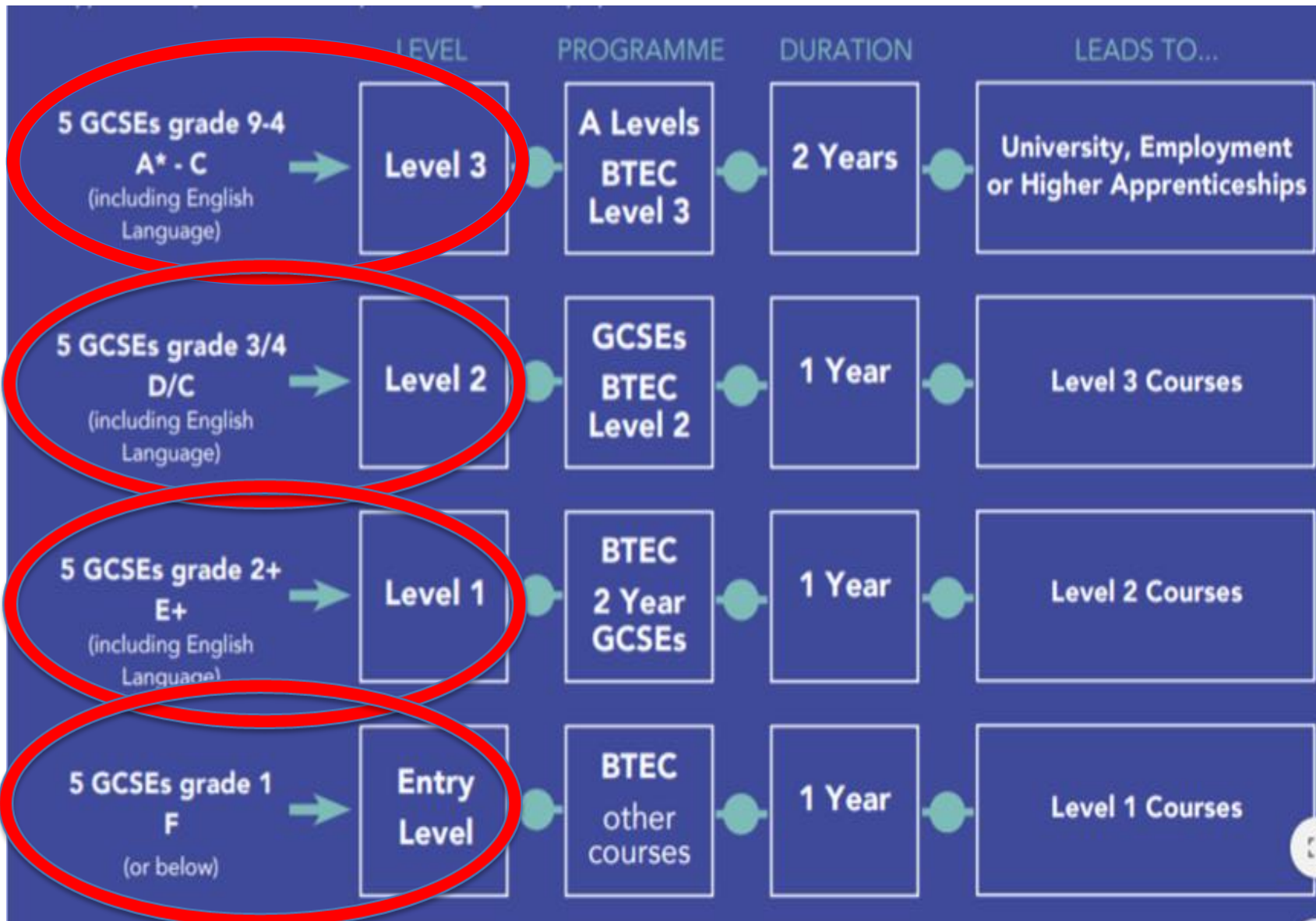


Post 16 Information



**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

The logo for Apprenticeships, featuring a stylized blue sunburst or fan shape to the left of the word "Apprenticeships" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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



Tutor's References

DEADLINE
Friday 17th 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 th August	Tutor Period – PS@16 Log Ons
W/C Monday 11 th September	Post 16 Evening – Letters Home
Thursday 21 st September	Reply slips returned for Post 16 Evening letters
Monday 2 nd 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 rd October	Tutor Period – Post 16 Evening / PS@16
Wednesday 4 th October	Post 16 Evening 5.45-8.30pm
W/C Monday 30 th October	PC1 grades will be added to your applications. This will be done for you.
Friday 17 th November	DEADLINE – PS@16
DATE TBC	Assembly – College Interviews
January / February 2024	College Interviews

COLLEGE OPEN DAYS 2023-2024



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



Loughborough College
Sat Oct 7th 10am-1pm
Sat Nov 4th 9.30am-1.30pm
Sat Nov 25th 9.30am-1.30pm
Wed Feb 7th 5.15pm-7.150pm
Sat May 11th 9.30am-1.00pm



**Melton Vale 6th Form
College**
Sat Oct 7th 11am-3pm



**Brookvale Groby
Learning Campus**
Thurs Oct 12th 5pm-8pm



English Martyrs 6th Form
Thurs Oct 12th 5pm-6.45pm



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



Gateway College
Thurs Oct 26th 5pm-7pm
Sat Oct 28th 10am-1pm



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



Cedars Martin 6th Form
Thurs Oct 26th 5pm-7pm



Beauchamp College
Sat 28th Oct 10am-2pm



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



St Pauls 6th Form
Thurs Nov 9th 4.30pm-7pm



WQE
Sat Nov 4th Time TBC



Beauchamp City 6th Form
Sat Nov 4th 10am-2pm



The City of Leicester College
Thurs Nov 16th 5pm-7pm



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@aspirelp.soarvalley.uk