



THE CAREERS &  
ENTERPRISE  
COMPANY

# Career Journeys 2025

## Mr Stuchfield

# What we're going to talk about today...

Education and careers options

Who can support you to make  
decisions

Where you can get more  
information

Education and  
careers options  
what are your  
choices?

THE CAREERS &  
ENTERPRISE  
COMPANY



# Your options after Year 11

## What's next?

- There are a range of options available from apprenticeships to A-levels and in some parts of the country, you do could a new T-level qualification.
- There is a lot to consider when making this decision - here is an overview of the options and things to things to think about.

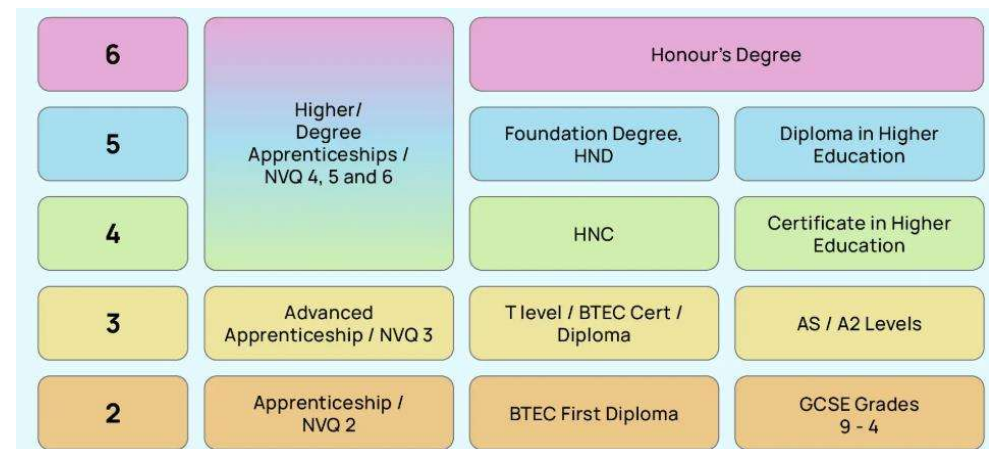
# Your options after Year 11

<p>Your next step will help shape your options at age 18 and beyond.</p> 	<p>There are lots of options to choose from so think about these key questions to get you started...</p> 	<p>Where do I want to go? <i>(young?)</i></p> <p>What's important to me?</p> <p>What is an offer locally? <i>(school?)</i></p> <p>Where can I find out more about my options?</p> <p>Who can help me find out more?</p> 			
<p>What does life at 18 look like?</p> 	<p>Working full-time</p> 	<p>Studying full-time</p> 	<p>Combination of work and study</p> 		
<p>Some options go to 16 to start exploring.</p> 	<p>A T-LEVEL is a two-year course, which has been designed with employers to provide you with the right knowledge and skills to get started in a particular career.</p> 	<p>Examples of T-levels include digital design development and production or design, surveying and planning for construction.</p> 	<p>APPRENTICESHIPS combine practical training in a paid job with study so you can earn while you learn.</p> 	<p>A-LEVELS are a two-year course, usually you pick three subjects to study, which are equivalent to one T-level.</p> 	<p>Other options to consider include BTECs, traineeships and more.</p> 

# Your options after Year 11

## What we offer

- At Sedgehill, you can study until you are 18
- You can do a range of subjects, including BTECs and A-Levels
- These set you up to go into the world of work, apprenticeships, or university



# Your options after Year 11

## Real-life insights

- Ms Sedge, Accountant – traditional academic route
  - GCSEs (16)
  - A-Levels at school (18)
  - University (21)
  - Accountancy training (24)
  - Working as an accountant
- Mr Rawlinson, Lorry Driver – work route
  - GCSEs (16)
  - BTECS at college (18)
  - First job (18)
  - Still working with same company (32)
- Mr Leonard, Electrician – vocational route
  - GCSEs (16)
  - Apprenticeship (18)
  - First job (21)
  - Own business (27)

# Post 18 options

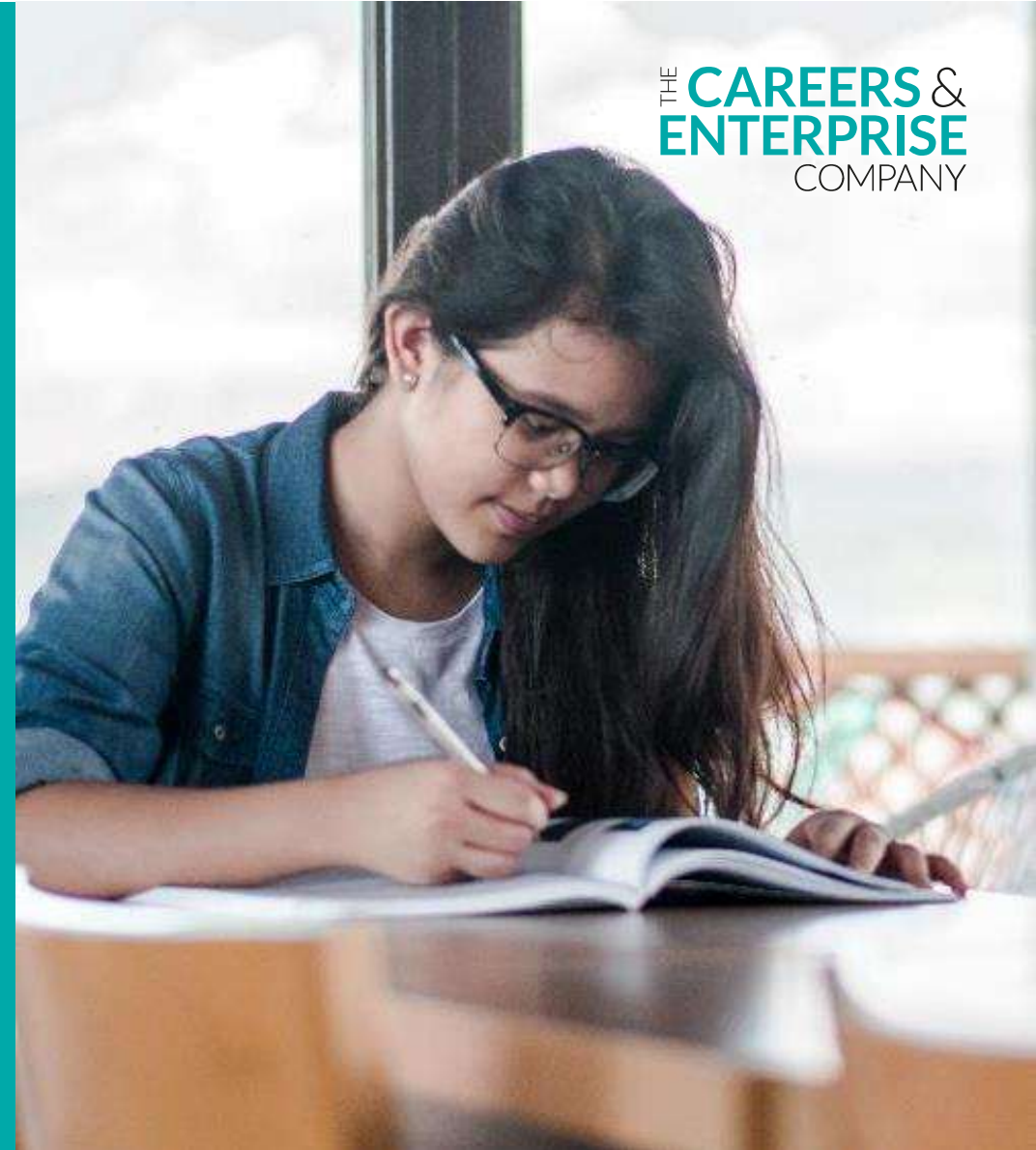
## What's next?

- In England, you don't have to stay in education after the age of 18.
- You can:
  - Choose to go into employment.
  - Do a short course of study to prepare you for a particular career.
  - Go on to study a higher education qualification such as a Bachelor's degree or foundation degree.
  - Combine employment and training via an apprenticeship.
- There is a lot to consider when making this decision - here is an overview of the options and things to think about.



Careers decision-  
making,  
how can people  
at home help?

THE CAREERS &  
ENTERPRISE  
COMPANY



## Parents, carers and your wider family

“You should follow in your dad’s footsteps”

“I can’t help you with anything to do with university as I didn’t go”

“You should aim for a high-paying job like your cousin”

“As long as you’re happy I don’t mind what you do”

# Supporting decision-making



Careers decision-  
making  
how can we help?



THE CAREERS &  
ENTERPRISE  
COMPANY

# The support we offer

## Our careers programme

### KS3

- Four careers assemblies across the year
- Three insight talks from industry experts
- A careers-focussed drop down day, during which students will be off-timetable
- A careers fair, with the opportunity to meet over two dozen organisations
- Five careers lessons delivered through PSHE per year
- A weekly Scholars programme for those identified as having the potential for high achievement

### KS4

In addition to the above, KS4 students can expect to receive:

- Five days of work experience, with assistance given by the Academy when finding placements
- Two 1-2-1 sessions with the Careers Lead or Careers Advisor

### KS5

In addition to the above, KS5 students can expect to receive:

- A fully supported UCAS programme for entry into higher education
- An additional five days of work experience
- An additional 1-2-1 with the UCAS Lead

Departments across the school also regularly organise university and workplace visits each year.

# The support we offer

## Who can help you

- Mr Stuchfield (D012)
- Ms Edwards, Careers Adviser (Atrium, Thursdays)
- Ms May, Head of Sixth Form
- Your teachers!

# Next steps



THE CAREERS &  
ENTERPRISE  
COMPANY

## The world of work, for your generation

- Carry out a short interview with your parent (or family member) to find out more about their choices and pathway
- You could ask them:
  - What did they want to do as a career when they were at school?
  - What did they do straight after school?
  - What do they do now? (it could be a job, training, looking for work or full-time parent)
  - Have they ever had to change direction and try something new?
  - Did anyone give them good careers advice and what did they say?
- You can present your answers back as a presentation, an interview recording/podcast, a poster or newspaper interview
- Share it with [teacher] by [date]

## Your top two

- Using [website], research two options you could take after you finish Year 11
  - E.g. apprenticeships, A-levels and T-levels
- Create a short presentation to share with your parents about your two options
  - There should be at least two slides on each option (a minimum of four slides)
  - Include some key facts about each option and why you think it would be a good choice
- Share it with [teacher] by [date] for them to check before you show it to your parents
- Show your presentation to your parents and ask them:
  - What they think of your top two choices?
  - Would they pick different choices and why?
- Carry out a short interview with your parent (or family member) to find out more about their choices and pathway
- You could ask them:
  - What did they want to do as a career when they were at school?
  - What did they do straight after school?
  - What do they do now? (it could be a job, training, looking for work or full-time parent)
  - Have they ever had to change direction and try something

**Thank you**