



Your pathways after year 11



College or 6th form
Type of Pathway

What makes this Pathway different?

Progression

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Academic A-Levels

- Level 3 - must have 5 A to C including Maths/ English at GCSE
- 3/4 Subjects - similar or varied
- Theory learning
 - Develops knowledge and academic skills
- Classroom based
- Exam and coursework
- Similar subjects to GCSE and a range of new subjects

University -
almost any degree
Or
Some Higher
Apprenticeships

Vocational BTEC/NVQ/City & Guild

BTEC Extended Diploma/
NVQ 3

BTEC Diploma / VRQ 2

Foundation Learning/ VRQ
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Foundation Learning - Entry
Level

- Practical learning
 - Develops knowledge and work related skills
- Specific job / job related subjects
- All coursework/ projects/ presentations
- Classroom/ workshop/ workplace
- May include work experience

University -
same/ similar
degree
Or
Higher or
Advanced
Apprenticeship/
employment



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Work Based Learning
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Apprenticeship

Foundation
NVQ Level 2

Advanced
NVQ Level 3

Higher
Level 4 - 6

- 4 days a week in work/ 1 day a week in training OR regular block release training
- Training to do a specific job
- Learning in the workplace and also theory learning at training
- Includes Maths and English Functional Skills up to Level 2
- Paid minimum wage of £3.30 an hour
- Advertised at www.rochdaleapprenticeships.org

Qualified
employment/
University -
Foundation
Degree

Study Programme/Traineeship

- Training to prepare for apprenticeship or college
- Functional Skills Maths and English up to Level 1/2
- Work placement
 - Level 1 Vocational Qualifications
 - Personal and employability skills and qualification
 - May be eligible for bursary, paid travel expenses, weekly payment or bonuses

Foundation
Apprenticeship/
College



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