



**Soar Valley College**

A SPECIALIST MATHS AND COMPUTING COLLEGE

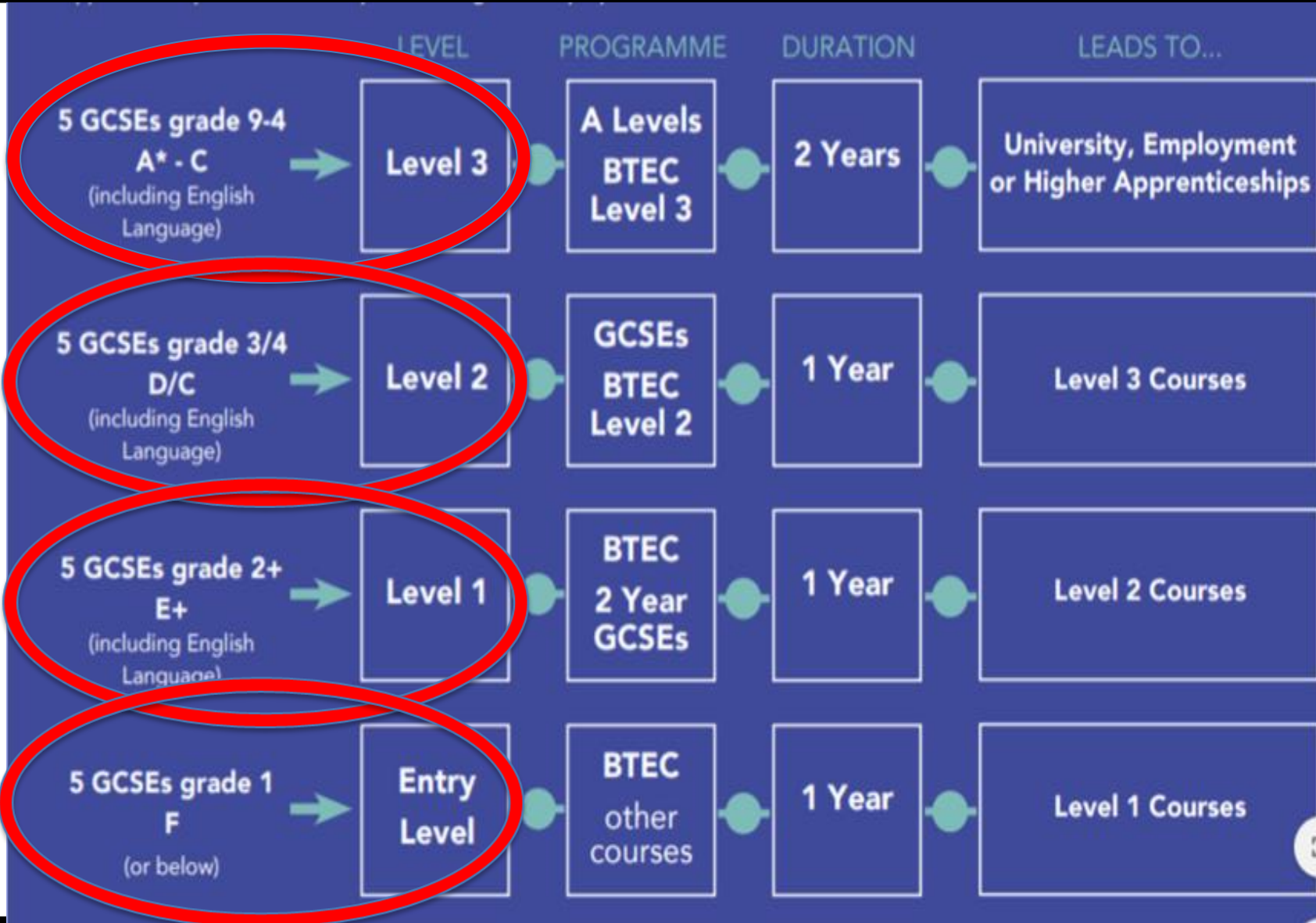
# Post 16 Options Evening

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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# Entry Requirements



**5/6 GCSEs at 9-4  
(usually inc English &  
Maths level 4/5 = Will  
enable you to access a  
Level 3 course.**

**Level 5 is a good pass**

**GCSEs at 1-3 = Level 1**

**Entry requirements will  
vary according to  
college and chosen  
course.**



## Post 16 Options for Education and Training

### **A levels are level 3 qualifications.**

You can study A levels at sixth form or college. They are available in lots of different subjects such as Business, Drama, History and French. Most A levels are split into units and take two years to complete. Some colleges may still offer AS levels in some subjects.

**Vocational Qualifications are Entry Level, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications.** These are BTEC Awards, Diplomas & Certificates. VRQs are work related and are designed to give you the skills that employers are looking for. They are available in many different subjects including animal care, art and design and accounting. These entry level courses are usually sector specific so (Health & Social Care, Construction, Hair & beauty, Motor Vehicle etc.)

### **GCSEs are level 1 and level 2 qualifications (Gateway, Regent & Leicester College)**

GCSEs are usually completed in Years 10 and 11 at school. They are nationally recognised qualifications.

GCSE's are only available in English & Maths.

### **Apprenticeships are available at level 2 and Advanced Apprenticeships are available at level 3.**

Apprenticeships offer you the opportunity to earn while you learn. They involve both on and off-the-job training. As well as working for an employer, you'll spend some time at a college or with a training provider.

### **NVQs are level 1, 2 and 3 qualifications.**

NVQ stands for National Vocational Qualification. NVQs are recognised qualifications that prepare you for, or prove your ability to do a particular job, such as motor vehicle repairer or customer services assistant.

### **Functional Skills are Entry Level, level 1 and level 2 qualifications.**

Functional Skills qualifications are a way of brushing up on your English, maths and ICT skills. They can be completed as part of a Diploma, an Apprenticeship or a Foundation Learning programme. They allow you to bring your English, maths and ICT skills up to level 2.

**T Levels** – A new type of vocational course which is 80% work place and 20% college based. Courses started from September 2020. Courses available are in Construction, Design, Digital, Education and Childcare, Health & Science. More courses are being added every year. Sept 2022 will see accounting, engineering, finance.



## Apprenticeships

A Post 16 pathway where students can “earn while they learn”.

These are available at Level 2 and Level 3 and go on to higher level apprenticeships.

Students who want to pursue the apprenticeship route do still need to make a college application.

Workshop for interested students – **DATE TBC**

**Apprenticeship Providers are here this evening also.**



# T-LEVELS

*THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION*

T Levels are a relatively new 2-year course which are taken after GCSEs and are broadly equivalent in size to 3 A Levels.

These courses have been developed in collaboration with employers and education providers so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for entry into skilled employment.

T Levels offer students practical and knowledge-based learning at a school or college and on-the-job experience through an industry placement of 45 days.



## What is it?

Positive Steps @16 is an online platform for students to search for and make college applications.

All Year 11 students **MUST** complete this form to ensure they have options available to them when you leave Soar Valley College.

PS@16 can be used to apply for all post 16 learning opportunities in Leicester and Leicestershire. This includes:

- 6th form colleges
- Schools with 6th forms
- Further Education (FE) colleges
- Foundation Learning



## DEADLINE Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

- After the deadline, tutors will write their references.
- Soar Valley College will then send applications off.
- Colleges will be in touch to invite students to interview.

Attendance  
Minimum 97%

- Attitude to work
- Independent study
- Aptitude for further study
- Effectiveness in group work
- Ability to meet deadlines
  - Self-motivation
  - Self-confidence
- Communication skills
- Relationship with staff
- Relationship with peers
- Overall Impression:



Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Tutor Period – PS@16 Log Ons
W/C Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Post 16 Evening – Letters Home
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Reply slips returned for Post 16 Evening letters
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	PS@16 is now live – Application Process begins. Please complete your research and make your college applications.  Letters home re PS@16 applications process
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Tutor Period – Post 16 Evening / PS@16
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Post 16 Evening 5.45-8.30pm
W/C Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	PC1 grades will be added to your applications. This will be done for you.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>DEADLINE – PS@16</b>
DATE TBC	Assembly – College Interviews
January / February 2024	College Interviews





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## Positive Steps @16

### COLLEGE OPEN DAYS 2023-2024



**SOAR VALLEY COLLEGE  
POST 16 EVENING**  
Wed 4th Oct 5.45pm – 8pm



**Loughborough College**  
Sat Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm  
Sat Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-1.30pm  
Sat Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-1.30pm  
Wed Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 5.15pm-7.15pm  
Sat May 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-1.00pm



**Melton Vale 6<sup>th</sup> Form  
College**  
Sat Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 11am-3pm



**Brookvale Groby  
Learning Campus**  
Thurs Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 5pm-8pm



**English Martyrs 6<sup>th</sup> Form**  
Thurs Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 5pm-6.45pm



**NWSLC**  
Wigston/Hinkley Campus  
Mon Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 5pm-8pm  
Mon Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 5pm-8pm



**Gateway College**  
Thurs Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 5pm-7pm  
Sat Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm



**Leicester College all campuses**  
T Level: Thurs Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 4pm-7pm  
Thurs Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 4pm-7.30pm  
Sat Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm



**Cedars Martin 6<sup>th</sup> Form**  
Thurs Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 5pm-7pm



**Beauchamp College**  
Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 10am-2pm



**BMC: Brooksby Campus**  
Sat Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm  
Sat Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm  
**Stephenson Campus**  
Sat Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm  
**Melton Campus**  
Tues Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 5pm-7pm



**St Pauls 6<sup>th</sup> Form**  
Thurs Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm-7pm



**WQE**  
Sat Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Time TBC



**Beauchamp City 6<sup>th</sup> Form**  
Sat Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm

**The City of Leicester College**  
Thurs Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 5pm-7pm



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PARTNERSHIP**  
EXCELLENCE THROUGH COLLABORATION

For University Open Days please visit their websites. Please check times & dates on each college website beforehand as changes may occur.



## School Website

- All information can be found on our website.

Parents – Careers Education

- You will find key dates, useful resources and details of our careers programme as well as information regarding this evening and the PS@16 process.
- If there are any questions, please do email us at [careers@soarvalley.aspirelp.uk](mailto:careers@soarvalley.aspirelp.uk)



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