

POSSIBLE PATHWAYS

- A Levels
- T Levels
- Transition to T Levels
- Other vocational qualifications such as BTECs etc
- Apprenticeships
- Traineeships
- Supported Internships (SEND)
- Bespoke training programme

Interested in an apprenticeship?

Subscribe to the Government's 'Find an apprenticeship' website
<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk>

Don't meet the criteria for an apprenticeship?

A **Traineeship** may be a good choice
<https://www.gov.uk/find-traineeship>

COLLEGES AND OPEN DAYS

New College

Queens Drive Open Day 11 Oct 10-2 pm

North Star Open Day 22 Nov 10-2 pm

NCS Taster Evening – Sixth (A Levels) (Queens Drive)

4 Nov 5:30- 7:30 pm

Many taster sessions are also available

Cirencester College

Open Day 18th Oct 2025 & 14th Mar 2026

Program of Excellence Information Evening
4th Mar 2026

Open Evening 25th Jun 2026

Wiltshire College & University Centre

Trowbridge

1st Oct 2025 5-7 pm

8th Nov 2025 10-12 pm

28th Nov 2025 5-7 pm

21st Apr 2025 5-7 pm

Salisbury

9th Oct 2025 5-7 pm

22nd Nov 2025 10-12 pm

5th Feb 2025 5-7 pm

30th Apr 2025 5-7 pm

Lackam

4th Oct 2025 10-12 pm

15th Nov 2025 10-12 pm

31st Jan 2025 10-12 pm

24th Apr 2025 5-7 pm

Chippenham

7th Oct 2025 5-7 pm

6TH FORMS TO LOOK AT

Most open evenings are in October and November, but you can look at the offer now on the websites

R6 (Ridgeway) Sixth Form

The Park Academies Trust Sixth Form (LPA)

11th Nov 6-7:30 pm

United College Sixth Form (Swindon Academy)

UTC Swindon

20th Nov 2025 5-7 pm

29th Jan 2026 5-7 pm

Commonweal (C6 / STFC)

GWA Sixth Form

St John's Sixth Form, Marlborough

20th Nov 2025, from 7-9 pm

Grammar Schools

Marling Sixth Form

Sir Thomas Rich's Sixth Form

Stroud High Sixth Form

The Crypt Sixth Form

SEND PROVISION

Uplands Sixth Form

Crowdys Hill Sixth Form

Horizons College

Please contact directly for open days or visits

ALTERNATIVE PROVISION

Green Labyrinth
Horizons

KDS CAREERS



WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW



- Your child will need to apply for their post-16 provision and courses.
- They can apply for as many different provisions or apprenticeships /traineeships as they wish. We suggest they apply to at least 2. They must make sure that if applying for apprenticeships, they also apply to college as a backup option.
- Please go and visit as many provisions as you can, especially those that they wish to apply to. You may need to book so please check the provisions websites for more details. (dates for evenings can be found on the back)
- Please check provision websites so you are clear on deadlines, as for some, this is as soon as November.
- Please reach out if you need any advice **careers@kingsdownschool.co.uk**



HOW ARE WE SUPPORTING IN SCHOOL



- In Year 11, starting in Term 1, students have the opportunity for a careers interview with Mrs Eden. If any students have not had one or need a second one, they need to request an appointment with Mrs Eden. Students should be mindful that the careers advisor will only be in available at certain times, so booking an appointment and turning up is essential.
- Careers lessons in Year 11 will take place this term, focusing on future options and how to apply to college. Students will be given time in these lessons to work on CVs and personal statements, as well as apply with a member of staff there to support.

ONLINE WORK EXPERIENCE



We have, as a school purchased Springpod for all our students in KS4. Springpod gives students access to a range of employer talks, employability skills based learning and modules where they can experience activities written by real employers. This will give them an insight into what that career may be like. All completed units achieved can be mentioned on CVs and interviews. Students can also apply for online work experience with a range of big employers by applying through Springpod. **www.springpod.com**

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