



GCSE Results

Guidance & Next Steps



As an 11-16 secondary school, Results Day represents a significant milestone for you as our Year 11 cohort. Each one of you will be moving on to a new destination - whether that is a Sixth Form, a Further Education College, a T-Level provider, an Apprenticeship or a Work-Based Training Programme.

Our priority on Results Day is to ensure every one of you leaves with a clear, confirmed pathway into post-16 education, employment or training.

Please read through this guide carefully. It contains key details, advice on what to do under different scenarios, a breakdown of post-16 pathways and information on the support team available to you on the day.

Key Information for Results Day Thursday 20th August 2026

- **Collection Time:** 09:00 - 11:00
- **Where?** Main Hall. Please enter via the Orange Dot.
- **Parking:** Visitor car park (please do not park on surrounding roads, walk if local)

How to Collect Your Results

In Person:

Collecting results in person is strongly encouraged. Our Senior Leadership Team, Careers Advisers, SENCo and a number of subject teachers will be in the hall to offer immediate guidance, celebrate your successes and help you navigate external college / provider enrollments.

Nominated Person:

If you cannot attend in person, a family member or trusted friend may collect your results on your behalf. They **must** bring:

- A signed letter of authorisation from you.
- Valid photo ID for the person collecting.

Important: Results will not be given out over the phone or sent to personal email addresses due to data protection (GDPR) regulations.

Key Grades to Remember:

- **Grade 4 (Standard Pass):** The national benchmark qualification. Reaching Grade 4 in English Language and Mathematics means you do **not** have to resit these subjects post-16.
- **Grade 5 (Strong Pass):** Many 16–19 Sixth Form Colleges require a Grade 5 (or higher) in specific subjects you wish to study at A-Level.



Results Day Step by Step

1. Open Your Results

Grades Met / Exceeded

NEXT STEPS:

- **Contact** your chosen college or provider immediately to confirm your accepted place.
- **Complete** your in-person or online enrolment as instructed by the institution.

Mixed Results

NEXT STEPS:

- **Contact** your chosen provider to discuss alternative course options or requirements.
- **Check** alternative Level 2 or Level 3 options that may suit your achieved grades.

Grades Lower Than Expected

NEXT STEPS:

- **Speak** to our School Careers Adviser immediately for support.
- **Contact** your provider to explore adjustments or clearing.
- **Visit** FE College open drop-in days for late applications.



Scenario A: You got the grades you needed for your chosen post-16 destination!

1. **Celebrate!** You worked hard for this.
2. **Confirm Your Enrolment:** Most post-16 providers (Colleges/Sixth Forms) require you to log into their portal on Results Day or visit their campus in person to upload/show your official statement of results.
3. **Follow Provider Instructions:** Check your email for enrolment deadlines. Do not delay as unconfirmed places may be offered to other applicants.

Scenario B: Your grades are higher than expected!

1. **Explore Upgraded Options:** If you achieved higher grades than predicted, you may now qualify for competitive A-Level subjects, Level 3 Diplomas or T-Levels that you previously didn't meet requirements for.
2. **Contact Colleges/Sixth Forms Immediately:** Call the admissions teams at your chosen providers to ask if you can switch to your preferred courses. Some providers are flexible on Results Day.

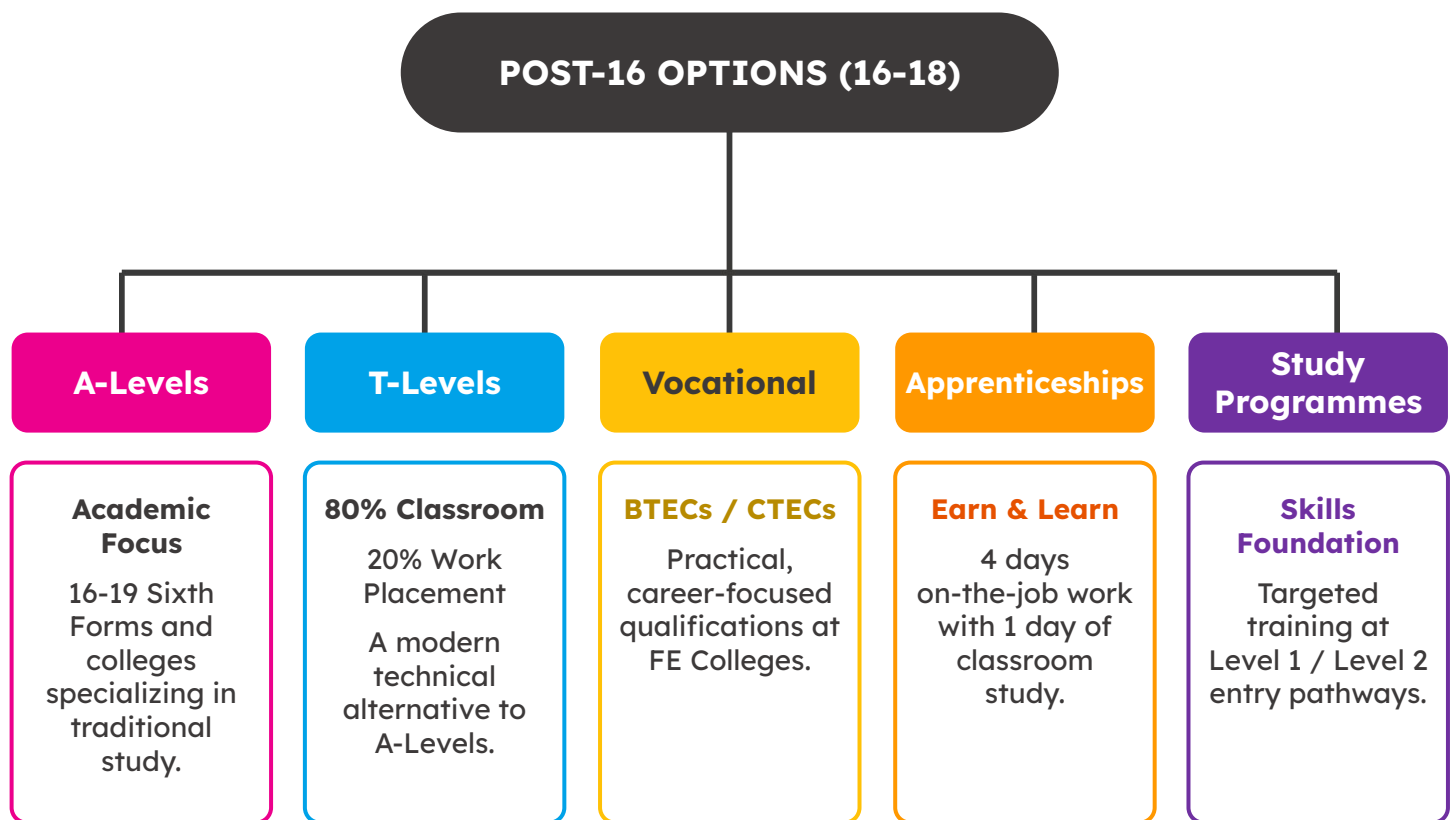
Scenario C: Your grades are lower than expected / missed provider entry requirements.

DO NOT PANIC. Every Year 11 student in England must remain in education, employment or training until age 18 which means **there is a place for everyone.**

1. **Speak to our On-Site Support Team First:**
 - Head to the Careers & Next Steps tables in the Main Hall.
 - Talk to our qualified Careers Advisers, a member of staff and / or the College Representatives - all based in the Main Hall.
2. **Contact Your Chosen Post-16 Provider:**
 - Do not assume you have lost your place. Many colleges accept students who narrowly miss their grades or will offer you an alternative course in the same subject area (e.g., Level 2 Diploma instead of Level 3).
3. **Explore FE College Late Applications:**
 - Local FE Colleges host **Results Day Drop-in & Clearing Services.** They offer courses from Entry Level up to Level 3, as well as T-Levels and Foundation Apprenticeships.
4. **Resits for English & Maths:**
 - If you achieved a **Grade 3 or lower** in English Language or Mathematics, it is a government requirement that you continue studying these subjects alongside your post-16 course (at college or with your training provider) until you achieve a Grade 4. Resits take place in November 2026 or May/June 2027.



Overview of Post-16 Pathways Your Next Steps



Choosing the Right Pathway for You

Your choice post-16 depends on how you prefer to learn and what qualifications you wish to achieve. Whether you are aiming for academic excellence, technical mastery or starting your career, support is always available.

- **Academic Route (A-Levels):** Best suited for students who enjoy classroom-based learning, exams, and want to progress to University.
- **Technical & Practical (T-Levels & Vocational):** Combines hands-on training with classroom study, preparing you for specific industry sectors.
- **Work-Based (Apprenticeships):** Get into the workplace immediately, earn a wage, and study for professional qualifications simultaneously.



Understanding Post-Results Services

If you or your family feel that a grade does not reflect your performance, you can request the exam board reviews the marking.

The official term for a re-mark is a **Review of Marking**.

- **Review of Marking (Service 2):** A qualified reviewer checks whether the original examiner applied the mark scheme correctly and consistently. *Note: The paper is NOT automatically re-marked from scratch.*
- **Clerical Re-check (Service 1):** Checks administrative errors only (e.g., ensuring all pages were marked and marks were added up correctly).

What to Do Before Requesting a Review

1. **Check Your Marks & Grade Boundaries:** Look at how many marks you are away from the next grade boundary.
2. **Speak to Your Subject Teacher:** Ask whether requesting a copy of your marked script (exam paper) is helpful. Your teacher can inspect the paper against the official mark scheme to identify if there is a genuine marking concern.
3. **Understand the Risk:** Your mark and final grade can **GO UP, REMAIN UNCHANGED**, or **GO DOWN**. There is no grade protection once a review is submitted.
4. **Payment:** Speak to our Exams Officer, Mrs Baker, who will talk you through the fees to request a review of marking. These can differ by service and exam board.
5. **Sign the Consent Form:** You must complete the consent form and give it our Exams Officer, Mrs Baker, before any review can be submitted.

Deadline for Requesting a Review

All review requests must be submitted to our exams officer by:

- 3rd September 2026 (priority services)
- 24th September (standard services)
- 30th October (copy of your exam paper/s)



Contacts & External Support Services

School On-Site Support on Results Days

- Co-Principals & Senior Leadership Team
- Head of Year & some Subject Teachers
- Careers Lead & Independent Careers Adviser
- Exams Officer
- SENCo / Inclusion Team

We will also have representatives from:

- Craven College
- Keighley College

All these staff will be based in the Main Hall on Results Day.

Independent Support & Helpline Numbers

National Careers Service Exam Results Helpline:

☎ 0800 100 900 (*Free, confidential advice on options, appeals, and post-16 routes. Lines open mid-August*).

Skills House: The home of skills and careers in the Bradford District

🌐 <https://skillshouse.co.uk/>

GOV.UK Exam Results Guidance:

🌐 www.gov.uk/exam-results

Childline (Mental Health Support):

☎ 0800 1111 (*Free 24/7 support for stress and anxiety*).

