

What pathways are available after leaving school?



Academic – Sixth Form Colleges and Schools with Sixth Forms



Best if you are good at Exams

Academic studies are best for those people who are good at research, writing and independent thinking. They are usually subject based and are mainly assessed by examinations.

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Who?

Students who attain A*- C grades (or equivalent) in at least 5 different subjects, preferably including English and Mathematics – NB new grade req's for Eng/ Maths

What?

A two year course of advanced study. Choose up to 4 traditional, academic, research-based subjects such as: English, Chemistry, Sociology, Law, Mathematics, Philosophy, etc. or more 'modern' subjects such as: Media, Sport, Travel and Tourism, Computing, etc.

Where?

Oldham Sixth Form College, Rochdale Sixth Form College, Manchester College, Ashton Sixth Form College, **school sixth forms**, etc.

Vocational – Vocational Colleges or Further Education Colleges



Best if you enjoy **Coursework**

Vocational courses are best if you are good at coursework or if you enjoy doing practical work. They are vocationally (jobs) based and you will be assessed on performance and coursework.

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Who?

Learners should have a clear goal to work in their chosen field of study. Course entry requirements vary depending on the level of course.

What?

A wide range of qualifications over one, two or three years in a variety of vocational or practical areas such as: Business Administration, Childcare, Hairdressing, Plumbing, Brickwork, IT, Health and Social Care, etc.

A good back-up plan for sixth form applicants.

Where?

Oldham College, Hopwood Hall College, Tameside College, Manchester College, etc. Sixth form colleges offer a few vocational courses.

Work Based Learning – Apprenticeships or the Study Programme



Best if you want working **Experience**

Apprenticeships or training is best if you are good at practical work and have a definite career in mind. They are assessment based and you will be judged on the work you do 'on the job'.

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Who?

Students who would like to 'earn while they learn' or those who have identified practical, work based training as their best option.

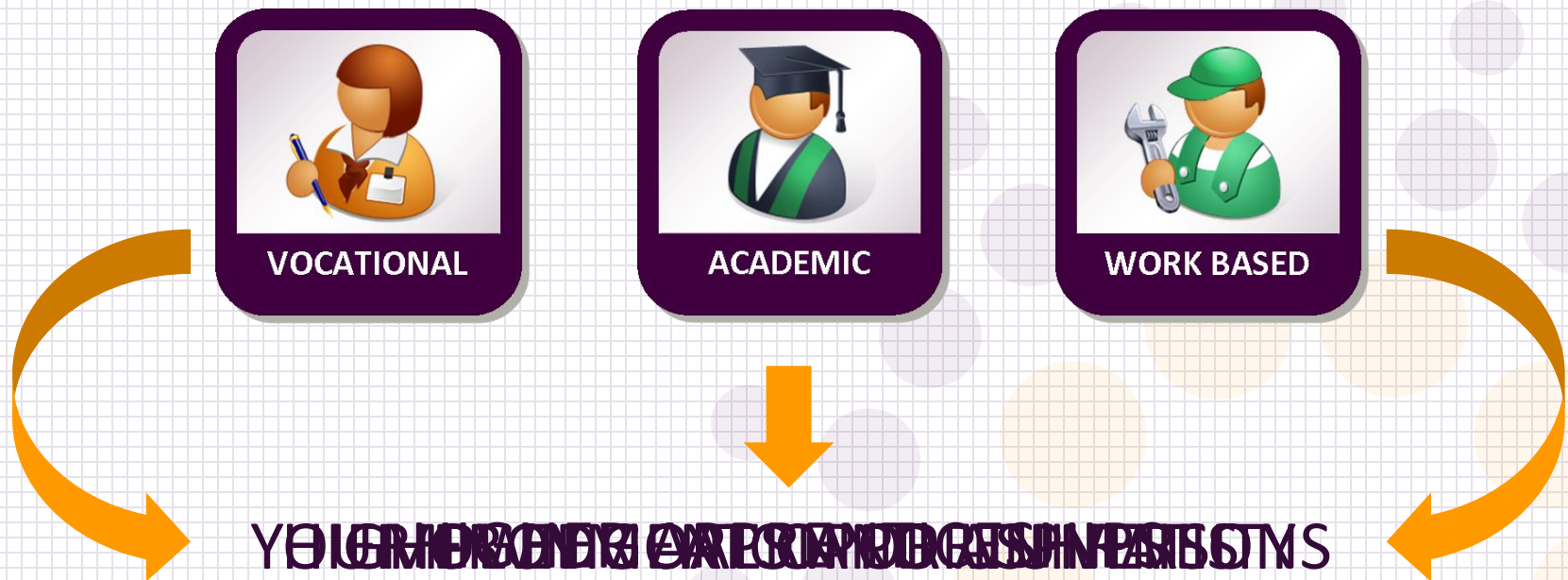
What?

A wide range of work based opportunities - such as; Advanced Apprenticeships (for those already at level 2), Apprenticeships or training via the new Study Programme. Heavily focused on job experience with the possibility of direct progression in to a full-time job.

Where?

Employer based experience with training provided 'in-house' or by a variety of local Training Providers or Further Education Colleges.

Where can the different pathways lead?



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What happens next?



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