

Post 16 Routes

All Post 16 Routes

- Follow [The Somerset Careers Hub Parents Facebook Page](#) for opportunities and information
- [Booklet](#) explaining all routes and the main Local Post 16 providers.
- Posters explaining routes: cartoon [here](#), [CEC Grid](#), [What can I do after Y11?](#)
- [Routes with Grades](#) made simple poster
- [Skills For Careers](#) – Government website detailing all routes, and a skills assessment quiz.
- [Animated video - explaining routes](#)
- [Post 16 Option Choices after GCSEs / Year 11](#) – A brilliant breakdown of sixth form, college, apprenticeships, and training providers. It's clear, concise, and helps students compare options. (4 mins)
- [CEC Technical Education Pathways Resource](#)
- [The Parents Guide What's Next 23-24](#) (Post 16 & 18)
- [The Drivers Manual](#) - workbook to help Y11 students with destination planning.
- [Your Future Sorted](#) – Provider Directory for Training and Qualifications- Somerset
- [Talking Futures](#) – A parents' toolkit for constructive careers conversations
- [Career Mag](#) – a free subscription with monthly updates
- [Amazing Apprenticeship Webinars](#) – on T levels/ Apprenticeships/ HTQs

T Levels

- Videos on T levels:
 - [What Are T Levels](#)
 - [Subjects can do a T level in.](#)
 - [Business & Admin](#) T level [Science](#).
 - [What are T Levels](#) – Government website
- T levels 2 page doc summarising resources & T level search [here](#)
- Amazing Apprenticeships – [What Are T Levels](#)
- Are T Levels right for me [questionnaire](#) & T Levels [poster](#)
- PowerPoint summarising [T Levels for TV screens](#)
- T Levels at [Bath College](#), [Bridgwater Taunton College](#), [Strode College](#), [Yeovil College](#), [Somerset Studio School](#) (Radstock), [Bath College](#), [Wiltshire College](#) (Trowbridge), [Weston College](#)

Choosing A Level/ Sixth Form Subjects

[Russell Group's informed choices](#)

[How to choose your A Levels the right way](#)

Resources

Industry Insights from [Somerset Education Business Partnership](#) – Gain a real insight into great Somerset employers and their wider industries. Includes Hairdressing, Health, Science & Tech, Food Production, Engineering & Manufacturing, Environment, Plants & Animals, Digital, Construction, Creative Industries, Early Years, Enterprise & Retail. New insights will be added regularly from January 2024.

[Your Future Sorted Somerset](#) – describes the different routes and local independent providers.

Apprenticeships

- [What is an apprenticeship video](#). [Videos of apprentices talking](#)
- Amazing apprenticeships have many [resources](#), including; [Rapid Reads](#), [What are Apprenticeships](#). Guide [How to Apply for an Apprenticeship](#) and [The Apprenticeship Assembly Film](#)
- [Career Starter Apprenticeships](#)
- Subject Snapshots- Overview of [apprenticeships in different subject areas](#)
- [Apprenticeships website](#)
- [UCAS Apprenticeships](#) site
- Links for job hunting [Government Apprenticeships](#), [Indeed](#), [Simply Hired](#) and [Adzuna](#)
- [Apprentice Ambassador video stories](#)
- [Application Support](#) – Government website; Applications, Interviews, First day of work, Degree Apprenticeships- an Open Day guide



[Companies with Apprenticeships.](#)
[How to Find an Apprenticeship](#)

Foundation Apprenticeships

Offer young people a fantastic entry route into employment! These fully employed positions last around eight months and provide a blend of employability skills, technical knowledge, & essential English & maths.

- ♦ Typical progression: Employment or further training like Level 2 or Level 3 apprenticeships.
- ♦ Employers can receive up to £2,000 per apprentice, subject to retention & progression.
- ♦ Students without grade 4 GCSE Maths/ English continue to study, but won't be required to sit exams.

[Article](#) [The 7 foundation apprenticeships](#)

First 7 foundation apprenticeships

Name	Route	Funding band £	Typical duration
Building service engineering foundation apprenticeship	Construction and the built environment	4000	8 months
Finishing trades foundation apprenticeship	Construction and the built environment	4000	8 months
Onsite trades foundation apprenticeship	Construction and the built environment	4000	8 months
Hardware, network and infrastructure foundation apprenticeship	Digital	4000	8 months
Software and data foundation apprenticeship	Digital	4000	8 months
Engineering and manufacturing foundation apprenticeship	Engineering and manufacturing	4500	8 months
Health and social care foundation apprenticeship	Health and science; Care services	3000	8 months

Pre- Apprenticeship and Employment Programme (Traineeships)

A skills development programme for ages 16-24, includes an unpaid work placement and is designed to help prepare students for an apprenticeship. Traineeships can last between 6 weeks to a year.

- [Video](#)
- [Traineeships video](#) - 2 mins
- [Somerset Skills & Learning](#) run pre apprenticeships Taunton, Yeovil, Bridgwater, Frome, Shepton Mallet

Somerset Skills & Learning Pre Apprenticeship Programme

Maths & English

If you're aged between 16 and 19 you'll be able to study GCSE if you join us to study in August-November. Otherwise, you'll be able to study Functional Skills, which has multiple start dates.

You'll attend classes one day a week for maths, English (if required) and employability, from 9.30am-3pm in the following venues:

- Frome • Shepton Mallet • Taunton • Yeovil
- Chard • Bridgwater • Online

Course Overview

What is the programme made up of?

How can I progress or plan my career?

After you've completed this course, you could go on to...

- An Apprenticeship
- Employment
- Further Education
- Our Level 2 Career Pathway Programme

Pre-Apprenticeship & Employment Programme

A Pre-Apprenticeship & Employment Programme is a 3 - 6 months long qualification with work experience, which you can start anytime and will prepare you for an Apprenticeship, employment or further study.

It's available for anyone aged 16-19 (up to 25 with an EHCP) qualified up to Level 3, with little or no work experience.

This is a flexible course! It's ideal if you don't have a clear career pathway planned and would like to gain some qualifications and experience in the world of work to find out what you like.

You'll be able to take part in work experience in any business sector – the choice is yours - whilst working on Level 1 or Level 2 qualifications. **You can start anytime during the academic year.**

Optional Qualifications & Content

- Online resilience building sessions
- Get That Job
- Level 1 Award in Childcare
- Level 1 Preparing to Work in Schools
- Level 1 Award in Retail
- Level 1 Award in Customer Service
- Level 1 Award in Adult Social Care
- Level 1 Award Animal Care
- Level 1 Digital Skills
- Level 1 Certificate in The Principles of Business Administration

What personal skills will I develop?

- Study skills
- How to raise confidence
- Improving communication skills
- Goal setting
- Budgeting
- Working with others
- Keeping safe
- How to cope with change & challenges in the workplace
- Work ethics
- Managing yourself & resilience
- Understanding Apprenticeships & T-Levels
- Understanding work place policies, pay slips & rules

What employability skills will I learn?

During this programme you'll gain skills to help with your employability, such as...

- CV writing & interview skills
- British values
- Behaviours & attitudes
- Employer expectations
- Professionalism
- Job-seeking skills
- Responsibility
- Presenting yourself digitally

Support

Throughout your qualification you'll be given support including...

- Support and action planning
- Skills, knowledge & work ready attitudes
- Careers education, Information, Advice & Guidance
- Mentoring, progression planning and reviews
- Smaller groups

Work Experience

You will undertake a work experience placement in your chosen sector and will do around 200 hours over the duration of your course.

Find out more online...

Visit sslcourses.co.uk or call us on 0330 332 7997

Somerset Skills & Learning Career Pathways Programme

Pre T levels/ apprenticeships Level 2 course, with employer placement. Perfect for students who want more time in the workplace, but are not yet on grades for T Levels. (Sept 2024 SS&L will offer T levels in Education & Early Years, HealthCare & Management & Administration)

Maths & English

If you're aged between 16 and 19 you'll be able to study GCSE if you join us to study in August-November. Otherwise, you'll be able to study Functional Skills, which has multiple start dates.

You'll attend classes one day a week for maths, English (if required) and employability, from 9.30am-3pm in the following venues:

- Frome • Shepton Mallet • Taunton • Yeovil
- Chard • Bridgwater • Online

Course Overview

What is the programme made up of?

What can I do once I complete this course?

On successful completion of your Level 2 Career Pathway Programme you can go on to...

- An Apprenticeship
- Employment
- Further Education
- T-Levels

What is a Level 2 Career Pathway Programme?

A Level 2 Career Pathway Programme is a 5 - 9 months long qualification, which you can start anytime and will help you follow your desired career path. It's available for anyone age 16-19 (up to 25 with an EHCP) qualified up to Level 3 with little or no work experience.

You'll also gain industry experience in your chosen sector. Maths and English is offered at Level 2 alongside your pathway. All career pathways will enable you to build a strong knowledge and understanding of the roles that sit within your chosen sector, developing the relevant skills for a variety of positions.

You will develop further during your industry placement and network with employers, who will help you in your chosen career pathway and in planning your next steps...

Choose your career pathway from the options below...

- Animal Care
- Business Admin
- Childcare
- Teaching Assistant

Optional Level 2 Qualifications

There are also some optional Certificates & Awards available...

- L2 Award in Canine Care & Welfare
- L2 Award in Practical Animal Care Skills
- L2 Certificate Support Worker in Schools
- L2 Award in Support Work in Schools
- L2 Certificate Introduction to Caring for Children & Young People
- L2 Certificate in Business Admin
- Functional skills or GCSE in Maths & English

What personal skills will I develop?

- Study skills & goal setting
- How to raise confidence, manage yourself & resilience
- Improving communication skills
- Budgeting
- Working with others
- Keeping safe - safeguarding yourself & others
- British Values
- How to cope with change & challenges in the workplace
- Work ethics
- Understanding work place policies, pay slips & rules

What employability skills will I learn?

During this programme you'll gain skills to help with your employability, such as the below and more!

- Researching & understanding facts
- Employer led project experience
- Interpreting information & ideas
- Communicating with others in the workplace

Support & Guidance

Throughout your qualification you'll be given support including...

- Understanding Apprenticeships & T-Levels
- Careers support, advice & action planning
- Employer talks & employer visits
- Skills, knowledge & work ready attitudes
- Reviews & Mentoring
- Virtual university visits, volunteer days + more!

Industry Placement

You will undertake an industry placement in your chosen sector and will do around 210 hours over the duration of your course.

Find out more online...

Visit sslcourses.co.uk or call us on 0330 332 7997

SEND Resources / Supported Internships & Apprenticeships

- Imagine the Possibilities [Families Guide](#) - Describes supported apprenticeships & traineeships. Support in work & legislation
- [Imagine the Possibilities](#) website
- [Somerset – Your Futures](#) – SEND friendly website to look into different careers & specific to our area.
- [What is a supported employment?](#) with Somerset Supported Employment Coordinator Emma France
- [Supported Employment in Somerset](#) video by EBP. 2 min
- Somerset SEND students talk about Supported Internship experiences. [Project Search](#) Musgrove Park Hospital & [Hinkley Point C](#)
- [Somerset Council's SEND Offer](#)
- [Supported Internships](#) available currently in Somerset

Local Colleges

Click on link to visit the College website, or open days information link.

- [Bath College](#) – Campuses in Radstock & Bath. [Open Days](#)
- [Bridgwater & Taunton College](#) (BTC) Cannington for Agriculture. [Open Days](#)
- [City of Bristol College](#). [Open Days](#)
- [Kingston Maurward College](#)
- [Richard Huish College](#) (Taunton) [Open Events](#)
- [Strode College](#) – In Street (A Levels or Vocational BTECs)
- [South Gloucestershire & Stroud College](#) (SGS) [Open Days](#)
- [Weston College](#). [Open days](#). [Video](#)
- [Wiltshire College](#) Trowbridge. Lackham for Animal and Agriculture
- [Yeovil College](#) [Open Events](#)

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

- [Post-16 Education Guidance for Recently Arrived EAL Learners](#) in the following languages Turkish, Romanian, Portuguese, Chinese (Hong Kong) Chinese (simplified) Ukrainian, Polish, Arabic, Dari, Pashto. Covering; Options after secondary, Improving your English, Choosing the best route, Paying for education, glossary, Preparing for college, Asylum seeker/ refugee considerations, Considering Uni, Real life stories.
- Cici App – an [AI careers chat system in 100 languages](#)- ask your careers leader for 1 of the licenses we have purchased to support you.

Careers Advice

Your child is legally entitled to a careers guidance meeting in school (with a Careers Adviser with a professional careers guidance qualification of Level 6 or above) this is usually arranged prior to Christmas in Year 11. However, if you or your child would like further support, please do contact the school's careers adviser, contact details will be on the school's website in the careers section. You can also contact a National Careers Service careers adviser on 0800 100 900 8am to 8pm weekdays or 10am to 5pm Saturdays or [use webchat](#) to talk online.