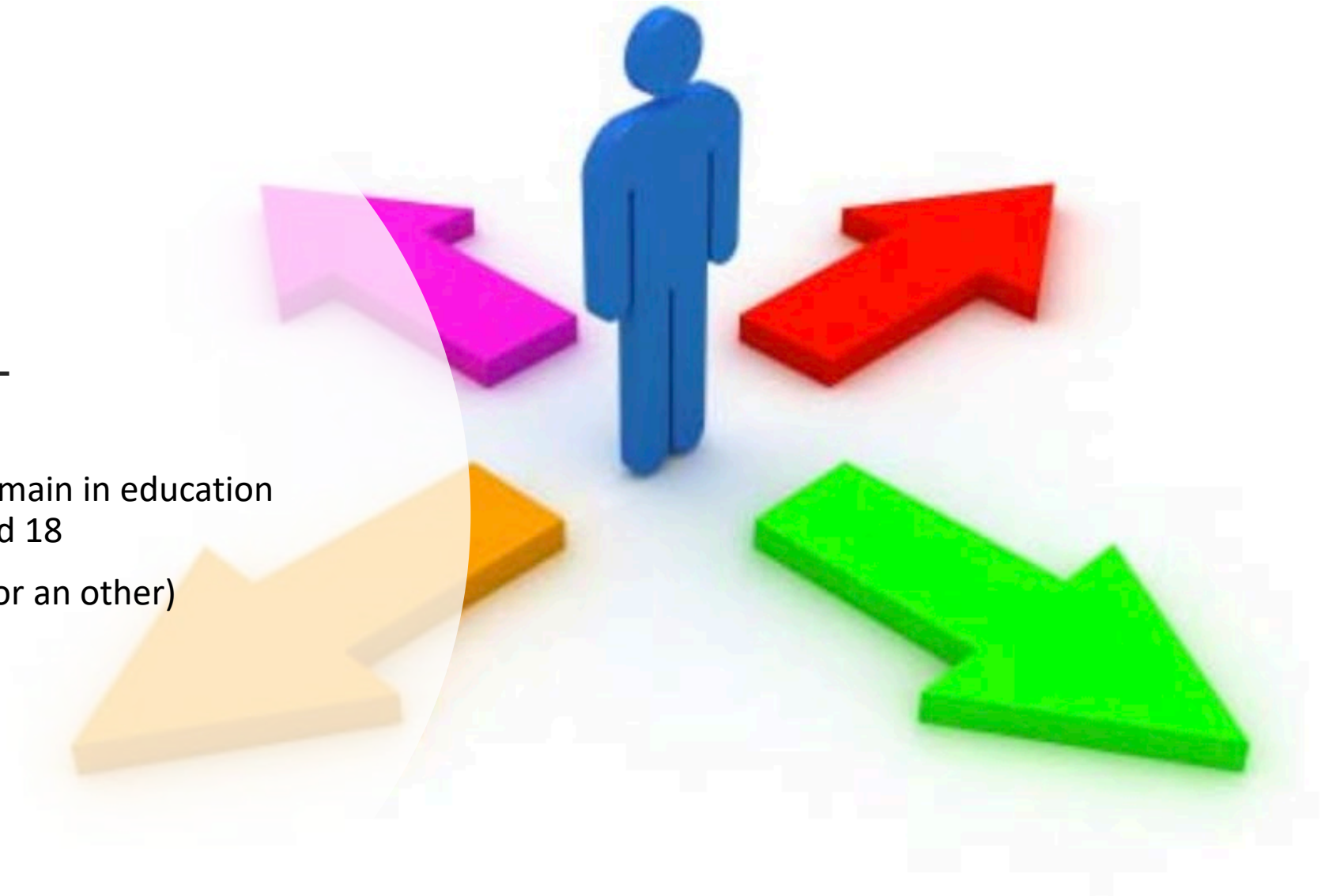




# Post 16 Options

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- All young people must remain in education or training until they are aged 18
- Sixth Form (Forge Valley or an other)
- College
- Apprenticeships





# What Are the Choices?

## Where?

- Sixth Form
- College
- Apprenticeship

## What?

- A-Levels
- Diplomas
- T-Levels
- Vocational Qualifications



# Post-16 options



- Not all pupils progress on to Level 3 courses when they leave school
- At 18, you can choose to leave compulsory education or further training & get a job, regardless of what level you're at

<b>Age 16-18</b> (compulsory)	<b>Level 3 (6<sup>th</sup> form, College or Advanced Apprenticeship)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4-5 GCSEs at grade 4/5 or above</li><li>• Courses = A-levels, BTEC Level 3, NVQ Level 3 or Advanced Apprenticeship</li></ul>
<b>Age 16-18</b> (compulsory)	<b>Level 2 (can only complete at College)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4-5 GCSEs at grade 3 (including English &amp; Maths)</li><li>• Courses = BTEC Level 2 or NVQ Level 2</li></ul>
<b>Age 16-18</b> (compulsory)	<b>Level 1 (can only complete at College)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4-5 GCSEs at grade 2/3 or below</li><li>• Courses = BTEC Level 1</li></ul>
<b>Age 14-16</b> (compulsory)	<b>Level 1-2 (School – KS4)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GCSE grades 9-4 = Level 2</li><li>• GCSE grades 3-1 = Level 1</li></ul>

# Sixth Forms

- Study A-levels or level 3 diplomas
- Academic subjects
- Traditional school environment
- Learners under 19 years old
- A mixture of support and independent learning
- Can lead to apprenticeships, university or full time work



# Colleges

- Study A-levels, T-levels, diplomas (at all levels) or vocational qualifications
- Offer both academic and vocational subjects
- Much larger than schools
- Learners of all ages, but you will tend to be with people of a similar age
- A mixture of support and independent learning
- Less contact time than schools but the same amount of work
- Can lead on to apprenticeships, university or full-time work



# Alternative providers

- Offer diplomas and vocational qualifications
- Offer level 1, 2 and 3 courses
- Tend to be industry specific
- Smaller classes
  - White Rose Hair and Beauty (Learning Curve)
  - Sheffield Wednesday & Sheffield United
  - Nacro
  - Sheaf

# A-Levels

- 3 Subjects (possibly 4)
- Level 3 qualification
- 2 years
- Exams and assignments
- Classroom based learning
- Traditional route to university
- Varied subject areas
- Can lead to university, apprenticeships or work
- Minimum GCSE Requirement (Grade 4's)



# Diplomas

- A single broad vocational area
- Level 1, 2 and 3 qualifications
- 2 or 3 years
- Classroom and practical learning
- Practical assessments and assignments
- Can lead to university, apprenticeships or work
- Varied subject areas
- Minimum GCSE Requirements vary depending on course and level





# T-Levels

- A single broad vocational area
- Level 3 qualifications
- 2 years
- Practical and knowledge-based learning
- Industry placement of at least 315 hours – approximately 45 days.
- Limited subjects available
  - Construction
  - Digital
  - Health
  - Childcare



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## Vocational Qualifications

- Skills based qualification
- Practical learning
- Prepare you for a specific job role
  - Construction Trades
  - Hair and Beauty
  - Catering
- Levels are not comparable to academic levels
- May start at level 1 or 2
- Industry recognised qualifications



# Apprenticeships

- Study specific vocational qualifications
- 80% of time with an employer, 20% of time with a provider
- You are an employee (yes you do get paid – approx. £150/week+)
- Practical and written assessments
- Generic and industry specific qualifications
- Entry, higher and degree level apprenticeships are all available
- Can lead on to higher level apprenticeships, training or work
- Apprenticeships are available in a lot of areas but not all employers offer them



# How to Choose?

- **DO** Start at the end and work backwards
  - Quizzes on Unifrog for some careers inspiration
  - Find out more about different jobs
  - <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles>
- **DO** think about how you learn best
- **DON'T** choose something just because your friends are
- **DO** Consider the environment
- **DONT** write something off before you have found out all the information
- **DO** have a back up plan





# Final Facts

- All young people must stay in education or training until they are 18.
  - You don't have to make your decision now but you do need to be working towards it.
  - In order to study at level 3 you will need at least a grade 4 in math's and English language (plus other qualifications depending on course choice).
  - You can apply for 3 sixth forms, plus college plus apprenticeships
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