

# Your choice in Medway 2012

*a student's guide to post-16  
education in Medway*



# Your guide to post-16 education in Medway for September 2012

The next few years are a time when you have to make decisions, take control and shape your future. Exciting for sure...but this can also sound daunting. It doesn't need to be. Everyone concerned with education in Medway is here to help you every step of the way because better qualifications and learning can lead to:

- a better chance of getting and keeping a job;
- a more satisfying career;
- the chance to earn more money.

This guide is to help you make the decisions that put you on the path to an exciting and satisfying future.

## Finding the path that is right for you

There are so many different options and routes for you when you reach the end of Year 11:

- Choose to stay on at your school, or join another sixth form.
- Choose further education at college.
- Choose work-based learning, such as an apprenticeship.
- Choose to work, with part-time education or training.

Together we can work out which route is best for you. We can then help you to decide which of the many organisations in Medway will be the best place to lay the foundations for your future.

## How to use this guide

There are lots of people who can help you to make the right choices. We've listed below some simple pointers to help you get started:

- **Choose the level that suits you**

You may want to look at foundation learning or BTEC. Or you may want to know more about A levels or apprenticeships. See Page three to find out what level best suits you.

- **Information is power**

Find out more about the online prospectus, financial support available and much more – pages four and five.

- **Your choice, your course**

Find out about the courses available in Medway and who provides them: Entry level and level 1 (foundation learning) – page six; level 2 – page seven; level 3 (AS, A level, BTEC, IB) – pages eight and nine; apprenticeships – page 10.

- **Help is at hand**

Useful contacts to help make the right decision – page 11.

# Qualification framework

With the right GCSEs and grades you could start here

With a few GCSEs you could start here

You might start here

## Foundation learning - level 1 and entry level

- **Foundation Learning** is a personalised programme designed to help young people progress to a level 2 programme. It includes vocational learning, personal and social development and functional skills (maths, English and ICT) qualifications that can be level 1 or entry level, or a mix of the two.
- **A2B** (used to be known as 'e2e') offers a variety of vocational courses such as catering, construction, hairdressing, pre-apprenticeships and, for those not yet certain which vocational area they want to follow, personal and social development. These are run by training providers and lead to foundation level qualifications.
- The **14-19 Diploma** is available as a level 1 qualification; called the Foundation Diploma.
- **GCSE** grades D-G are level 1 qualifications.
- **Other** level 1 qualifications include work related qualifications such as BTEC or OCR certificates.

## Level 2

- **GCSEs** are on offer both as re-sits and new subjects. There are also Applied GCSEs in some vocational subjects. These are equivalent to two traditional GCSEs. Grades A\*-C are level 2 qualifications; grades D-G are level 1.
- The **14-19 Diploma** is available as a level 2 qualification; called the Higher Diploma.
- **Other** level 2 qualifications include work-related qualifications such as BTEC or OCR diplomas.
- **Apprenticeships** work towards work-based learning qualifications (such as an NVQ level 2), functional or key skills and in some cases, a relevant sector based qualification. They enable you to combine working and earning and provide the skills you need for your chosen career and enable progression to an advanced apprenticeship.

## Level 3

- **A levels** are level 3 qualifications made up of AS (advanced subsidiary) and A2 units. An AS level is half the size of a full A level. In your first year (usually year 12), you can normally choose to study up to four A level subjects and sit AS level exams. At the end of your first year you have two options for each subject. You can:
  - take an AS level only and gain a recognised qualification;
  - continue for a second year studying the A2 units and go for the full A level.[www.ofqual.gov.uk/files/A-levelGuide.pdf](http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/files/A-levelGuide.pdf)
- **BTEC Diplomas:** The level 3 Extended and Subsidiary Diplomas offer a mix of practical and theoretical study in a vocational area. They are equivalent to two or three A levels and allow you to progress on to university or directly to employment.
- **14-19 Diplomas** at level 3 are called Advanced or Progression Diplomas and are the equivalent of three or two A levels. These are employer-designed qualifications combining theoretical and applied learning, along with functional English, maths and ICT, with the opportunity to develop a specialism or complementary study.
- The **International Baccalaureate (IB)** is an alternative to A/AS levels or diploma for students wishing to study a broader range of subjects. The IB Diploma is recognised by universities in this country and worldwide. Students choose six subjects, three at higher level (A level) and three at standard level (between GCSE and A level). For more information visit [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org).
- **Advanced Apprenticeships** are high-level training programmes designed by employers to allow you to combine working and training. You will develop all the latest business skills to help you succeed in your future career. Apprentices work towards work-based learning qualifications such as an NVQ level 3, functional or key skills and in some cases, a relevant sector based qualification. Find out more at [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk).

## To access the online prospectus as a year 11 student

- 1 Go to [www.yourchoiceinmedway.org.uk](http://www.yourchoiceinmedway.org.uk) and select login. Type in your login details as they appear on the letter. The first time you log in you may wish to change your password; please choose something you will be able to remember.
- 2 On the menu on the right select **My Profile**. There are seven sections, please complete as many of these as possible. Please make sure your personal details are up to date. You may find it easier to draft your personal statement first and then paste into the relevant section. **View My Profile** is an overview of your completed sections which can be used as your CV.  
  
You may not need to complete all sections of **My Profile** if you apply to your current school, but check first. For all other providers please complete all sections in full.
- 3 In the menu bar at the top of the page select **16-19 choices** to search for a course or a provider of interest.
- 4 Once you have found the course you want to apply for, select it to read further details.
- 5 To add courses to **My Bookmarks** select **Add to Bookmarks**. You will not need to search for these courses again in future, simply select from **My Bookmarks**.
- 6 Once you have completed all the relevant sections in **My Profile** and have decided on which courses to apply for, select **Make an Application**.
- 7 **Follow steps 1 to 5 to complete your application.** At Step 3, **Reason for Applying**, write a short paragraph telling the provider why you are interested in the course and what you hope to achieve, eg your career aim.
- 8 **Keep checking the status of your application** as regularly as possible and to see any notes or messages that may have been sent to you.

Access [www.yourchoiceinmedway.org.uk](http://www.yourchoiceinmedway.org.uk) at school, in your public library, youth centre or community centre, or in your local MYT Connexions access point.

Parents and students can browse the area prospectus without a login but a password and username are needed to make an application.

## Entry requirements

Entry requirements may vary between different providers but generally:

- for Foundation Learning: There are no formal entry requirements;
- for a level 2 programme: A foundation learning or level 1 qualification, at least three GCSE D-E grades or better, or for you to pass an initial assessment;
- for a level 3 programme: A minimum of five A\*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent, with some institutions requesting higher grades in particular subjects, depending on what you are planning to study.

The section above is a guide only:

- There may be a particular code of conduct you would have to agree to.
- Some providers may take account of any experience you have in the vocational area you have applied to follow (e.g. work experience or voluntary work).
- It is always worth speaking directly to a provider as they may have higher or lower requirements than those above.

## How to apply

You can search for courses, find additional information and apply online at Medway's 14–19 area prospectus and post-16 online application website:

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

**All year 11 students have been sent a login and password. If you have lost your password or not received it, please contact your school personal adviser or contact Medway Youth Trust 01634 335527, [ycim@mytconnexions.org.uk](mailto:ycim@mytconnexions.org.uk)**

## What help can I get?

**Medway Youth Trust Connexions Access Point, 205-217 New Road, Chatham, ME4 4QA. Phone 01634 334343**

Personal advisers from MYT Connexions are attached to each school. You can arrange a guidance interview to help you plan for your future. Your school will have a Connexions library with information on careers, education, employment and training. Connexions adds to the support already offered in your school by teachers. They can help you with:

- choosing career and course options and applying to college;
- choosing training courses;
- any personal issues affecting study or progress, including accommodation or money problems;
- access to wider opportunities provided by the local youth service and the voluntary sector including volunteering.

## For those who may need extra help

If you have a learning difficulty or a disability, you may feel you would like help in finding:

- school or college courses to meet your needs;
- special programmes if you are going straight into work;
- extra help if you want to do an apprenticeship.

Your school will support you in developing a transitional plan. This is a document that details what you would like to do in the future and what support you would need to achieve this. There should also be regular transitional review meetings where students, their family and school discuss the options available. You will be assessed to see if you are entitled to adult services when you reach 18, have a school health check and health action plan. These will let you know of any changes to benefits and charges for services so you can take more responsibility for the future. This will all come together at the final transitional review meeting. Connexions will be there to offer advice during this time and may do so until you reach 25-years-old.

For information on benefits and welfare entitlements please contact the Welfare Benefits Department at Medway Council on **01634 333333**.

## For young people in care

If you are in care you should have regular contact with your social worker and they will work with you (and your carer, Connexions advisor and any other key people), to draw up a personal education plan for the future. You will be supported in working through the plan up to 21-years-old (or 24-years-old if in full-time higher education).

## Financial support available

Funding amounts and household income levels are based on 2011 figures and may change in 2012. Details are correct at the time of print, but may be subject to government review.

**Sources of financial support:** [www.medwaychildrenstrust.co.uk/the-partnership-group/integrated-youth-support/14-19-strategy-forum-documents/](http://www.medwaychildrenstrust.co.uk/the-partnership-group/integrated-youth-support/14-19-strategy-forum-documents/)

### 16-19 bursary fund

If you're aged between 16 and 19-years-old and think you might struggle with the costs for full-time education or training you may receive a bursary.

Students most in need will be eligible to receive a bursary of £1,200 a year. This group includes:

- people in care;
- care leavers;
- people claiming income support;
- disabled young people who receive Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance.

Other students facing genuine financial difficulties may be awarded a bursary at the discretion of their school, college or training provider. Schools, colleges and training providers will be responsible for awarding bursaries to students. With the exception of the £1,200 bursaries for students most in need, they decide on the amount. They will also decide when bursaries are paid, and will set conditions that students should meet to receive a bursary, for example, linked to behaviour or attendance.

## Free school meals

If you are under 19-years-old and still in full time education, you may be entitled to receive a free school meal if you or your parents or carers receive:

- Employment and Support Allowance (income related) or
- Income Support or
- Jobseeker's Allowance (income based) or
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit or
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 or
- Child Tax Credit, are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and whose annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) does not exceed £16,190
- If you are in receipt of any element of working tax credit you are not entitled.

Application forms are available from the school or from Medway Council on **01634 331155**.

## Child benefit

Your parents/carers are currently able to receive child benefit for you up to 19-years-old if you are in full-time education or training. For more information contact the Child Benefit Helpline **08453 021444**.

## Care to Learn (C2L)

If you are a young parent then you may be able to claim for childcare costs and travel while you continue to learn or return to learning. Young fathers may apply for childcare where they are responsible for caring for the child.

C2L will pay up to £160 per child each week.

For help or more information about learning or childcare, young parents can phone Connexions **0808 0013219**.

## Travel costs

Medway Council can arrange a travel pass for you to get to your place of learning if you are 16 to 18-years-old.

A standard bus pass for travel within Medway currently costs £606 per year (£202 per term). Rail pass prices vary. Medway Council has recently announced half-price bus travel for 16-18-year-olds with a valid Medway Youth Pass.

Please see [www.yourchoiceinmedway.org.uk](http://www.yourchoiceinmedway.org.uk) and [www.medway.gov.uk](http://www.medway.gov.uk) for details and conditions. Application forms are available from student services **01634 331155**.

# Your choice of courses

All information correct at 25.11.11. For further and up-to-date information please see [www.yourchoiceinmedway.org.uk](http://www.yourchoiceinmedway.org.uk)



## Foundation learning - entry level and level 1

	Bishop of Rochester Academy	Brompton Academy	Chatham Grammar School for Boys	Chatham Grammar School for Girls	Fort Pitt Grammar School	The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School	The Howard School	MidKent College	The Rochester Grammar School	Rainham Mark Grammar School	The Robert Napier School	Rainham School for Girls	Strood Academy	St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School	Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School	The Thomas Aveling School	University for the Creative Arts	Walderslade Joint Sixth Form
Art and Design								B										
Bricklaying								B										
Business	B							B										
Carpentry and Joinery								B										
Engineering								N										
English (ESOL)								✓										
FLV - Art and Design								✓										
FLV - Award in Public Services								✓										
FLV - Award in Sport								✓										
FLV - Award in Travel and Tourism								✓										
FLV - Business Administration								✓										
FLV - Certificate in Hair and Beauty								✓										
FLV - Certificate in Hospitality								✓										
FLV - Certificate in Land Based								✓										
FLV - Childcare								✓										
FLV - Information Technology								✓										
FLV - Retail								✓										
FLV - Vehicle Maintenance								✓										
Hair and Beauty								N										
Health and Social Care								B										
Home Economics: Catering/Cooking/Food								B										
ICT								B										
IFS Personal Finance	✓																	
Land Based								B										
Number and Measure	C																	
Painting and Decorating								B										
Performing Arts								B										
Public Services								B										
Sport								B										
Travel and Tourism								B										
Vehicle Maintenance								B										
Independent Living Programme								C										
Integrated Course								C										
Introduction to Employment in Electrical Installation								C										
Introduction to Employment in Plumbing								C										
Towards Independence Programme								C										

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See page 10 for foundation learning opportunities (A2B)



## Level 2 programmes

	Bishop of Rochester Academy	Brompton Academy	Chatham Grammar School for Boys	Chatham Grammar School for Girls	Fort Pitt Grammar School	The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School	The Howard School	MidKent College	The Rochester Grammar School	Rainham Mark Grammar School	The Robert Napier School	Rainham School for Girls	Strood Academy	St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School	Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School	The Thomas Aveling School	University for the Creative Arts	Walderslade Joint Sixth Form
Animal Care/Management								B										
Art and Design	B							B					B					
Beauty Therapy								N										
Bricklaying								B										
Building Services								B										
Business	B					B		B						B				B
Business and Administration								B										
Business Studies													B					
Carpentry and Joinery								B										
Childcare	B,C							B										B
Community Support Leaders - Award													C					
Creative Media								B										
Dance	G																	
Electrical/Electronic Engineering								B										
Employability													B					
Engineering								B,N										N
English	G	G				G						G	G			G		
Fashion and Clothing													B					
Finance	C					B							B					
French	N																	
Government and Politics						G												
Hairdressing								N										
Health and Social Care	B							B				B	B	B				
Heating and Ventilation								C										
History (Ancient)						G												
Home Economics: Catering/Cooking/Food						B		B										
Hospitality	B												B	B				
ICT								B					B	B				
Legal Secretary								B										
Mathematics	G	G				G						G	G			G		
Media Studies								B										
Music	G							B										
Painting and Decorating								B										
Performing Arts	B					G		B						B				
Photography (Art and Design)						G												
Plumbing Certificate								N										
Public Services	B					B		B					B					
Science						G		B					G					
Spanish	G															G		
Sport Studies	B							B					B					B
Travel and Tourism						B		B						B				
Workskills	B																	

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See page 10 for Intermediate Apprenticeship information



## Level 3 programme AS, A Level, BTEC, IB

	Bishop of Rochester Academy	Brompton Academy	Chatham Grammar School for Boys	Chatham Grammar School for Girls	Fort Pitt Grammar School	The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School	The Howard School	MidKent College	The Rochester Grammar School	Rainham Mark Grammar School	The Robert Napier School	Rainham School for Girls	StoodAcademy	St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School	Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School	The Thomas Aveling School	University for the Creative Arts	Walderslade Joint Sixth Form
Animal Management								B										
Anthropology									I									
Art and Design (includes Textiles)	B	B	A	A	A	A,D	A	B	A,I		B	A,B	A,B	A	A	B,A	B,D	A
Beauty Therapy								N										
Biology			A	A	A	A	A	A	A, I		A		A	A	A	A		A
Building Services								B										
Business Studies	B	B	A	A	A	B	A,B	A,B	A		B	A	A,B	A	A	B		A,B
Chemistry			A	A	A	A	A,B	A	A,I		A	A	A	A	A	A		
Childcare	C					B		B										B
Citizenship											A		A					
Classical Civilisation			A	A	A				A						A			
Communication and Culture								A										
Creative Arts and Media	B							B					D	A		B,D		
Critical Thinking								A										
Dance				A				B				B	A			A		
Design and Technology (includes Product Design)	A,B		A	A			A		A		A			A		A		
Drama									A			A						
Drama and Theatre Studies			A	A	A				I				B					
Economics	A		A	A	A				I						A			
Electrical/Electronic Engineering								B										
Engineering						B		B					A,D					A
English Language				A			A				A							A
English Language and Literature							A	A	A									
English Literature	A		A	A	A	A		A	A,I		A	A	A	A	A	A		A
Environmental Science			A					A										
Extended Projects		✓	✓					✓					✓	✓				✓
Film Studies			A		A	A	A	A					A	A				
Financial Studies		C,D	C,D				C					C	A,B	A				
French				A	A	A	A		I				A		A			
Forensic Science							B											
Geography			A	A	A	A	A	A	A,I		A	A			A	A		A
German			A	A	A				I						A			
Government and Politics			A	A	A	A	A	A	A						A			A
Graphics					A	A												
Hairdressing								N										
Health and Social Care	B	B		A	A	A		B	A		B	A	B	B		B		A
History	A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A,I		A	A	A	A	A	A		A
Home Economics: Catering/ Cooking/Food				A				B			A							
Hospitality								B										
Human Biology												A		A				

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**Level 3 programme**  
**AS, A Level, BTEC, IB**

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ICT	B		A	A	A	D	B	B	A		B	B	A,B,D	A	A	B		B
International Baccalaureate*									✓									
Italian																A		
Latin									I									
Law			A				B					A	A			A		
Legal Secretarial								B										
Management Studies Certificate			C															
Manufacturing															A,D			
Mathematics	A			A	A	A	A	A	I				A	A	A	A		A
Mathematics - Further			A		A				A						A			
Mathematics - Pure and Mechanics			A						A									
Mathematics - Pure and Statistics			A						A			A						
Media Studies	A,B		A	A	A	A	A	B	A		B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Music	B		A	A	A	B	B	B	A,I			B	A	A	A	B		B
Music Technology	B		A			B		B	A									B
Performing Arts	B	B				B	B	B			B		B	A				B
Philosophy and Ethics	A				A		A		I			A		A				
Photography (Art and Design)						A	A				A	A	A			A		A
Physical Education			A	A	A		B		A			B		B	A			
Physics			A	A	A	A	A	A	A,I			A	A	A	A			
Plumbing								C										
Psychology	A		A	A	A			A	A,I		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Public Services		B				B	B	B				B	B	B				B
Religious Studies			A	A				A	A									A
Science in Society		A										A						
Science, Applied	B			A	A			B			A		B,B	B		A		
Sociology			A	A	A	A	A	A	A			A	A	A				A
Spanish			A	A	A				I						A			
Sports Studies	B	B				A,B		B			B		B	B		B		B
Travel and Tourism	A					B		B				B	B	A		A		A
Vehicle Maintenance								B										
Youth University Progression								C										

\* Chatham Consortium - Chatham Grammar School for Boys and Fort Pitt Grammar School have some joint timetabling arrangements. It may be possible to take courses in more than one school. Please see individual provider course offers on the Your Choice in Medway and schools websites.

\* Rainham Consortium - The Howard School and Rainham School for Girls operate in a consortium with Rainham Mark Grammar School. Students can study subjects at any of the schools in the consortium, subject to entry qualifications. On some occasions the teaching of a subject may be shared between The Howard School and Rainham School for Girls.

\* Rochester and Walderslade partnership - Bradfields School, Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School, The Rochester Grammar School, The Thomas Aveling School, Walderslade Joint Sixth Form (Greenacre School and Walderslade School for Girls) will try to accommodate an individual student's needs through a local agreement where a subject is not offered at the home school.

Post-16 provision is also available at Rainham Mark Grammar School; 01634 364151; www.rainhammark.com

# Apprenticeships

	ABM Training UK	Acorn Training Services Ltd	Age UK Training	Avanta (TNG)	Canterbury College	Carillion	CKW Training Consultants Ltd	Concept Training	Go Train	Graham Webb International	Hadlow College	Hair-Academy	Hit Training	IPS International	Jace Training	JHP	JTL	K College	Keith Graham Academy	Keits	Key Training Services	KITA	Learn To ...	Mainstream Training Ltd	Midkent College	Northwest Kent College	Parenta	PH Academy	Pitman Training Kent	Profile Development and Training	Quest Training (South East) Ltd	Set Training	Swale Skills Centre	TBG Learning	Training Solutions, Thanet College	Unique Training Solutions Ltd	Ymca Training		
Active Sport / Leisure																																							
Adult Teaching / Lifelong Learning																																							
Animal Care / Veterinary Nursing																																							
Assessor and Verifier Award																																							
Beauty / Nail Services																																							
Book Keeping / Accounting / Finance																																							
Bricklaying, Construction, Glazing																																							
British Sign Language and Deaf Awareness																																							
Building Services Engineering																																							
Business Administration																																							
Carpentry / Joinery																																							
Childcare / Early Years																																							
Children and Young People's Work Force																																							
Cleaning																																							
Communication																																							
COSHH																																							
Contact Centre																																							
Customer Service																																							
Dental																																							
Distribution and Warehousing																																							
Driving Goods Vehicle																																							
Electrical installations and appliance testing																																							
Engineering																																							
ESOL																																							
Event Management																																							
Fencing																																							
Fire Awareness																																							
First Aid																																							
Floristry																																							
Food Hygiene and Safety																																							
Forklift																																							
Hairdressing / Barbering																																							
Health and Safety																																							
Health and Social Care																																							
Horse Care																																							
Horticulture / Agriculture / Forestry																																							
Hospitality and Catering																																							
IT Professionals																																							
IT Users																																							
Leisure, Travel and Tourism																																							
Management and Team Leading																																							
Manufacturing																																							
Maritime																																							
Media																																							
Moving and Handling																																							
Motor Vehicle																																							
Painting and Decorating																																							
Performance Manufacturing Operations																																							
Plant Operations																																							
Playwork																																							
Plastering / Dry Lining																																							
Plumbing																																							
Precision Engineering																																							
Preparation for Work																																							
Retail																																							
Risk Assessment																																							
Road Passenger Transport																																							
Security																																							
Shorthand																																							
Sign-making																																							
Skills for life / Key Skills																																							
Support Services																																							
Teaching Assistant / School Support Work																																							
Training																																							
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Working with Vulnerable Adults																																							
Working with Service Users																																							

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# Useful contacts

## Schools

**Bishop of Rochester Academy**  
01634 845196  
[www.boracademy.org](http://www.boracademy.org)

**Brompton Academy**  
01634 852341  
[www.bromptonacademy.org](http://www.bromptonacademy.org)

**Chatham Grammar School for Boys**  
01634 830083  
[www.cgsb.co.uk](http://www.cgsb.co.uk)

**Chatham Grammar School for Girls**  
01634 851262  
[www.chathamgirlsgrammar.medway.sch.uk](http://www.chathamgirlsgrammar.medway.sch.uk)

**Fort Pitt Grammar School**  
01634 842359  
[www.fortpitt.medway.sch.uk](http://www.fortpitt.medway.sch.uk)

**Greenacre School**  
01634 861593  
[www.greenacre.medway.sch.uk](http://www.greenacre.medway.sch.uk)

**Rainham Mark Grammar School**  
01634 364151  
[www.rainhammark.medway.sch.uk](http://www.rainhammark.medway.sch.uk)

**Rainham School for Girls**  
01634 362746  
[www.rsg.org.uk](http://www.rsg.org.uk)

**Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School**  
01634 844008  
[www.sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk](http://www.sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk)

**St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School**  
01634 335757  
[www.st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk](http://www.st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk)

**Strood Academy**  
01634 717121  
[www.stroodacademy.org](http://www.stroodacademy.org)

**The Howard School**  
01634 388765  
[www.thehowardschool.co.uk](http://www.thehowardschool.co.uk)

**The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School**  
01634 251443  
[www.hundredhoo.medway.sch.uk](http://www.hundredhoo.medway.sch.uk)

**The Robert Napier School**  
01634 851157  
[www.robertnapier.medway.sch.uk](http://www.robertnapier.medway.sch.uk)

**The Rochester Grammar School**  
01634 843049  
[www.rochestergrammar.medway.sch.uk](http://www.rochestergrammar.medway.sch.uk)

**The Thomas Aveling School**  
01634 844809  
[www.thomasaveling.medway.sch.uk](http://www.thomasaveling.medway.sch.uk)

**Walderslade Girls' School**  
01634 861596  
[www.waldersladegirls.medway.sch.uk](http://www.waldersladegirls.medway.sch.uk)

## Further education providers

**MidKent College - Medway**  
01634 402020 (Course information line)  
01634 383000  
[www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk)

**University for the Creative Arts**  
01634 888702  
FE Admissions: 01252 892718  
[www.ucreative.ac.uk](http://www.ucreative.ac.uk)

## Special schools

**Abbey Court**  
01634 338220  
[www.abbeycourt.medway.sch.uk](http://www.abbeycourt.medway.sch.uk)

**Bradfields School**  
01634 683990  
[www.bradfields.medway.sch.uk](http://www.bradfields.medway.sch.uk)

## Work-based learning providers (including apprenticeships)

**Acorn Training Services Ltd**  
01303 863355  
[www.acorntrainingservices.co.uk](http://www.acorntrainingservices.co.uk)

**ABM Training (UK) Ltd**  
01634 673169  
[www.abmtraining.co.uk](http://www.abmtraining.co.uk)

**Age UK Training**  
01233 650591  
[www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk)

**Avanta (TNG)**  
01227 760296 / 07977 127038  
[www.takecontrol.me.uk](http://www.takecontrol.me.uk)

**Babcock Training**  
02392 326754  
[www.babcock.co.uk/training](http://www.babcock.co.uk/training)

**BAE Systems, Rochester**  
01772 677277  
[www.baesystems.com/careers](http://www.baesystems.com/careers)

**Carillion**  
01795 475123  
[www.carillionapprenticeships.com](http://www.carillionapprenticeships.com)

**Canterbury College**  
01227 811163  
[www.cant-col.ac.uk](http://www.cant-col.ac.uk)

**CKW Training Consultants Ltd**  
01634 724242  
[www.ckwtraining.co.uk](http://www.ckwtraining.co.uk)

**Concept Training**  
01233 896645 / 01634 291046  
[www.concepttraining.co.uk](http://www.concepttraining.co.uk)

**Construction Skills**  
0300 4565810  
[www.bconstructive.co.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.bconstructive.co.uk/apprenticeships)

**GrahamWebb International**  
01732 741751  
[www.gwinternational.com](http://www.gwinternational.com)

**GO Train Ltd**  
0800 988 5303  
[www.go-train.co.uk](http://www.go-train.co.uk)

**Hadlow College**  
01732 853164  
[www.hadlow.ac.uk](http://www.hadlow.ac.uk)

**Hair Academy**  
01233 660990  
[www.thehairacademy.co.uk](http://www.thehairacademy.co.uk)

**Hit Training**  
01634 673330  
[www.hittraining.co.uk](http://www.hittraining.co.uk)

**IPS International Ltd**  
01634 298800  
[www.ips-international.com](http://www.ips-international.com)

**JACE Training**  
0845 241 7738  
[www.jace-training.co.uk](http://www.jace-training.co.uk)

**JHP Training**  
0870 974 8069  
[www.jhptraining.com](http://www.jhptraining.com)

**JTL**  
0800 0852 308  
[www.jtltraining.com](http://www.jtltraining.com)

**JUST SOE UK Style Academy**  
01634 302367  
[www.justsoe.com](http://www.justsoe.com)

**K College**  
0845 207 8220  
[www.kcollege.ac.uk](http://www.kcollege.ac.uk)

**KITA**  
01795 421737  
[www.kitaltd.co.uk](http://www.kitaltd.co.uk)

**Keith Graham Academy**  
01233 664171  
[www.keithgrahamacademy.co.uk](http://www.keithgrahamacademy.co.uk)

**Kent Equine Industry Training Services Ltd**  
01923 854586 or 07932 976016  
[www.KEITS.co.uk](http://www.KEITS.co.uk)

**KEY Training Services**  
0800 7314297  
[www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk)

**Learn to...**  
01227 844449  
[www.sekgroup.org.uk](http://www.sekgroup.org.uk)

**Mainstream**  
01795 418100  
[www.recruitandtrain.com](http://www.recruitandtrain.com)

**Medway College of Social Care**  
01634 338480  
[www.medwaycare.org.uk](http://www.medwaycare.org.uk)

**NACRO**  
01634 818305  
[www.nacro.org.uk](http://www.nacro.org.uk)

**NorthWest Kent College**  
0800 074 1447  
[www.nwkcollege.ac.uk](http://www.nwkcollege.ac.uk)

**Parenta**  
0844 504 5504  
[www.parenta.com](http://www.parenta.com)

**PH Academy**  
01795 531867  
[www.phacademy-faversham.co.uk](http://www.phacademy-faversham.co.uk)

**Pitman Kent**  
01622 675782  
[www.pitmantrainingkent.com](http://www.pitmantrainingkent.com)

**Profile Development & Training**  
01843 609300  
[www.profiletd.co.uk](http://www.profiletd.co.uk)

**Protocol Skills**  
0845 071 9011  
[www.protocol-skills.co.uk](http://www.protocol-skills.co.uk)

**Quest Training**  
01474 704441  
[www.questfortraining.com](http://www.questfortraining.com)

**Set Training**  
01322 423358  
[www.settraining.co.uk](http://www.settraining.co.uk)

**Swale Skills Centre**  
01795 412280  
[www.swaleskillscentre.co.uk](http://www.swaleskillscentre.co.uk)

**TBG Learning Kent**  
01474 566 588  
[www.tbglearning.com](http://www.tbglearning.com)

**Training Solutions, Thanet College**  
01843 821580  
[www.thanet.ac.uk/training\\_solutions](http://www.thanet.ac.uk/training_solutions)

**Unique Training Solutions**  
01727 733 999  
[www.uniquetrainingsolutions.co.uk](http://www.uniquetrainingsolutions.co.uk)

**YMCA**  
01304 803640 / 01795 474209  
[www.ymcatraining.org.uk](http://www.ymcatraining.org.uk)

## Other useful contacts

**Medway Council**  
01634 306000  
[www.medway.gov.uk](http://www.medway.gov.uk)

**Connexions Medway**  
Chatham and Strood centres  
01634 334343  
Gillingham centre 01634 577978  
[www.medwayyouthtrust.org](http://www.medwayyouthtrust.org)

## Important dates

By now you should have been asked to start researching your post-16 options and had a chance to talk with your careers tutor or personal adviser at school. Below are some key dates for your diary for the rest of the academic year:

**November to February** Visit open evenings and start to make applications to the course/school of your choice.

**March** Attend any interviews you are invited to.

**April** If you are still undecided – get some help.

**May** Exams start.

**July** Year 11 students are able to start full-time work or training.

**August** Exam results Thursday, 23 August - MYT Connexions will run an exams helpline.

**September** Start your new course or training programme.

## Year 11 option evenings and sixth form open evenings

Bishop of Rochester Academy	Wednesday, 16 November 2011 (East campus)	
Brompton Academy	Contact Sharon Murphy on 01634 852341 ext 577	
Chatham Grammar School for Boys	Tuesday, 10 January 2012	7 - 9.15pm
Chatham Grammar School for Girls	Thursday, 19 January 2012	6-8pm
Fort Pitt Grammar School	Thursday, 8 December 2011	6.45pm
Greenacre School (Walderslade Joint Sixth Form)	Tuesday, 15 November 2011 (Walderslade Girls School site)	
Rainham Mark Grammar School	Please contact school for information	
Rainham School for Girls	Thursday, 17 November 2011	6pm
Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School	Thursday, 5 January 2012	7pm
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School	Thursday 19 January 2012	6.30pm
Strood Academy	Thursday, 10 November 2011	6.30 - 8pm
The Howard School	Thursday, 17 November 2011	6pm
The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School	Thursday, 24 November 2011	7pm
The Robert Napier School	Wednesday, 23 November 2011	6 - 8pm
The Rochester Grammar School	Wednesday, 18 January 2012	6 - 8pm
The Thomas Aveling School	Thursday, 10 January 2012	
Walderslade Joint Sixth Form	Tuesday, 15 November 2011 (Walderslade Girls School site)	
University for the Creative Art	TBC	
MidKent College (Maidstone)	Thursday, 3 November 2011 Monday, 6 February 2012 Wednesday, 27 June 2012	5.30 - 8pm 5.30 - 7.30pm 5.30 - 7.30pm
MidKent College (Medway)	Tuesday, 1 November 2011 Thursday, 9 February 2012 Saturday, 30 June 2012	6 - 8.30pm 6 - 8pm 10am - 1pm

If the open evening for the school you are interested in has passed, please contact the school directly for further information about applications to the school.