

What next after year 11?



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Choices Choices Choices

- Sixth Form
- College
- Apprenticeships
- Specialist Placements



Are my choices grade dependent?

Grades	Little Heath Sixth Form	Sixth Form	College	Apprenticeship
Five or more Grade 5s at GCSE (including English Lang or Maths)	✓ - Certain subjects require certain grades (A-level and Vocational Courses)	✓ - Certain subjects require certain grades (A-level and Vocational Courses)	✓ - Certain subjects require certain grades (A-level and Vocational Courses)	✓ - Level 3 Apprenticeship (equivalent to A-levels)
Five or more Grade 4's at GCSE (including English Lang or Maths)	✓ - Certain subjects require certain grades (Some A-level's and Vocational Courses)	✓ - Certain subjects require certain grades (Some A-level's and Vocational Courses)	✓ - Mostly Vocational subject options.	✓ - Level 3 and Level 2 Apprenticeships
Less than five Grade 4's	X – Entry criteria not met. (If close, please speak to us)	X – Entry criteria not met (Unless they offer Level 2 courses).	✓ - Vocational Course Options (Level 2)	✓ - Level 2 Apprenticeships
No GCSE grades at 4 or above	X – Entry criteria not met.	X – Entry criteria not met.	✓ - Vocational Courses (Level 1/2)	✓ - Level 2 Apprenticeships

Pros and Cons

Staying at School		Going to a Different School	
Pros	Cons	Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenient • Familiar • Choice of subjects • Friendships • Working relationships with staff • Extra curricular opportunities • Work experience week • Leadership Opportunities • Close pastoral care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subjects not on offer • It's too familiar • The teachers might know me • Need a change • Specific extra curricular things not on offer • Circumstances may have changed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choice of subjects • Extra curricular opportunities • Convenient (especially if moved since starting LH) • Chance for a fresh start 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfamiliar • May not be so convenient • No established friendships • Being 'the new person' • Is the amount of difference worth the upheaval?
Going to College		Apprenticeships or Training	
Pros	Cons	Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chance for a fresh start • Much more vocational • Different range of qualifications available • Different levels of qualifications available (also a useful back-up if GCSE grades slip) • More grown up environment • No uniform or dress codes • Extra curricular opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No tutor groups so less close pastoral contact • Very large environment, so each student more anonymous • Vocational courses are "full time" so less scope for variety • Travel and equipment expense • Unfamiliar • No established friendships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earning while learning • Still getting a qualification • Progressing up the experience ladder earlier • More practical/experience-based way of learning • Paid holidays • More grown up environment • Great if you have a particular career focus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You might not get the job • Only great if you know which job you want to do • Need to do coursework AND full time job • Wages maybe lower than normal – minimum of £5.28 per hour • Jeopardy of losing job • Expectation of work maturity • Jobs market can fluctuate

Post 18 Choices

- Decisions about post 16 choice could be influenced by post 18 choice.
- Research now, to prevent a mistake later on.
- Certain Courses expect certain subjects/routes.
- Use www.ucas.com
- Use Unifrog/Indeed



Little Heath School Sixth Form

- 34 Subject Choices
- Strong Sixth Form Team
- Strong uptake of current Little Heath students
- Over 70 students chose to come from other schools to join the sixth form
- Record number of applications last year



Colleges

- **Reading College** – A mix of both A-levels and vocational courses. More information at <https://reading.activatelearning.ac.uk/>
- **Newbury College** – A mix of both A-levels and vocational courses. More information at <https://newbury-college.ac.uk/>
- **Henley College** – Mainly A-level courses. More information at <https://www.henleycol.ac.uk/>
- **BCA** – Vocational Courses. More information at <https://www.bca.ac.uk/>
- **QMC Basingstoke** – A mix of both A-levels and vocational courses. More information at <https://www.qmc.ac.uk/>
- **BCOT Basingstoke** – Vocational Courses. More information at <https://www.bcot.ac.uk/>



Apprenticeships

- Level 1 (Equivalent to grade 3 or below for GCSE)
- Level 2 (Equivalent to grade 4 or above for GCSE)
- Level 3 (Equivalent to A-levels)
- Level 6 (Equivalent to a Degree)
- Unifrog – Use this to help search for apprenticeships.
- Ensure that there is an educational provider with the apprenticeship.



Specialist Placements

- For example, Football Academy, Armed Forces
- Ask about destinations post 18.
- Ensure qualifications are suitable and allow for further progression in the young persons career.



Key Dates – Little Heath School

- 6th Form Open Evening – Thursday 6th November 2025
- Applications to be made by Monday 15th December 2025
- Interviews in January 2026
- Induction Day – July 2026
- GCSE Results Day – Thursday 20th August 2026



Any Questions?

