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# Steps to Success 2009

Now's the time  
to **think** about your  
**future**

Your **guide** to  
**Apprenticeships**  
and other learning  
options.



# Welcome

This booklet can help you if you are:

- thinking about doing an Apprenticeship
- wondering about your options when you leave school or college
- considering a change of direction; or
- wanting to improve your skills.

If you're thinking **"I haven't got a clue what I want to do and everyone else seems to be sorted"**, don't worry because you are not alone. Most people your age are probably thinking exactly the same thing (even if they don't admit it).

Even if you do have some idea of what you'd like to do, it's still normal to feel confused by all the options available – where to study, what to study, who to speak to.

**Steps to Success** can help. It contains impartial information and relevant contacts all in one place.



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# Step 1: Planning Your Future

Don't panic! Planning your future might sound scary but it doesn't have to be. The best place to start is to ask yourself a few questions.

## Start with school/college

- How do/did you feel about your time at school/college?
- What subjects are/were you good at?
- What subjects do/did you enjoy most?
- What projects and assignments are you proud of?
- Do you like learning new things?
- Do you like learning by studying or by doing?

## Now think about your personality

- What are your strengths?
- Do you get on well with people?
- Are you practical?
- Do you work better on your own or in a team?

These questions should give you a better idea about the kind of person you are and the kind of things you like doing. This will be useful when you start to think about what you might want to do in the future.

## The Choices

It might help to think about your future choices after school/college as being in two broad areas:

- Carry on studying or training full-time.
- Start work with training.

Whichever path you choose might depend on how you answered the earlier questions. If you want to carry on with your education full-time, you need to think about the different options that are available to you – the types of courses on offer and where you would go to study them. There's more about these options later in the booklet.

### Information Point

For information about learning go to:

[www.lsc.gov.uk/inourhands](http://www.lsc.gov.uk/inourhands)



## Which Career?

There's nothing wrong with carrying on with your education just because you haven't decided what kind of work you want to do yet. But sooner or later you will have to consider which career path you would like to follow. You're likely to spend a large part of your life at work, so it's a good idea to start finding out about different types of jobs.

Some careers are really tough to get into, so being realistic is important. Sport and music, along with careers like acting and modelling, are professions where only the most talented succeed.

Think about jobs that interest you. Do you have a particular career in mind? And if so, do you know what qualifications, skills or experience you will need?

### Information Point

For information and resources about career options and to help identify your skills and find out what jobs might interest you go to: [www.connexions-direct.com](http://www.connexions-direct.com)

To find out more about specific jobs, qualifications, working hours and salaries for different careers go to: [www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u](http://www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u)



## Earn while you learn with an Apprenticeship

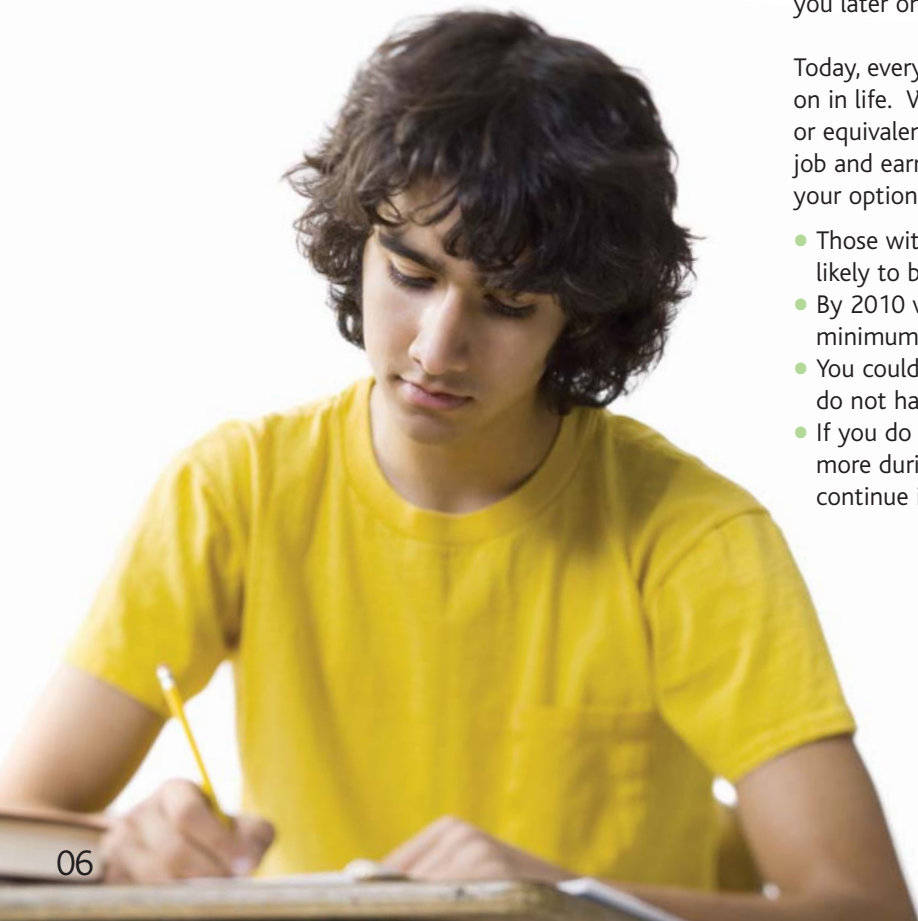
If you decide you want to get a job then consider one where you'll get further training and qualifications such as an Apprenticeship. Research shows that the more qualifications you have, the more money you are likely to earn.

As employees, apprentices work alongside experienced staff to gain job-specific skills. Off-the-job, usually on a day release basis, apprentices receive training with a local work-based training provider or college.

Competition for places with employers can be fierce, so you will need to show that you are committed, and aware of your responsibilities to both yourself and the company who would employ you. You also need to be happy to work as both part of a team and individually, and be able to use your own initiative.

## Apprenticeship Vacancy Matching Service

Visit the Apprenticeship website [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk) to access the new Apprenticeship Vacancy Matching Service. Here you will be able to search and apply for Apprenticeship vacancies, as well as registering for alerts and updates.



## Staying in Learning

It's worth bearing in mind just how important a good education is. What you do at this stage of your life can affect you later on.

Today, everyone needs a minimum set of qualifications to get on in life. With five GCSEs at grade A\* – C, an Apprenticeship, or equivalent qualification, you are more likely to get a better job and earn more. Without this minimum set of qualifications your options in life are limited. For example did you know that:

- Those without the minimum set of qualifications are more likely to be unemployed.
- By 2010 very few jobs will be open to those without the minimum set of qualifications.
- You could miss out on up to £4,000 extra salary a year if you do not have the minimum set of qualifications.
- If you do an Advanced Apprenticeship you could earn £100K more during your career than your friends who did not continue in learning up to that level.

# Step 2: Deciding What and Where to Learn

After following Step 1 – Planning Your Future, you should have:

- An idea of the type of person you are.
- Some ideas of the type of career you'd like to follow.
- An understanding of how having a good education can really help you get on in life.

This section is about what and where you can learn.

## 14-19 Area Prospectuses

Choosing which subjects and qualifications to study can seem daunting. But don't panic! There's lots of information and advice to help you choose what's right for you.

The best place to start is your local 14-19 Area Prospectus, where you can find out about all the courses and qualifications available in your area. The table below lists the website addresses of all the North East 14-19 Area Prospectuses.

### Information Point

To access all the 14-19 Area Prospectuses go to:  
[www.direct.gov.uk/14-19prospectus](http://www.direct.gov.uk/14-19prospectus)



Area	Prospectus Website Address
Darlington	<a href="http://www.futures4meindarlington.com">www.futures4meindarlington.com</a>
Durham	<a href="http://www.help4teens.co.uk/main">www.help4teens.co.uk/main</a>
Gateshead	<a href="http://www.logicat16.co.uk">www.logicat16.co.uk</a>
Hartlepool	<a href="http://www.pools1419.net">www.pools1419.net</a>
Middlesbrough	<a href="http://www.next4me.co.uk">www.next4me.co.uk</a>
Newcastle upon Tyne	<a href="http://www.newcastleroutes.co.uk">www.newcastleroutes.co.uk</a>
Northumberland	<a href="http://www.cap1419.co.uk/northumberland">www.cap1419.co.uk/northumberland</a>
North Tyneside	<a href="http://www.get-it-sorted.org.uk">www.get-it-sorted.org.uk</a>
Redcar and Cleveland	<a href="http://rc.futures4me.co.uk">http://rc.futures4me.co.uk</a>
South Tyneside	<a href="http://www.cap1419.co.uk/southtyneside">www.cap1419.co.uk/southtyneside</a>
Stockton-on-Tees	<a href="http://www.stockton.1419.org.uk">www.stockton.1419.org.uk</a>
Sunderland	<a href="http://www.sun1419.net">www.sun1419.net</a>

## Types of Qualifications

There are lots of different types of qualifications you can do and places where you can study. You may even be able to study at a combination of different establishments. Each one is different, so you will need to decide which you think would suit you best.

The tables below gives an overview of some of the main qualifications available, where they can be studied and where they might lead.

Qualification	What are they?	Where can I study?	Where can I get more information?	Where can it lead next?
AS and A-Levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses where a single subject is studied in depth.</li> <li>• Most involve a combination of exams and coursework.</li> <li>• Also available in applied subjects eg engineering and health and social care.</li> <li>• Three or four AS subjects are usually taken in the first year and three carried on as A2 subjects in second year.</li> <li>• Optional extended project available from September 2008.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further education college</li> <li>• School sixth form</li> <li>• Sixth form college</li> <li>• Work-based learning provider (A-Levels in applied subjects)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your 14-19 Prospectus – see page 07</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.connexions-direct.com">www.connexions-direct.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher education</li> <li>• Employment</li> </ul>

Qualification	What are they?	Where can I study?	Where can I get more information?	Where can it lead next?
Apprenticeships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combine work with study so you can earn while you learn.</li> <li>• Two levels available – an Apprenticeship (equivalent to five good GCSEs) and an Advanced Apprenticeship (equivalent to two A-Levels).</li> <li>• Include an NVQ; Key Skills eg working with others, problems solving and communications and a Technical Certificate.</li> <li>• Available in a wide range of occupational areas. There are 180 frameworks for 80 sectors.</li> <li>• Usually take between one and four years to complete.</li> <li>• High demand for places, with some industries receiving up to 100 applications for each place – so apply as early as possible.</li> <li>• New interactive web-based Apprenticeship Vacancy Matching Service which allows young people to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Search and apply for local regional and national Apprenticeships</li> <li>- Track and monitor the progress of their applications in real time</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further education college</li> <li>• Work-based learning provider</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your 14-19 Prospectus – see page 07</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk">www.apprenticeships.org.uk</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher education (including degree level)</li> <li>• Employment</li> </ul>

Qualification	What are they?	Where can I study?	Where can I get more information?	Where can it lead next?
<b>BTEC/Edexcel Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work related qualification assessed by coursework</li> <li>• Three levels offered:  <b>Introductory (age 14+)</b>  <b>First (Level 2, age 16+)</b>  <b>National (Level 3, age 16+)</b></li> <li>• Can be studied part time or full time usually taking one to two years if full time</li> <li>• Each level has 3 types of qualification dependent on number of units studied: Award (smallest number of units), Certificate and Diploma (largest number of units)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further education college</li> <li>• Work based learning provider</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your 14-19 Prospectus – see page 07</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.edexcel.org.uk/btec">www.edexcel.org.uk/btec</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher education</li> <li>• Employment</li> </ul>

Qualification	What are they?	Where can I study?	Where can I get more information?	Where can it lead next?
<b>Entry to Employment (e2e)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A flexible learning programme tailored to individual needs.</li> <li>• Develop the skills needed to progress onto an Apprenticeship, college, or employment with training.</li> <li>• Opportunity to learn in three core areas; basic and key skills, vocational development and personal and social development.</li> <li>• Includes work experience and also qualifications up to NVQ Level 1.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work-based learning provider</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your 14-19 Prospectus – see page 07</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.connexions-direct.com">www.connexions-direct.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apprenticeship</li> <li>• Further education</li> <li>• Employment</li> </ul>

Qualification	What are they?	Where can I study?	Where can I get more information?	Where can it lead next?
<b>GCSEs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usually taken at age 16 and studied over two years.</li> <li>• Cover a wide range of academic and vocational subjects.</li> <li>• Employers, universities and some colleges usually expect an applicant to have high grades (A*- C) in at least five of these.</li> <li>• Also available in a short course version – which usually take half the time to complete and count as half a GCSE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further education college</li> <li>• School sixth form</li> <li>• Sixth form college</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your 14-19 Prospectus – see page 07</li> </ul> <p>www.connexions-direct.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apprenticeship/ Advanced Apprenticeship</li> <li>• Further education</li> <li>• Employment</li> </ul>
<b>National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work-related qualifications which provide practical skills and knowledge in a specific industry.</li> <li>• Available in a wide range of occupational areas.</li> <li>• Five levels available depending on experience and qualifications.</li> <li>• Each level is divided into units of competence that cover different aspects of work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further education college</li> <li>• Work-based learning provider</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your 14-19 Prospectus – see page 07</li> </ul> <p>www.connexions-direct.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apprenticeship/ Advanced Apprenticeship</li> <li>• Further education</li> <li>• Higher education</li> <li>• Employment</li> </ul>

Qualification	What are they?	Where can I study?	Where can I get more information?	Where can it lead next?
<b>The Diploma</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new qualification that involves a mixture of theoretical and practical learning.</li> <li>• An alternative to the GCSE or A-level route.</li> <li>• Available to 14-19 year olds.</li> <li>• Three different levels - Foundation, Higher, Advanced – with the latter equivalent to 3.5 A Levels. There is also a Progression Diploma which is equivalent to 2.5A Levels</li> <li>• There will be 10 diplomas available in a number of local authority areas from September 2009.</li> <li>• Will generally take up to two years to complete if studied full-time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Sixth form</li> <li>• Sixth form college</li> <li>• Further education college</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your 14-19 Prospectus – see page 07</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.direct.gov.uk/diplomas">www.direct.gov.uk/diplomas</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apprenticeship/ Advanced Apprenticeship</li> <li>• Further education</li> <li>• Higher education</li> <li>• Employment</li> </ul>

Qualification	What are they?	Where can I study?	Where can I get more information?	Where can it lead next?
<b>Vocationally Related Qualifications (VRQs)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work-related qualifications that provide skills and knowledge in a wide range of vocational areas.</li> <li>• Vary in level and length.</li> <li>• Available from different awarding bodies eg City and Guilds, Edexcel and OCR.</li> <li>• Made up of units and modules assessed through practical assignments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further education college</li> <li>• School sixth form</li> <li>• Sixth form college</li> <li>• Work-based learning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your 14-19 Prospectus – see page 07</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.connexions-direct.com">www.connexions-direct.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apprenticeship/ Advanced Apprenticeship</li> <li>• Further education</li> <li>• Higher education</li> <li>• Employment</li> </ul>

## Qualification Levels

With so many different qualifications available it can be difficult to understand how they relate to each other. Qualifications at the same level recognise similar levels of knowledge, skills and understanding – even though the subjects

studied may be different. The higher the level, the more advanced the qualification is. See the table below to determine the level of the different qualifications mentioned in this guide.

Qualification Level	Entry Level	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4+
Examples of qualifications at this level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e2e – Entry Level qualifications taken as part of an e2e programme</li> <li>Entry Level certificates at Levels 1, 2 or 3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diploma Level 1</li> <li>e2e – Level 1 qualifications taken as part of an E2E programme</li> <li>5 GCSEs at grades D-G</li> <li>NVQ Level 1</li> <li>VRQ Level 1</li> <li>BTEC Introductory</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apprenticeship</li> <li>Diploma Level 2</li> <li>5 GCSEs at grades A*- C</li> <li>NVQ Level 2</li> <li>VRQ Level 2</li> <li>BTEC First</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced Apprenticeship</li> <li>2 A-levels</li> <li>Diploma Level 3</li> <li>NVQ Level 3</li> <li>VRQ Level 3</li> <li>BTEC Diploma</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher National Certificates (HNC)</li> <li>Higher National Diploma (HND)</li> <li>Degree</li> <li>Foundation Degree</li> <li>NVQ Levels 4 and 5</li> <li>Postgraduate Qualifications</li> </ul>

# Step 3: Financial Help

## Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

If you stay in learning you may be eligible to receive up to £30 per week. It's called the Education Maintenance Allowance or EMA for short.

The money which EMA could give you means you'll be able to concentrate on enjoying your course without worrying so much about money. Bonus payments are also available if you make good progress.

The course can be up to a Level 3 at school sixth form, sixth form college, further education college, on a Programme Led Apprenticeship (this is when you're on an Apprenticeship but you're not yet employed) or an e2e programme.

If you are enrolled on an e2e programme you will be entitled to £30 per week EMA regardless of your annual household income. For all other types of courses the exact weekly amount you'll receive will depend on your annual household income – the current threshold is £30,810 per annum but this may change in April 2009.

### Information Point

For information about EMA call the helpline 0808 10 16219 or go to: [www.direct.gov.uk/ema](http://www.direct.gov.uk/ema)



## Learner Support Funds

Discretionary Learner Support Funds are available in colleges and school sixth forms to help with learning costs. The funds can be used to help with:

- Financial hardship and emergencies.
- Childcare costs.
- Accommodation costs, if your course is too far away for you to travel everyday.
- Travel costs to attend your course or training.
- Essential course-related equipment, such as books, equipment and field trips.

You can claim Learner Support Funds even if you receive an EMA.

## Care to Learn

If you are a young parent, Care to Learn can help pay for your childcare and travel costs while you're learning.

The subject or course you take is entirely up to you and you can choose whether you want to learn at a school, college or with a work-based learning provider.

## Dance and Drama Awards

Dance and Drama Awards are for students over the age of 16 who want to work in the performing arts.

The award will pay for the majority of tuition fees, however you will still be expected to make a contribution. If your family's income is less than £33,000 you could also get extra money to help with your living costs.

For the 2008/2008 academic year, this personal contribution is £1,250.

### Information Point

For more information about Learner Support Funds, Care to Learn and Dance & Drama Awards go to [www.direct.gov.uk/moneytolearn](http://www.direct.gov.uk/moneytolearn) or contact your Connexions Personal Adviser. For Care to Learn information contact the helpline 0845 600 2809

## National Minimum Wage

If you are employed then you will be paid a wage by your employer. How much you get depends on your employer; however there is National Minimum Wage which sets hourly rates which your pay should not fall below.

### National Minimum Wage Structure

#### Aged 16-17 – Young Workers Rate

£3.53 per hour from 1 October 2008

#### Aged 18-21 – Development Rate

£4.77 per hour from 1 October 2008

#### Aged 22 and over – Main Rate

£5.73 per hour from 1 October 2008

Apprentices over the age of 19 – but not in their first year are subject to National Minimum Wage legislation. However, apprentices under 19 will be a paid a minimum of £80 per week – increasing to £95 per week from August 2009.

### Information Point

For information on the National Minimum Wage call 0845 6000 678 or go to: [www.direct.gov.uk/pay](http://www.direct.gov.uk/pay)

# Step 4: Getting Advice

## Connexions

If you need some advice or just someone to talk to, you can speak to a Connexions Personal Adviser (PA). Connexions can give you confidential advice on everything from learning and careers to housing, contraception and drugs.

You can contact Connexions PAs in local Connexions Centres, at your local school or college and at local community and youth groups.

Visit [www.connexions-direct.com](http://www.connexions-direct.com), freephone **080 800 13219** or contact your local office (see below) to make an appointment.

### Connexions Centres in County Durham

There are centres in: Bishop Auckland, Chester-le-Street, Consett, Durham, Peterlee, Seaham and Stanley.

Visit [www.help4teens.co.uk](http://www.help4teens.co.uk) for individual centre contact details and opening times.

### Connexions Centres in Northumberland

There are centres in Alnwick, Amble, Ashington, Bedlington, Berwick-Upon-Tweed, Blyth, Cramlington, Hexham, Morpeth and Prudhoe.

Visit [www.connexions-northumberland.org.uk](http://www.connexions-northumberland.org.uk) for individual centre contact details and opening times.

### Connexions Centres in Tees Valley

There are centres in: Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Stockton.

Visit [www.connexions-direct.com](http://www.connexions-direct.com) for individual centre contact details and opening times.

### Connexions Centres in Tyne and Wear

There are centres in: Gateshead, Houghton-le-Spring, Newcastle, North Shields, South Shields, Sunderland and Washington.

Visit [www.connexions-tw.co.uk](http://www.connexions-tw.co.uk) for individual centre contact details and opening times.

## nextstep

nextstep offers information on learning and work to all adults aged 20 and over. Whether you want to improve your career prospects, get a qualification or just make the most of your job – nextstep can help.

nextstep advisers can help you discover your learning needs, tell you about what support is available and help you decide which training is best for you.

For more information, call their Regional Access Point help line which is open between 8am and 8pm Monday to Friday on 0800 0277 944 or visit their website:

[www.nextstepnortheast.org.uk](http://www.nextstepnortheast.org.uk)

## Adult Learning Grant

If you are aged 19 or over you may be eligible to receive an Adult Learning Grant of up to £30 a week to help with the cost of studying. To find out more about this and other financial support that may be available speak to your nextstep adviser or visit [www.direct.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.direct.gov.uk/adultlearning)

## Other Sources of Advice

As well as Connexions, you should also:

- Talk to your parents.
- Talk to your friends.
- Talk to your teachers, particularly your careers teacher.
- Visit your school careers library.
- Look at the sector skills councils' websites – these sites give you useful information on the jobs and careers in their various sector – see page 21
- Search on the internet for websites to help you – some useful websites are listed on the next page.



## Careers Information

Apprenticeships

[www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)

Connexions Direct

[www.connexions-direct.com](http://www.connexions-direct.com)

Connexions Durham

[www.help4teens.co.uk/main](http://www.help4teens.co.uk/main)

Connexions Northumberland

[www.connexions-northumberland.org.uk](http://www.connexions-northumberland.org.uk)

Connexions Tees Valley

[www.connexions-direct.com](http://www.connexions-direct.com)

Connexions Tyne and Wear

[www.connexions-tw.co.uk](http://www.connexions-tw.co.uk)

jobs4u careers database

[www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u/](http://www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u/)

LSC Skills Campaign Website

[www.lsc.gov.uk/inourhands](http://www.lsc.gov.uk/inourhands)

Careers Advice

[www.careersadvice.direct.gov.uk](http://www.careersadvice.direct.gov.uk)

## Course Listings

14-19 Area Prospectus [See page 07](#)

Learndirect

[www.learndirect.co.uk](http://www.learndirect.co.uk)

## Learner Finance

Direct.gov

[www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance)

[www.direct.gov.uk/moneytolearn](http://www.direct.gov.uk/moneytolearn)

EMA

[www.direct.gov.uk/ema](http://www.direct.gov.uk/ema)

## Sector Skills Councils

If you are not sure what subject you want to study, have a look at the sector skills councils' websites as they may give you an idea of careers available in these sectors and the qualifications needed to get a job in these areas.

### **Asset Skills** [www.assetskills.org](http://www.assetskills.org)

Property, Facilities Management, Housing and Cleaning.

### **Cogent Skills** [www.cogent-ssc.com](http://www.cogent-ssc.com)

Chemical and Pharmaceutical, Oil, Gas, Nuclear, Petroleum and Polymers.

### **Construction Skills** [www.constructionskills.net](http://www.constructionskills.net)

Construction: from Architecture to Bricklaying.

### **Creative and Cultural Skills** [www.ccskills.org.uk](http://www.ccskills.org.uk)

Advertising, Crafts, Music, Performing, Heritage, Design and Arts.

### **E-Skills UK** [www.e-skills.com](http://www.e-skills.com)

IT & Telecoms and Contact Centres.

### **EU Skills** [www.euskills.co.uk](http://www.euskills.co.uk)

Electricity, Gas, Waste Management and Water Industries.

### **Financial Services** [www.fssc.org.uk](http://www.fssc.org.uk)

Financial Services, Insurance and Accounting.

### **GoSkills** [www.goskills.org](http://www.goskills.org)

Passenger Transport.

### **Government Skills** [www.government-skills.gov.uk](http://www.government-skills.gov.uk)

Central Government.

### **IMI** [www.motor.org.uk](http://www.motor.org.uk)

Automotive Retail industries

### **Improve Ltd** [www.improveltd.co.uk](http://www.improveltd.co.uk)

Food and Drinks Manufacturing and Processing

### **Lantra** [www.lantra.co.uk](http://www.lantra.co.uk)

Environment and Land-Based Sector.

Land Management and Production, Animal Health and Welfare and Environmental Industries.

### **Lifelong Learning UK** [www.lifelonglearninguk.org](http://www.lifelonglearninguk.org)

Community Learning, Education, FE, HE, Libraries, Work-based Learning and Training Providers.

### **People 1st** [www.people1st.co.uk](http://www.people1st.co.uk)

Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism.

### **Proskills** [www.proskills.co.uk](http://www.proskills.co.uk)

Building products, Coatings, Mineral Processing, Extractives, Glass and Print services.

### **SEMTA** [www.semta.org.uk](http://www.semta.org.uk)

Science, Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies.

### **Skillfast** [www.skillfast-uk.org](http://www.skillfast-uk.org)

Fashion and Textiles – Manufacturing, trading and services.

## Sector Skills Councils (continued)

**Skills Active** [www.skillsactive.com](http://www.skillsactive.com)

Sport and Recreation, Health and Fitness, Outdoors, Play work and Caravanning Industry.

**Skills for Care and Development**

[www.skillsforcare.org.uk](http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk)

Social Care, Children, Early Years and Young People's Workforces in the UK.

**Skill Set** [www.skillset.org](http://www.skillset.org)

Broadcasting, Photo Imaging, Audio Visual and Publishing

**Skills for Health** [www.skillsforhealth.org.uk](http://www.skillsforhealth.org.uk)

UK Health sector.

**Skills for Justice** [www.skillsforjustice.com](http://www.skillsforjustice.com)

Policing and Law Enforcement, Youth Justice, Custodial care, Community Justice, Courts Service, Prosecution Services and Forensic Science.

**Skills for Logistics** [www.skillsforlogistics.org](http://www.skillsforlogistics.org)

Freight Logistics and Wholesale Industry.

**Skillsmart Retail** [www.skillsmartretail.com](http://www.skillsmartretail.com)

Retail Sector.

**Summit Skills** [www.summitskills.org.uk](http://www.summitskills.org.uk)

Building Services Engineering

**Vetnet Lifelong Learning Network** [www.vetlln.ac.uk](http://www.vetlln.ac.uk)

An organisation that promotes careers in animal related disciplines

## Self-Employment Help and Advice

**Prince's Trust**

[www.princes-trust.org.uk](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk)

## Working Overseas

**UK NARIC**

[www.naric.org.uk](http://www.naric.org.uk)

## Job Hunting and Current Vacancies

**Apprenticeships**

[www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)

**Jobcentre Plus**

[www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk](http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk)

**Jobs North East**

[www.jobsnortheast.co.uk](http://www.jobsnortheast.co.uk)

**Monster**

[www.monster.co.uk](http://www.monster.co.uk)

**Reed**

[www.reed.co.uk](http://www.reed.co.uk)

## Higher Education

**Aim Higher**

[www.aimhigher.ac.uk](http://www.aimhigher.ac.uk)

**Durham University**

[www.dur.ac.uk](http://www.dur.ac.uk)

**Newcastle University**

[www.newcastle.ac.uk](http://www.newcastle.ac.uk)

**Northumbria University**

[www.northumbria.ac.uk](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk)

**UCAS**

[wwwucas.ac.uk](http://wwwucas.ac.uk)

**University of Sunderland**

[www.sunderland.ac.uk](http://www.sunderland.ac.uk)

**University of Teesside**

[www.tees.ac.uk](http://www.tees.ac.uk)

## Equality

**Direct.gov**

[www.direct.gov.uk/disabledpeople](http://www.direct.gov.uk/disabledpeople)

**Equality North East**

[www.equality-ne.co.uk](http://www.equality-ne.co.uk)

**Skill: National Bureau for Students with Disabilities**

[www.skill.org.uk](http://www.skill.org.uk)

## Students with Disabilities

**Transition Information Network**

[www.after16.org.uk](http://www.after16.org.uk)



# Step 5: Getting Started

This section gives contact details for the Apprenticeship learning providers, schools and colleges in the North East region that offer learning opportunities to people over 16.

To find out about the full range of courses and qualifications they each offer, you should refer to your local 14-19 Area Prospectus, see page 07, or contact the organisation directly.

## Contact Details

### Apprenticeship Learning Providers

Here are contact details for the Apprenticeship learning providers in the region. A list of the main occupational areas they each deliver is shown in the pull-out matrix in the back inside cover of this publication.

Learning Provider	Telephone	Website
Access	0191 4904646	<a href="http://www.accesstraining.org.uk">www.accesstraining.org.uk</a>
Access Training Centres Limited	0191 4770840	<a href="http://www.accesstcl.co.uk">www.accesstcl.co.uk</a>
A4E	0845 345 6666	<a href="http://www.a4e.co.uk">www.a4e.co.uk</a>
Askham Bryan College	01904 772211	<a href="http://www.askam-bryan.ac.uk">www.askam-bryan.ac.uk</a>
Barnardos Palmersville Training	0191 2701133	<a href="http://www.palmersvilletraining.co.uk">www.palmersvilletraining.co.uk</a>
BEST	01628 607800	<a href="http://www.best-ltd.co.uk">www.best-ltd.co.uk</a>
Bishop Auckland College	01388 443000	<a href="http://www.bacoll.ac.uk">www.bacoll.ac.uk</a>
BL Hairdressing	0191 2619636	<a href="http://www.blhairdressing.co.uk">www.blhairdressing.co.uk</a>

Brenikov Associates	0191 2813520	<a href="http://www.brenikov.co.uk">www.brenikov.co.uk</a>
City of Sunderland College	0191 5116000	<a href="http://www.citysun.ac.uk">www.citysun.ac.uk</a>
City of Sunderland ITEC	0191 5492842	<a href="http://www.sunderlanditec.com">www.sunderlanditec.com</a>
City of Sunderland Riverside Training	0191 5496511	<a href="http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/riversidetraining">www.sunderland.gov.uk/riversidetraining</a>
ConstructionSkills	0844 8440046	<a href="http://www.bconstructive.co.uk">www.bconstructive.co.uk</a>
Contemporary Education	01642 255035	<a href="http://www.contemporarysalons.com">www.contemporarysalons.com</a>
Darlington College	01325 503043	<a href="http://www.darlington.ac.uk">www.darlington.ac.uk</a>
Darlington Borough Council Libraries & Community Learning Services	01325 349632	<a href="http://www.darlington.gov.uk">www.darlington.gov.uk</a>
Derwentside College	01207 585900	<a href="http://www.derwentside.ac.uk">www.derwentside.ac.uk</a>
Develop Training Ltd	0800 8766708	<a href="http://www.developtraining.co.uk">www.developtraining.co.uk</a>
Durham Business Club	0191 3884488	<a href="http://www.durhambusinessclub.co.uk/training">www.durhambusinessclub.co.uk/training</a>
Durham University	0194 3341649	<a href="http://www.dur.ac.uk/hr/training/apprenticeships">www.dur.ac.uk/hr/training/apprenticeships</a>
East Durham College	0191 5188259/ 0191 3754712	<a href="http://www.eastdurham.ac.uk">www.eastdurham.ac.uk</a>
ETEC	0191 5656414	<a href="http://www.etec.org.uk">www.etec.org.uk</a>
Future Strategies Consulting	0191 2628029	<a href="http://www.futurestrategies.co.uk">www.futurestrategies.co.uk</a>
Gateshead College (Apprenticeship Unit)	0191 4904636	<a href="http://www.gateshead.ac.uk">www.gateshead.ac.uk</a>

General Physics (UK)	0191 4914419	<a href="http://www.gpworldwide.com">www.gpworldwide.com</a>
HABIT Ltd	0191 5678685	<a href="http://www.habitr.com">www.habitr.com</a>
Hartlepool College of Further Education	01429 295000	<a href="http://www.hartlepoolfe.ac.uk">www.hartlepoolfe.ac.uk</a>
INTEC Business Colleges	01788 575090	<a href="http://www.getoncourse.net">www.getoncourse.net</a>
In Training (CBE)	01733 558000	<a href="http://www.intraining.co.uk">www.intraining.co.uk</a>
ITEC North East (County Durham)	01325 320052	<a href="http://www.itecne.co.uk">www.itecne.co.uk</a>
ITEC North East (Tees Valley)	01642 232550	<a href="http://www.itecne.co.uk">www.itecne.co.uk</a>
ITEC North East (Tyne and Wear)	0191 4904670	<a href="http://www.itecne.co.uk">www.itecne.co.uk</a>
JHP Training	01429 860211	<a href="http://www.jhptraining.com">www.jhptraining.com</a>
JTL	0800 0852308	<a href="http://www.jtltraining.com">www.jtltraining.com</a>
Kaplan Financial	0191 2329365	<a href="http://www.kaplanfinancial.co.uk">www.kaplanfinancial.co.uk</a>
Key Training (County Durham)	0191 5878159	<a href="http://www.keytraining.co.uk">www.keytraining.co.uk</a>
Key Training (Tyne and Wear)	0191 2618906	<a href="http://www.keytraining.co.uk">www.keytraining.co.uk</a>
Middlesbrough College	01642 333700	<a href="http://www.mbro.ac.uk">www.mbro.ac.uk</a>
Middlesbrough Council Work Based Learning Team	01642 201936	<a href="http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk">www.middlesbrough.gov.uk</a>
Middlesbrough Council (For Business Administration Apprenticeships only)	01642 729678	<a href="http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk">www.middlesbrough.gov.uk</a>

Milltech	0191 5100414	<a href="http://www.milltech-ltd.co.uk">www.milltech-ltd.co.uk</a>
Mobile Care Qualifications	0191 2653003	<a href="http://www.mcq.co.uk">www.mcq.co.uk</a>
NACRO	0191 2658164	<a href="http://www.nacro.org.uk">www.nacro.org.uk</a>
NCL Learning	01434 613233	<a href="http://www.northcountryleisure.org.uk">www.northcountryleisure.org.uk</a>
NCT Ltd	0845 0583788	<a href="http://www.nct-ltd.co.uk">www.nct-ltd.co.uk</a>
NEETA	0191 4904682	<a href="http://www.neeta-ltd.co.uk">www.neeta-ltd.co.uk</a>
NETA	01642 616936	<a href="http://www.neta.co.uk">www.neta.co.uk</a>
Newcastle College	0191 2004000	<a href="http://www.ncl-coll.ac.uk">www.ncl-coll.ac.uk</a>
New College Durham	0191 3754000	<a href="http://www.newdur.ac.uk">www.newdur.ac.uk</a>
Northern & Yorkshire NHS Assessment Centre	01642 624073	——
Northumberland Adult Learning Service	01670 534530	<a href="http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/nta">www.northumberland.gov.uk/nta</a>
Northumberland College	01670 841200	<a href="http://www.northland.ac.uk">www.northland.ac.uk</a>
Northumbrian Trust Day Nurseries	01642 224450	<a href="http://www.rainbowtrainingcentre.co.uk">www.rainbowtrainingcentre.co.uk</a>
North East Chamber of Commerce	0800 1957373	<a href="http://www.necc.co.uk/learners">www.necc.co.uk/learners</a>
North Tyneside Training Services	0191 2006505	——
Protocol Skills	0191 3783930	<a href="http://www.protocol-skills.co.uk">www.protocol-skills.co.uk</a>
Rathbone (Ashington)	01670 521578	<a href="http://www.rathboneuk.org">www.rathboneuk.org</a>

Rathbone (Gateshead)	0191 4954830	<a href="http://www.rathboneuk.org">www.rathboneuk.org</a>
Rathbone (Middlesbrough)	01642 773250	<a href="http://www.rathboneuk.org">www.rathboneuk.org</a>
Rathbone (Newcastle)	0191 2345566	<a href="http://www.rathboneuk.org">www.rathboneuk.org</a>
Redcar and Cleveland College	01642 473132	<a href="http://www.cleveland.ac.uk">www.cleveland.ac.uk</a>
Rolls-Royce North East Training	0191 2565385	<a href="http://www.rrnetc.co.uk">www.rrnetc.co.uk</a>
Sildon & Darlington Training Ltd	01388 771740	<a href="http://www.sdtraining-ltd.com">www.sdtraining-ltd.com</a>
Saks Education	01325 341629	<a href="http://www.education.saks.co.uk">www.education.saks.co.uk</a>
Saks and Midaswell Training	01642 224853	<a href="http://www.midaswelltraining.co.uk">www.midaswelltraining.co.uk</a>
SETA Ltd	0191 4162860	<a href="http://www.seta.co.uk">www.seta.co.uk</a>
Shape Training	01642 282222	<a href="http://www.shapetraining.co.uk">www.shapetraining.co.uk</a>
STL	0870 7776669	<a href="http://www.stltraining.co.uk">www.stltraining.co.uk</a>
Skill Training	01207 231293	<a href="http://skilltrainingltd.com">http://skilltrainingltd.com</a>
South Tyneside College	0191 4273910	<a href="http://www.stc.ac.uk">www.stc.ac.uk</a>
Springboard Hartlepool	01429 287075	<a href="http://www.springboard-ne.org">www.springboard-ne.org</a>
Springboard Sunderland Trust (County Durham)	0191 5185020	<a href="http://www.springboard-ne.org">www.springboard-ne.org</a>
Springboard Sunderland Trust (Tyne and Wear)	0191 5155300	<a href="http://www.springboard-ne.org">www.springboard-ne.org</a>
Stockton Borough Council	01642 528261	<a href="http://www.stockton.gov.uk">www.stockton.gov.uk</a>

Stockton Riverside College	01642 865400	<a href="http://www.stockton.ac.uk">www.stockton.ac.uk</a>
Support Training	0191 4250238	<a href="http://www.support-training.co.uk">www.support-training.co.uk</a>
SW Durham Training	01325 313194	<a href="http://www.swdt.co.uk">www.swdt.co.uk</a>
TDR Training	0191 4911505	<a href="http://www.tdrtraining.co.uk">www.tdrtraining.co.uk</a>
TEAM Wearside	0191 5142799	<a href="http://www.teamwearside.co.uk">www.teamwearside.co.uk</a>
Thermal Insulation Contractors Association	01325 466704	<a href="http://www.tica-acad.co.uk">www.tica-acad.co.uk</a>
TTE Apprenticeships	01642 462266	<a href="http://www.tte.co.uk">www.tte.co.uk</a>
Tyne Metropolitan College	0191 2295000	<a href="http://www.tynemet.ac.uk">www.tynemet.ac.uk</a>
Tyne North Training	0191 2626860	<a href="http://www.tynenorthtraining.co.uk">www.tynenorthtraining.co.uk</a>
Tyneside Training Services	0191 2862919	<a href="http://www.tynesidetrainingservices.co.uk">www.tynesidetrainingservices.co.uk</a>
VT Training	0191 2567722	<a href="http://www.vtplc.com">www.vtplc.com</a>
Zodiac Training	0845 3308184	<a href="http://www.zodiactraining.co.uk">www.zodiactraining.co.uk</a>

## e2e Work-based Learning Providers

County Durham		
Bishop Auckland College	01388 443000	<a href="http://www.bacoll.ac.uk">www.bacoll.ac.uk</a>
CFBT Include	01388 776993	<a href="http://www.cfbt.com/inclusion/includehome.aspx">www.cfbt.com/inclusion/includehome.aspx</a>
Derwentside College	01207 585900	<a href="http://www.derwentside.ac.uk">www.derwentside.ac.uk</a>
Developing Initiatives for Support in the Community (DISC)	01325 313888	<a href="http://www.disc-vol.org.uk">www.disc-vol.org.uk</a>
East Durham College	0191 5860030	<a href="http://www.eastdurham.ac.uk">www.eastdurham.ac.uk</a>
New College Durham	0191 3754000	<a href="http://www.newdur.ac.uk">www.newdur.ac.uk</a>
Sildon & Darlington Training	01388 771740	<a href="http://www.sdtraining-ltd.com">www.sdtraining-ltd.com</a>
Skill Training	01207 231293	<a href="http://skilltrainingltd.com">http://skilltrainingltd.com</a>
Springboard Sunderland Trust	0191 5185020	<a href="http://www.springboard-ne.org">www.springboard-ne.org</a>

Northumberland		
Azure Charitable Enterprises	01670 717106	<a href="http://www.azure-charitable.co.uk">www.azure-charitable.co.uk</a>
B-Skill Ltd	0191 4250238	<a href="http://www.b-skill.co.uk">www.b-skill.co.uk</a>
Buzz Learning	01670 852244	<a href="http://www.buzzlearning.co.uk">www.buzzlearning.co.uk</a>
CSV (part of Springboard Sunderland Trust)	01670 54444	<a href="http://www.csv.org.uk">www.csv.org.uk</a> & <a href="http://www.springboard-ne.org">www.springboard-ne.org</a>
Igen: Future Pathways	01665 713561/ 07919921590	<a href="http://www.igengroup.co.uk">www.igengroup.co.uk</a>
Northumberland County Council (Northumberland Adult Learning Service)	01670 359959	<a href="http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/nta">www.northumberland.gov.uk/nta</a>
Rathbone	0191 2345566	<a href="http://www.rathboneuk.org">www.rathboneuk.org</a>



Tees Valley		
A4E	01472 356300	<a href="http://www.a4e.co.uk">www.a4e.co.uk</a>
Darlington Borough Council Training Centre	01325 349632	<a href="http://www.darlington.gov.uk">www.darlington.gov.uk</a>
East Coast Training (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)	01287 644206	———
Five Lamps Organisation	01642 628191	<a href="http://www.fivelamps.org.uk">www.fivelamps.org.uk</a>
Football First	01642 451824	<a href="http://www.mfcic.co.uk">www.mfcic.co.uk</a>
Hartlepool College of Further Education	01429 295111	<a href="http://www.hartlepoolfe.ac.uk">www.hartlepoolfe.ac.uk</a>
JHP Training	01429 860211	<a href="http://www.jhp-group.com">www.jhp-group.com</a>
Middlesbrough Borough Council	01642 201922	<a href="http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk">www.middlesbrough.gov.uk</a>
NACRO (Stockton)	01642 615554	<a href="http://www.nacro.org.uk">www.nacro.org.uk</a>
NACRO (Middlesbrough)	01642 223551	<a href="http://www.nacro.org.uk">www.nacro.org.uk</a>
NACRO (Hartlepool)	01642 863335	<a href="http://www.nacro.org.uk">www.nacro.org.uk</a>
NACRO (Darlington)	01325 245587	<a href="http://www.nacro.org.uk">www.nacro.org.uk</a>
Redcar and Cleveland College	01642 473132	<a href="http://www.cleveland.ac.uk">www.cleveland.ac.uk</a>
Safe in Tees Valley	01642 226411	<a href="http://www.safeinteesvalley.org">www.safeinteesvalley.org</a>
Shape Training (Cleveland Youth Association)	01642 282222	<a href="http://www.shapetraining.co.uk">www.shapetraining.co.uk</a>
Shaw Trust	01225 716300	<a href="http://www.shaw-trust.org.uk">www.shaw-trust.org.uk</a>
Stockton on Tees Borough Council	01642 604094	<a href="http://www.stockton.gov.uk">www.stockton.gov.uk</a>

## Tyne and Wear

Barnardos Palmersville Training (e2e in North Tyneside)	0191 2701133	<a href="http://www.palmersvilletraining.co.uk">www.palmersvilletraining.co.uk</a>
B-Skill Ltd (e2e in South Tyneside)	0191 4250238	<a href="http://www.b-skill.co.uk">www.b-skill.co.uk</a>
BTCV Enterprises Ltd	01302 388 883	<a href="http://www.btcv.org.uk">www.btcv.org.uk</a>
Trinity Solutions (e2e in Newcastle)	0191 2133670	<a href="http://www.newcastle.e2e-tw.co.uk">www.newcastle.e2e-tw.co.uk</a>
Rathbone (e2e in Gateshead)	0191 2345566	<a href="http://www.rathboneuk.org">www.rathboneuk.org</a>
Springboard Sunderland Trust (e2e in Sunderland)	0191 5640291	<a href="http://www.springboard-ne.org">www.springboard-ne.org</a>

## Further Education Colleges

### County Durham

Bishop Auckland College	0800 0926506	<a href="http://www.bacoll.ac.uk">www.bacoll.ac.uk</a>
Derwentside College	01207 585900	<a href="http://www.derwentside.ac.uk">www.derwentside.ac.uk</a>
East Durham College	0191 5182222	<a href="http://www.eastdurham.ac.uk">www.eastdurham.ac.uk</a>
New College Durham	0191 3754000	<a href="http://www.newdur.ac.uk">www.newdur.ac.uk</a>

### Northumberland

Northumberland College	0800 162100	<a href="http://www.northland.ac.uk">www.northland.ac.uk</a>
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## Tees Valley

Cleveland College of Art and Design	01642 288000	<a href="http://www.ccad.ac.uk">www.ccad.ac.uk</a>
Darlington College	01325 503050	<a href="http://www.darlington.ac.uk">www.darlington.ac.uk</a>
Hartlepool College of Further Education	01429 295000	<a href="http://www.hartlepoolfe.ac.uk">www.hartlepoolfe.ac.uk</a>
Middlesbrough College	01642 333700	<a href="http://www.mbro.ac.uk">www.mbro.ac.uk</a>
Redcar and Cleveland College	01642 473132	<a href="http://www.cleveland.ac.uk">www.cleveland.ac.uk</a>
Stockton Riverside College	01642 865400	<a href="http://www.stockton.ac.uk">www.stockton.ac.uk</a>

## Tyne and Wear

City of Sunderland College	0191 5116060	<a href="http://www.citysun.ac.uk">www.citysun.ac.uk</a>
Gateshead College	0191 4900300	<a href="http://www.gateshead.ac.uk">www.gateshead.ac.uk</a>
Newcastle College	0191 2004000	<a href="http://www.ncl-coll.ac.uk">www.ncl-coll.ac.uk</a>
South Tyneside College	0191 4273500	<a href="http://www.stc.ac.uk">www.stc.ac.uk</a>
Tyne Metropolitan College	0191 2295000	<a href="http://www.tynemet.ac.uk">www.tynemet.ac.uk</a>

## Independent Specialist Colleges\*

Northumberland		
Mencap National College Dilston	01434 632692	<a href="http://www.mencap.org.uk">www.mencap.org.uk</a>
Tyne and Wear		
ESPA College	0191 5102600	<a href="http://www.espa.org.uk">www.espa.org.uk</a>
Northern Counties College	0191 2812888	<a href="http://www.percyhedley.org.uk/ncc">www.percyhedley.org.uk/ncc</a>
Tyne & Wear Autistic Society Adult Services (Thornbeck College)	0191 5102038	<a href="http://www.tawas.org.uk">www.tawas.org.uk</a>

\* Referrals to independent specialist colleges must be made through the Connexions service.

## School Sixth Forms

County Durham		
Durham Gilesgate Sports College and Sixth Form Centre	0191 3830708	<a href="http://www.dgsc.org.uk">www.dgsc.org.uk</a>
Durham Johnston Comprehensive School	0191 3843887	<a href="http://www.durham-johnston.durham.sch.uk">www.durham-johnston.durham.sch.uk</a>
Framwellgate School Durham	0191 3866628	<a href="http://www.fram.durham.sch.uk">www.fram.durham.sch.uk</a>
King James I Community College	01388 603388	<a href="http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/kjames.durham">http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/kjames.durham</a>
Park View Community School	0191 3882248	<a href="http://www.parkview.org.uk">www.parkview.org.uk</a>

County Durham (continued)		
Roseberry Sports & Community College	0191 3700300	<a href="http://www.roseberry.durham.sch.uk">www.roseberry.durham.sch.uk</a>
Sedgefield Community College	01740 625300	<a href="http://www.sedgefieldcommunitycollege.co.uk">www.sedgefieldcommunitycollege.co.uk</a>
Spennymoor School	01388 815634	<a href="http://www.spennymoorschool.com">www.spennymoorschool.com</a>
St Bede's Catholic Comprehensive School	0191 5862291	<a href="http://www.st-bedes.durham.sch.uk">www.st-bedes.durham.sch.uk</a>
St Bede's Catholic Comprehensive School & Sixth Form College	01207 520424	<a href="http://www.stbedes.durham.sch.uk">www.stbedes.durham.sch.uk</a>
St Johns R C Comprehensive School	01388 603246	<a href="http://www.stjohnsrc.org.uk">www.stjohnsrc.org.uk</a>
St Leonard's R C Comprehensive School	0191 3848575	<a href="http://www.st-leonards.durham.sch.uk">www.st-leonards.durham.sch.uk</a>
Teesdale School Science College and Sixth Form Centre	01833 638166	<a href="http://www.teesdaleschool.co.uk">www.teesdaleschool.co.uk</a>
The Hermitage School	0191 3887161	<a href="http://www.thehermitage-lc.net">www.thehermitage-lc.net</a>
Wellfield Community School	01429 838413	<a href="http://www.wellfield.durham.sch.uk">www.wellfield.durham.sch.uk</a>
Wolsingham School and Community College	01388 527302	<a href="http://www.wolsinghamcollege.durham.sch.uk">www.wolsinghamcollege.durham.sch.uk</a>
Woodham Community Technology College	01325 300328	<a href="http://www.woodham.durham.sch.uk">www.woodham.durham.sch.uk</a>

Northumberland		
Ashington Community High School	01670 812166	<a href="http://www.ashingtonhigh.northumberland.sch.uk">www.ashingtonhigh.northumberland.sch.uk</a>
Astley Community High School	0191 2371505	<a href="http://www.astley.northumberland.sch.uk">www.astley.northumberland.sch.uk</a>
Bedlingtonshire Community High School	01670 822625	<a href="http://www.bchs.uk.net">www.bchs.uk.net</a>
Berwick Community High School	01289 305083	<a href="http://www.berwickhighschool.co.uk">www.berwickhighschool.co.uk</a>
Blyth Community College	01670 798100	<a href="http://www.bcc.uk.com">www.bcc.uk.com</a>
Coquet County High School	01665 710636	<a href="http://www.coqueths.org">www.coqueths.org</a>
Cramlington Community High School	01670 712311	<a href="http://www.cchsonline.co.uk">www.cchsonline.co.uk</a>
Haydon Bridge Community High School	01434 684422	<a href="http://www.haydonbridgehigh.co.uk">www.haydonbridgehigh.co.uk</a>
Hirst High School Technology College	01670 816111	<a href="http://www.hirsthigh.org.uk">www.hirsthigh.org.uk</a>
Ponteland Community High School	01661 824711	<a href="http://www.pchs.northumberland.sch.uk">www.pchs.northumberland.sch.uk</a>
Prudhoe Community High School	01661 832486	<a href="http://www.pchs.org.uk">www.pchs.org.uk</a>
Queen Elizabeth High School	01434 610300	<a href="http://www.qehs.net">www.qehs.net</a>
St Benet Biscop Catholic High School	01670 822795	<a href="http://www.st-benetbiscop.org.uk">www.st-benetbiscop.org.uk</a>
The Duchess's Community High School	01665 602166	<a href="http://www.dchs-alnwick.org">www.dchs-alnwick.org</a>
The King Edward VI School	01670 515415	<a href="http://www.kevi.info">www.kevi.info</a>

Tyne and Wear		
All Saints College	0191 2677036	<a href="http://www.allsaints.newcastle.sch.uk">www.allsaints.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
Benfield School	0191 2656091	<a href="http://www.benfield-school.co.uk">www.benfield-school.co.uk</a>
Burnside Business and Enterprise College	0191 2598500	<a href="http://www.burnside.n-tyneside.sch.uk">www.burnside.n-tyneside.sch.uk</a>
Cardinal Hume Catholic School	0191 4877638	<a href="http://www.cardinalhume.com">www.cardinalhume.com</a>
Churchill Community College	0191 2347200	<a href="http://www.churchillcommunitycollege.org">www.churchillcommunitycollege.org</a>
Excelsior Academy	0191 228 8400	<a href="http://www.excelsiornewcastle.org.uk">www.excelsiornewcastle.org.uk</a>
George Stephenson High School	0191 2008347	<a href="http://www.gshs.org.uk">www.gshs.org.uk</a>
Gosforth High School	0191 2851000	<a href="http://www.gosforthhigh.newcastle.sch.uk">www.gosforthhigh.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
Heaton Manor School	0191 2818486	<a href="http://www.heatonmanor.newcastle.sch.uk">www.heatonmanor.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
Heworth Grange Comprehensive School	0191 4212244	<a href="http://www.heworthgrange.org.uk">www.heworthgrange.org.uk</a>
Hookergate School	01207 542862	<a href="http://www.hookergateschool.org">www.hookergateschool.org</a>
Joseph Swan School	0191 4422000	<a href="http://www.josephswan.org.uk">www.josephswan.org.uk</a>
Kenton School	0191 2142200	<a href="http://www.kenton.newcastle.sch.uk">www.kenton.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
Longbenton Community College	0191 2007474	<a href="http://www.longbenton.org.uk">www.longbenton.org.uk</a>
Lord Lawson of Beamish School	0191 4334026	<a href="http://www.lordlawson.org.uk">www.lordlawson.org.uk</a>
Monkseaton Community High School	0191 2979700	<a href="http://www.monkseaton.org.uk">www.monkseaton.org.uk</a>
Ryton Comprehensive School	0191 4132113	<a href="http://www.rytoncomprehensive.co.uk">www.rytoncomprehensive.co.uk</a>

Tyne and Wear (continued)		
Sacred Heart High School	0191 2747373	<a href="http://www.sacredheart-high.org">www.sacredheart-high.org</a>
Seaton Burn Community College	0191 2361700	———
St Aidan's Catholic School	0191 5536073	<a href="http://www.sunderlandschools.org/staidans">www.sunderlandschools.org/staidans</a>
St Anthony's Girls' School	0191 5537700	<a href="http://www.st-anthonys-school.co.uk">www.st-anthonys-school.co.uk</a>
St Cuthberts High School	0191 2744510	<a href="http://www.st-cuthbertshigh.newcastle.sch.uk">www.st-cuthbertshigh.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
St Joseph's R C Comprehensive School	0844 4772500	<a href="http://www.stjosephs.s-tyneside.sch.uk">www.stjosephs.s-tyneside.sch.uk</a>
St Mary's R C Comprehensive School	0191 2668813	<a href="http://www.st-marys.newcastle.sch.uk">www.st-marys.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
St Robert of Newminster Catholic School & Sixth Form College	0191 2193810	<a href="http://www.strobertofnewminster.co.uk">www.strobertofnewminster.co.uk</a>
St Thomas More School	0191 4990111	<a href="http://www.stthomasmore.org.uk">www.stthomasmore.org.uk</a>
St Thomas More Roman Catholic Sixth Form College	0191 2006333	<a href="http://www.stmschool.org.uk">www.stmschool.org.uk</a>
Walbottle Campus Technology College	0191 2678221	<a href="http://www.walbottlecampus.newcastle.sch.uk">www.walbottlecampus.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
Walker Technology College	0191 2620911	<a href="http://www.walker.newcastle.sch.uk">www.walker.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
Whickham School	0191 4960026	<a href="http://www.whickhamschool.org">www.whickhamschool.org</a>
Whitley Bay High School	0191 2008800	<a href="http://www.whitleybayhighschool.org">www.whitleybayhighschool.org</a>

Tees Valley		
Carmel R C College	01325 254525	<a href="http://www.carmel.org.uk">www.carmel.org.uk</a>
Conyers School	01642 783253	<a href="http://www.conyers.stockton.sch.uk">www.conyers.stockton.sch.uk</a>
Egglescliffe School	01642 352570	<a href="http://www.egglescliffe.org.uk">www.egglescliffe.org.uk</a>
The 6th Form Experience	01642 447090	<a href="mailto:admin@tsfe.co.uk">admin@tsfe.co.uk</a>
The English Martyrs School and Sixth Form College	01429 273790	<a href="http://www.ems.hartlepool.sch.uk">www.ems.hartlepool.sch.uk</a>

### Sixth Form Colleges

Tees Valley		
Bede College	01642 808285	<a href="http://www.stockton.ac.uk/bede">www.stockton.ac.uk/bede</a>
Hartlepool Sixth Form College	01429 294444	<a href="http://www.hpoolsfc.ac.uk">www.hpoolsfc.ac.uk</a>
Prior Pursglove College	01287 280800	<a href="http://www.pursglove.ac.uk">www.pursglove.ac.uk</a>
Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College	01325 461315	<a href="http://www.qeliz.ac.uk">www.qeliz.ac.uk</a>
St Mary's College	01642 814680	<a href="http://www.stmarys-sfc.ac.uk">www.stmarys-sfc.ac.uk</a>
Stockton Sixth Form College	01642 612611	<a href="http://www.stocktonsfc.ac.uk">www.stocktonsfc.ac.uk</a>

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Bede Sixth Form Academy	0191 511 6300	<a href="http://www.citysun.ac.uk">www.citysun.ac.uk</a>
Usworth Sixth Form College	0191 511 6260	<a href="http://www.usworthsixthformcollege.ac.uk">www.usworthsixthformcollege.ac.uk</a>
St Peter's Sixth Form College	0191 511 6260	<a href="http://www.stpeterssixthformcollege.ac.uk">www.stpeterssixthformcollege.ac.uk</a>

## Independent Schools

### County Durham

Barnard Castle School	01833 690222	<a href="http://www.barnardcastleschool.org.uk">www.barnardcastleschool.org.uk</a>
Durham High School for Girls	0191 3843226	<a href="http://www.dhsfg.org.uk">www.dhsfg.org.uk</a>
Durham School	0191 3864783	<a href="http://www.durhamschool.co.uk">www.durhamschool.co.uk</a>

### Northumberland

Longridge Towers School	01289 307584	<a href="http://www.lts.org.uk">www.lts.org.uk</a>
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Argyle House School	0191 5100726	<a href="http://www.argylehouseschool.co.uk">www.argylehouseschool.co.uk</a>
Central Newcastle High School	0191 2811768	<a href="http://www.newcastlehigh.gdst.net">www.newcastlehigh.gdst.net</a>
Dame Allan's Schools	0191 2750608	<a href="http://www.dameallans.co.uk">www.dameallans.co.uk</a>
Emmanuel College	0191 460 2099	<a href="http://www.emmanuelctc.org.uk">www.emmanuelctc.org.uk</a>
Grindon Hall Christian School	0191 5344444	<a href="http://www.grindonhall.com">www.grindonhall.com</a>
Newcastle Upon Tyne Church High School	0191 2814306	<a href="http://www.churchhigh.com">www.churchhigh.com</a>
Royal Grammar School	0191 2815711	<a href="http://www.rgs.newcastle.sch.uk">www.rgs.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
Sunderland High School	0191 5677674	<a href="http://www.sunderlandhigh.co.uk">www.sunderlandhigh.co.uk</a>
The King's School	0191 2585995	<a href="http://www.kings-tyemouth.org.uk">www.kings-tyemouth.org.uk</a>
Westfield School	0191 2553980	<a href="http://www.westfield.newcastle.sch.uk">www.westfield.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
Tees Valley		
Hurworth House School	01325 720645	<a href="http://www.hurworthhouse.co.uk">www.hurworthhouse.co.uk</a>
Macmillan Academy	01642 800800	<a href="http://www.macmillan-academy.org.uk">www.macmillan-academy.org.uk</a>
Polam Hall School	01325 463383	<a href="http://www.polamhall.com">www.polamhall.com</a>
Teesside Preparatory & High School	01642 782095	<a href="http://www.teessidehigh.co.uk">www.teessidehigh.co.uk</a>
The King's Academy	01642 577577	<a href="http://www.emmanuelctc.org.uk">www.emmanuelctc.org.uk</a>
Yarm School	01642 786023	<a href="http://www.yarmschool.org">www.yarmschool.org</a>

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