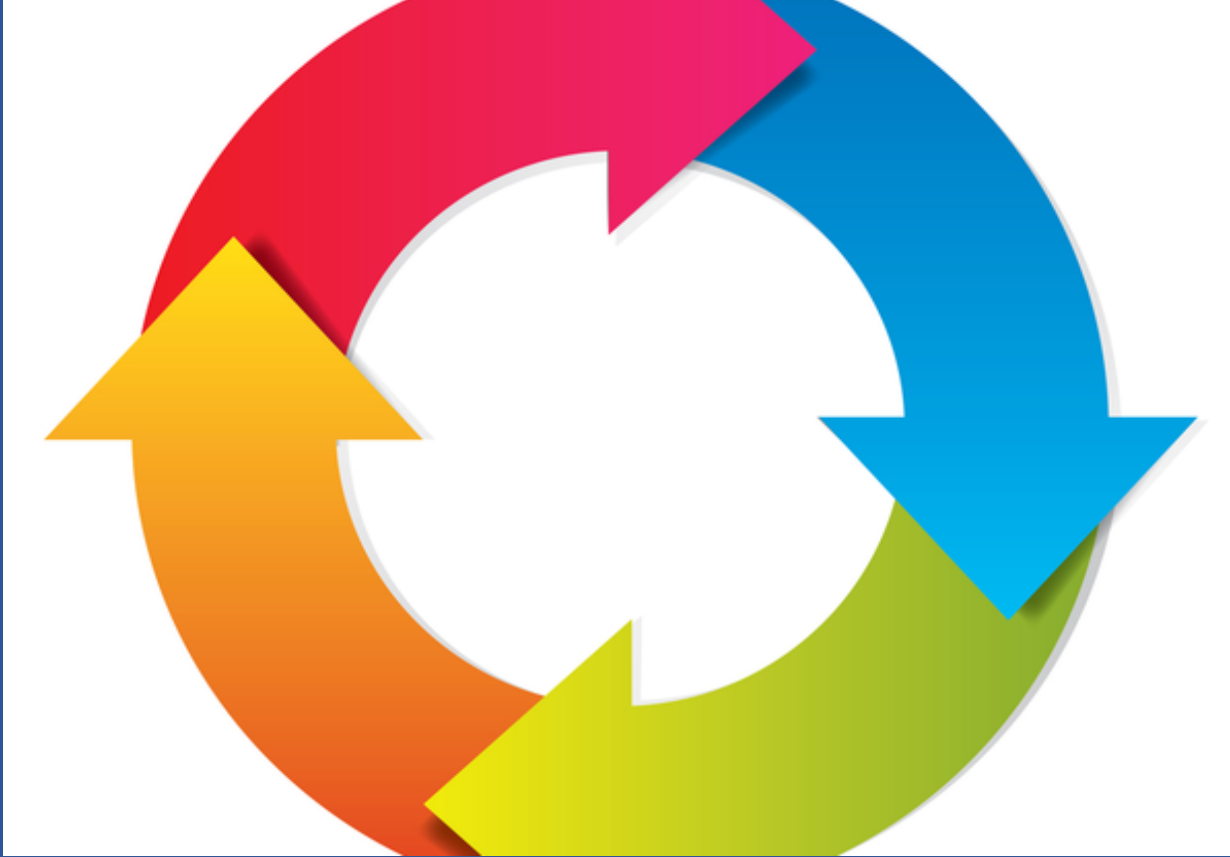
Examples of pastoral support

- ELSA Intervention
- 1:1 or small group intervention
- Referrals to
 - MHST
 - School Counsellor
 - School Nurse drop-in
 - School Nurse Individual session
 - Community Paediatrics
 - Early Help
 - CAMHS



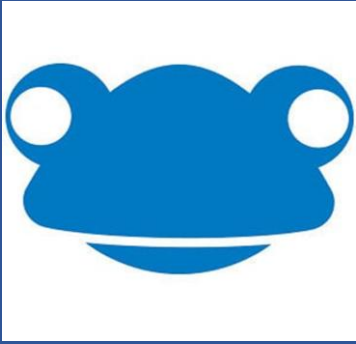
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How is support delivered?



- Assess
- Plan
- Do
- Review

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Useful websites, apps and local counselling services



Off The Record

Support online, in groups and 1:1



Young minds

www.youngminds.org.uk



Wellspring Counselling - Serving the Community of North Somerset

www.wellspringcounselling.org.uk



Kooth - Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people

www.kooth.com



Beat - The UK's Eating disorder charity

www.b-eat.co.uk



Clearfear - overcoming anxiety app

www.clearfear.co.uk

Student Dashboard

Backwell School

Student Notices

My Timetable

My Home Learning

Email / Office 365

Subjects

Careers

Rewards

Twitter

Letters Home

Catering

Suggestions

Useful links

Wellbeing

Week beginning: 11 Sep

HOLIDAY



Transition to year 12 at Backwell Sixth ...

Preparation for the start of Year 12



Well-being

Information



Anti-Racism at Backwell



Kooth.com

Free, safe and anonymous online support for young p...



Student Council

Information and news from the student council



Clubs + Courses

Spring/Summer 2023



The Croak

Toadally fascinating



6th Form

Information and notices

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DEALING WITH EXAM STRESS

If stress affects you, try to find ways to maintain a positive attitude and cultivate a positive approach during your revision.



KEEP FIT

by taking some exercise you enjoy



RELAX

perhaps by sitting quietly or meditating



EAT WELL

but healthily



PLANNED TIME AWAY

take some planned time away from study, rather than avoiding revision

THINGS THAT CAN HELP



RECOGNISE ACHIEVEMENTS

be pleased with your achievements as you revise



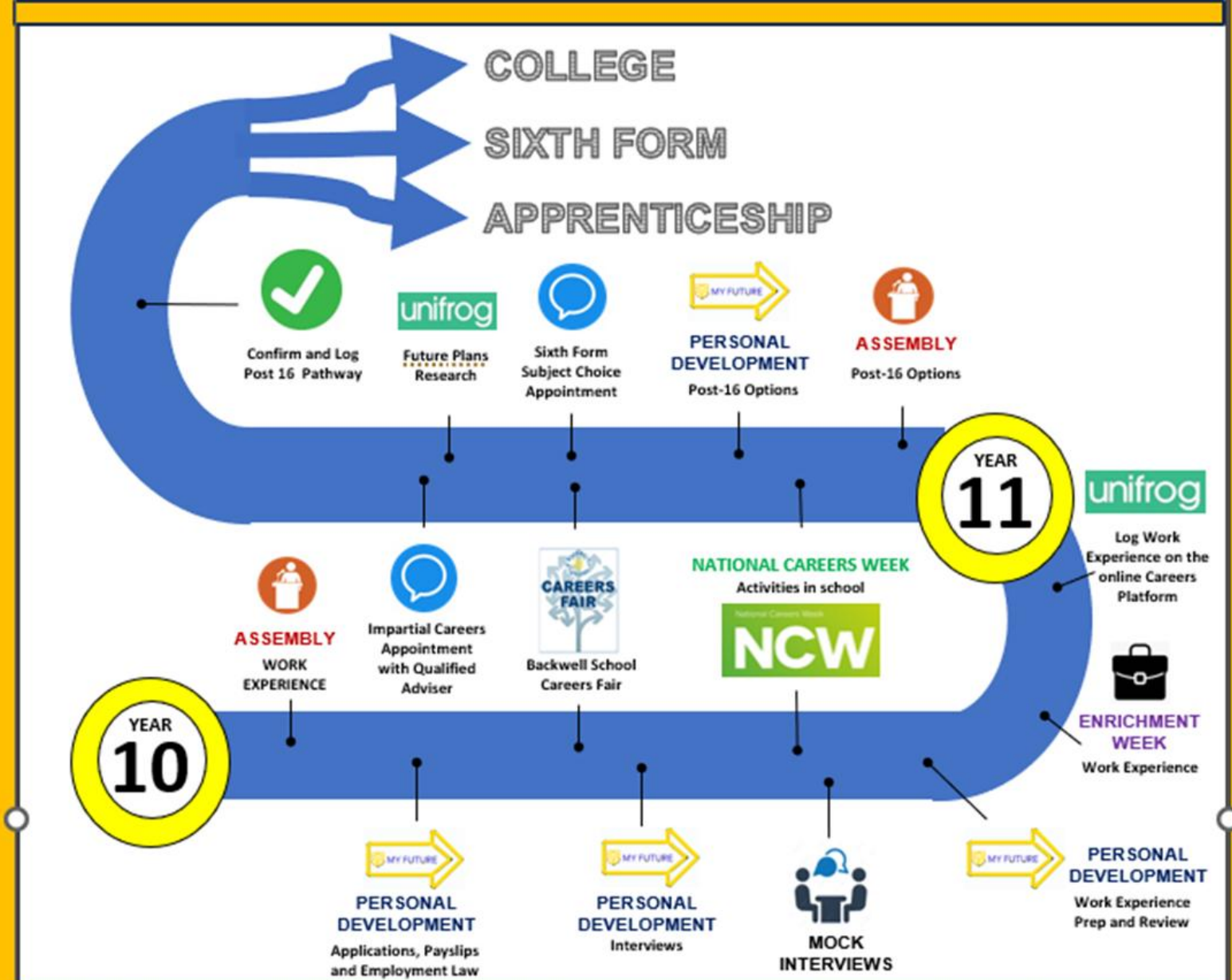
SLEEP

get sufficient sleep

REWARD YOURSELF

reward yourself with an occasional treat





BACKWELL SCHOOL CAREERS JOURNEY KEY STAGE 4

Y11 POST 16 OPTIONS



As you know, until they're 18, students legally need to be in:

- 1) education or
- 2) employment with training towards a recognised qualification.



However, they do have options of what and where to study/work.

If a student is not following either of these pathways then they are classed as NEET and the Local Authority will work with you and them to ensure that they have an appropriate plan. We have a duty to refer students at risk of becoming NEET.

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Level	Academic	Technical		
Level 3 A Levels or similar	VOCATIONAL COURSES (BTEC, CTEC, AAQ, V levels etc) Subject-based or vocational qualifications at a range of levels. Usually higher coursework content and different exam schedule	A LEVELS and AS LEVELS Subject-based qualifications delivered over two years	T LEVELS Classroom-based course delivered over 2 years by an FE provider Usually 80% in college, 45 days work placement per year	APPRENTICESHIPS Work-based training for a minimum of 12 months Usually 80% working, time in college
Level 2 (GCSE grades 4+ or similar)				
Level 1 (GCSE grades 1- 3 or similar)		English Lit <u>or</u> Lang and Maths GCSE It is compulsory to continue studying these subjects if you have not achieved a Grade 4		

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College or Sixth Form?

- Students can apply for more than one place
- We encourage students to have a back-up plan

Support in school:

- Tutor, Pastoral Leaders, Subject teachers , Miss Haywood and the wider Sixth Form Team
- Every Year 11 will have had a careers appointment with Mrs Farr before the end of Term 4 – make an appointment now if they're worried
- Unifrog, Weekly Careers Bulletin



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College options

What to take into account:

- Course choice and qualification (vocational/technical training)
- Travel
- Expectations and support
- Results and destinations (completion rates)
- Subject specialist teachers for A levels?

Information on colleges:

- Discuss with Mrs Farr (impartial advice)
- Complete online research (open evenings, courses etc)

Local to us:

Weston, City of Bristol, SGS, Bath, BoomSatsuma, Access Creative, Robin's Foundation

Why choose Backwell Sixth Form?

- Subject specialist teachers; enthusiasm and knowledge
- Excellent relationships between staff and students; safe and purposeful environment
- Smaller class sizes
- Pastoral support – students know they will be listened to
- Supportive structure to develop good study habits
- Successful Post-18 destinations and lots of careers support
- Inclusive intake for Level 3 study; support for students with individual needs and in challenging circumstances
- Year on Year Students make above average progress and attain excellent results



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Key dates for Backwell Sixth Form

Open Evening:	Thursday 22 October 2026
Application deadline:	Friday 4 December 2026
Application meetings:	February/March 2027
Transition Day:	Friday 2 July 2027
GCSE Results Day:	Thursday 19 August 2027
Induction to Year 12:	TBC September 2027



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Single sign-on (SSO)

 Sign in with Google

 Sign in with Microsoft

Want to set up SSO with Unifrog, or have questions?
[See our About page >](#)

Are you a **parent/guardian** wanting to create an account?
Use SSO above, or [click here >](#)

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In a nutshell

This special sort of Unifrog account allows a parent to:

- **Stay up to date:** See their child's next tasks, unfinished actions, upcoming events, placements, and the interactions added by their teachers
- **Try out:** Try all our student tools, from the quizzes to the libraries and university and apprenticeships search tools
- **Learn:** Find events (like webinars and fairs) and guides aimed at parents and caregivers
- **Stay in touch:** Sign up to our monthly parent newsletter (which tells parents and caregivers about news and opportunities to do with careers and progression).

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