

Millais Post 16 Providers Guide for 2027 Entry

1. Understanding Post-16 Pathways

Year 11 students are currently engaged in L2 courses (GCSEs / Cambridge Nationals etc).

Funding for students aged 16 to 19 (and up to 25 with an EHCP) is provided through the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). Students can therefore stay in full-time education (paid for by the state) until Year 14, if needed.

Depending on the outcome of a student's L2 qualifications, and their desires post 16 (vocational or academic), there are a range of establishments and courses at different levels available post 16.

After Year 11, many students will be ready, and have the grade requirements, for L3 study (A levels / BTECs (some BTECs will be morphing to V Levels) / T Level).

Some students may need a bit more time to get there and may require a Foundation / Transition Year 12 where they can retake L2 GCSEs as well as take new L2 courses to allow access to L3 courses (shown above) in Years 13 and 14.

Some students may feel they are more suited to a vocational route immediately post 16 – and many of these courses start at different levels as a point of access (e.g. if a student desires to go into Childcare, they can take a L1 course or start straight away at a L3 T Level (if they have the required grades at GCSE).

Qualification Levels

- **Entry level** - Entry-level courses are foundation-level study programs designed for students who do not have formal GCSEs or need extra support to build confidence.
- **Level 1** – Introductory qualifications.
- **Level 2** – GCSE equivalent qualifications.
- **Level 3** – A Levels, T Levels, BTECs (V Levels) and other advanced qualifications.

It should be noted that entry to university is typically dependent on a student attaining 3 x L3 courses (BTECs / A Levels) or 1 T Level (equivalent to 3 A Levels), or equivalent.

Why Entry Requirements Matter

Every provider sets its own entry criteria, and many subjects have additional grade requirements. Families should compare likely GCSE outcomes **and** predicted Average Point

Score (average score of all GCSEs sat) against provider requirements when making applications.

English and Maths GCSE

Students who do not achieve Grade 4 in English and/or Maths will normally continue studying these post-16. Different providers offer different arrangements for resits. Without English and / or Maths GCSE at a grade 4 student choice of courses will be restricted. Some / all L3 courses may not be available due to entry requirements at each establishment.

Important Change – Collyer's

From September 2027, Collyer's will no longer offer a Level 2 Foundation programme. This is particularly important for students who may require both English and Maths GCSE resits or who do not meet the overall GCSE Average Point Score requirements for Level 3 study, as Collyer's will not accommodate these students. For more information – please see Collyer's section of this guide (and the additional letter sent with this booklet).

Advice for Families

- Explore the interest and ambitions of your child.
- Be aware of their learner profile by looking at the PCTLs – this will show the anticipated grades achieved at the end of their GCSE journey. Be aware of whether they are likely to attain 5 x 4 – 9, whether they are likely to attain a grade 4 in English Lang and Maths and what their expected Average Point Score is.
- Attend open events and read through the prospectus for each establishment you are interested in.
- Compare course-specific requirements rather than relying solely on general entry criteria.
- Particular attention should be paid to progression routes for students requiring a Level 2 pathway or English/Maths resits.
- **Consider more than one application** where entry requirements may be challenging.
- Students do **not** need to confirm their final destination until after GCSE Results Day.

Disclaimer!

I have tried my best to collate information from a range of establishments for you to look through as a 'first glance'. Please note that some information may be inaccurate or change on the provider's website after publication of this booklet. Please make sure that you check dates and information by exploring establishments websites and attending open events. There are also other providers not included in this document. Please use link here to see all West Sussex

post 16 state providers:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/gvri1j/schools_colleges_offering_post_16_education.pdf

2. Providers at a Glance (State)

Provider	Main Provision	Levels	Foundation/L2 Route
Chichester College	A Levels, T Levels, Vocational	Entry-L3	Yes
Crawley College	Vocational, T Levels, Apprenticeships	Entry-L3	Yes
Haywards Heath College	A Levels & Vocational	Entry-L3	Yes
Worthing College	A Levels & Vocational	Entry-L3	Yes
Brighton MET	Vocational, Creative, Technical	Entry-L3	Yes
Northbrook College	Technical & Vocational	Entry-L3	Yes
Brinsbury College	Land-based & Vocational	Entry-L3	Yes
BHASVIC	A Levels, BTECs	L3	No. Yes - E / M resit
Collyer's	A Levels, BTEC, Diplomas	L3	No (from Sept 2027). Yes - E or M resit
Hazelwick	A Levels, BTEC, Diplomas	L3	No. Yes - E / M resit
Holy Trinity School	A Levels, BTEC, Diplomas	L2 & L3	Yes
Oriel	A Levels, BTEC, Diplomas	L3	No. Yes - E / M resit
Plumpton College	Land-based & Vocational	L1-L3	Yes
Steyning Grammar	A Levels, BTEC, Diplomas	L3	No. Yes - E / M resit
The Weald	A Levels, BTEC, Diplomas	L2 & L3	Yes
St Paul's Catholic College	A Levels, BTEC, Diplomas	L3	No. Yes - E / M resit

3. Detailed Provider Profiles

Apprenticeships in Sussex

Website

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/your-space/jobs/apprenticeships/>

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Overview

For students wishing to enter employment while studying. Apprenticeships combine paid work with training.

There are different apprenticeship levels – some are suitable for post 16 students. Degree apprenticeships are also available post 18.

Millais Support

Sussex Apprenticeship Bootcamp available.

Year 11 apprenticeship workshops and assemblies.

BHASVIC

Website

<https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/admissions/prospectus>

<https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/media/pdf/bhasvic-prospectus-2026-8268.pdf>

Courses

L3 - A Levels and BTECs

Entry Requirements

Mixed Route - (A Levels / BTECs) - Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above in five different subjects. This must include a minimum of grade 4 in English Language GCSE or Maths GCSE.

A Level - Six GCSEs, with a minimum of five grade 4 and one grade 6. These must be in a minimum of five different subjects. This must include a minimum of grade 4 in English Language GCSE or Maths GCSE.

Foundation Route

No. Maths and English GCSE resits available

Open Events

No date advertised yet

<https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/admissions/open-events>

Applications

Application deadline appears to be 4th December 2026. Apply online.

Brighton Metropolitan College (MET)

Website

<https://www.gbmc.ac.uk/>

Courses

Entry Level to L3 Courses available

Academic, vocational and apprenticeships

Entry Requirements

Course specific. Brighton MET provides a range of Entry Level, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 programmes. Check website for subject specific entry requirements.

Foundation Route

Yes. Foundation through to Degree Level courses.

Open Events

14 October 2026 / 21 November 2026

9 March 2027

Applications

Recommended by 31 December 2026. Apply online.

Brinsbury College

Website

<https://www.brinsbury.ac.uk/>

Courses

Entry level – L3 courses available

Land-based, vocational, animal care, agriculture and related industries.

Entry Requirements

Course specific. Brinsbury College provides a range of Entry Level, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 programmes. Check website for subject specific entry requirements.

Foundation Route

Yes. Level 1 and Level 2 opportunities available.

Open Events

10 October 2026

6 March 2027

Applications

Recommended by 31 December 2026. Apply online.

Chichester College

Website

<https://www.chichester.ac.uk/>

Courses

Entry Level – L3 (including A Levels and T Levels)

L2 STEM Gateway GCSE Pathway

Entry Requirements

Course specific. Chichester College provides a range of Entry Level, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 programmes. Check website for subject specific entry requirements.

Foundation Route

Yes. Level 2 progression pathways available.

Open Events

6 October 2026

7 November 2026

4 March 2027

Open event booking: <https://www.chichester.ac.uk/study-courses/open>

Applications

Recommended by 31 December 2026. Apply online.

Contacts

info@chichester.ac.uk

admissions@chichester.ac.uk

Collyer's Sixth Form

Website

<https://www.collyers.ac.uk/>

Courses

ONLY L3 COURSES as of Sept. 2027

A Level / T Levels / L3 BTECs and L3 Diplomas

Entry Requirements

- Minimum 5 GCSEs including English and Maths. **Please note** - Collyer's take an average point score from all GCSEs sat to allow entry.
- Average GCSE point score of 4 for mixed Level 3 programmes (BTECs and A Levels)
- Average GCSE point score of 5 for A Level pathways
- Subject-specific requirements apply – please check prospectus

Foundation Route

Level 3 only. English or Maths resit available if required.

No Foundation Year from September 2027.

Open Events

11 November 2026

12 November 2026

<https://www.collyers.ac.uk/admissions/open-evenings/>

Applications

<https://www.collyers.ac.uk/admissions/apply/>

Deadline: 8 January 2027.

Crawley College

Website

<https://www.crawley.ac.uk/>

Courses

Vocational qualifications, technical routes, apprenticeships, functional English and Maths.

Entry Requirements

Entry Level – L3 courses available.

Course specific. No traditional A Levels. Focus on vocational and technical pathways. Check website for subject specific entry requirements.

Foundation Route

Yes. Entry Level, Level 1 and Level 2 routes available.

Open Events

8 October 2026

7 November 2026

9 March 2027

Applications

Recommended by 31 December 2026. Applications made online through course pages.

Haywards Heath College

Website

<http://www.haywardsheath.ac.uk/>

Courses

Entry Level – L3 (including A Levels and T Levels)

L2 STEP UP Pathway – Foundation Year programme

Entry Requirements

Course specific. Haywards Heath College provides a range of Entry Level, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 programmes. Haywards Heath College offers A and T levels, Apprenticeships and vocational courses.

Foundation Route

Yes. Offers Level 2 progression routes leading to Level 3 study.

Open Events

19 October 2026

10 November 2026

16 March 2027

Applications

Recommended by 31 December 2026. Apply online.

Hazelwick School Sixth Form

Website

<https://www.hazelwick.org/sixth-form>

Courses

A Level / L3 BTECs and L3 Diplomas

Entry Requirements

Minimum 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above plus subject requirements.

Foundation Route

No. Level 3 programmes only. English and Maths resits available if required.

Open Event

Thursday 15th October 2026

Applications

Applications made by 29th January 2027. Apply online.

Holy Trinity School

Website

<https://www.holytrinitycrawley.org.uk/>

Courses

L2 Foundation Route

L3 A Level / BTECs and Diplomas

Entry Requirements

L3 - Minimum 5 grades 4-9 including English and Maths. Subject-specific requirements apply.

Foundation Route

Yes. Dedicated Level 2 pathway available. Students generally need to achieve a minimum of grade 3 in Maths and English, and 3, 3 in Science.

Specialisms

Basketball Academy

Football programme with Crawley Town

Performing Arts pathway

Open Event

No open evening date for 2026/7 has been posted yet.

Applications

Open approximately 15 October 2026.

Deadline: 31 December 2026.

Northbrook College

Website

<https://www.northbrook.ac.uk/study-with-us/>

Courses

Entry Level - L3

Technical, vocational and creative programmes.

Entry Requirements

Course specific. No traditional A Levels. Focus on vocational and technical pathways. Check website for subject specific entry requirements.

Foundation Route

Yes. Part of CCG progression model.

Open Event

8 October 2026

Applications

Recommended by 31 December 2026. Apply online.

Oriel School Sixth Form

Website

<https://oriel.w-sussex.sch.uk/post-16/welcome-to-sixth-form/>

Courses

A Level / L3 BTECs and Diplomas

Entry Requirements

Course dependent with GCSE average score requirements and subject-specific conditions.

Sixth Form Admissions criteria:

- 5 or more grades 4-9; including equivalents across at least 4 subjects
- Maths and English Language Grade 4 or above
- Average GCSE GRADE of at least 3.5 (average of ALL GCSE full courses taken)

Entry Requirements for A Level courses

- 5 or more grades 5-9; including equivalents across at least 5 subjects
- Maths and English Language Grade 4 or above
- Average GCSE GRADE of at least 4
- Maths and Science subjects require average GCSE grade of at least 4.75
- Subject specific requirements available from subject teams at our Open Evening and in the [course information](#) on the website.

Foundation Route

No foundation programme. English and Maths resits available.

Open Event

22 September 2026 (TBC).

Applications

Typically, open shortly after the Open Evening and close mid-January.

Plumpton College

Website

<https://www.plumpton.ac.uk/>

Courses

Agriculture / Animal Care / Trades / Countryside / Specialist land-based industries

Entry Requirements

Generally, 3–5 GCSEs depending on level and course.

Foundation Route

Strong Level 2 progression routes acting as transition years.

Open Event

No date advertised yet

Applications

Plumpton encourage applications by 31st January 2027

Steypning Grammar School

Website

<https://www.sgs.uk.net/sixth-form/welcome/>

Courses

A Level / L3 BTECs and Diplomas

Entry Requirements

Minimum 5 GCSEs Grade 4+ plus subject requirements.

Foundation Route

No. Level 3 programmes with English/Maths resits available where necessary.

Open Event

Tuesday 3rd November 5-7:30pm

Applications

Applications deadline 4th January 2027

The Weald School Sixth Form

Website

<https://www.theweald.org.uk/page/?title=Sixth+Form&pid=10>

Courses

A Level / L3 BTECs and Diplomas / L2 Pathway

Entry Requirements

L3 Courses – Minimum 5 GCSEs at Grade 4+

You must also have a minimum average point score (APS) of 4.5 or 6 grade 4s across your GCSEs (or equivalent), with specific subjects often requiring higher grades.

Subject-specific requirements

Foundation Route

Yes. Level 2 Transition Pathway available. Average Point Score Requirements of a 3 or more across a minimum of 5 subjects. **The Weald are likely to only consider students not already attending The Weald with a high 3 average.**

Open Event

22 October 2026

Applications

Historically close at the end of Autumn Term.

St Paul's Catholic College

Website

<https://www.stpaulssixthform.co.uk/>

Courses

A Level / L3 BTECs and Diplomas

Entry Requirements

Minimum 5 GCSEs grades 9–5

Average Point Score 5.3+ for A Levels

Subject-specific requirements

Open Event

9 September 2026 (TBC).

Applications

18th December 2026

Applications

Recommended by 31 December 2026. Apply online.

Worthing College

Website

<https://www.worthing.ac.uk/>

Courses

A Levels alongside vocational qualifications.

Foundation Route

Level 2 and progression opportunities available through CCG provision.

Open Events

15 October 2026

20 October 2026

15 March 2027

Applications

Recommended by 31 December 2026. Apply online.

Independent School Sixth Forms

Ardingly College

Website: <https://www.ardingly.com/admissions/admissions-process/>

Open Event: 23rd Sept. 2026 / 3rd Oct. 2026

Application Deadline: 6th October 2026 – Registration Deadline

Burgess Hill Girls

Website: <https://burgesshillgirls.com/>

Open Evening: 13 October 2026.

Application Deadline: 13 November 2026.

BOLD Award provides a fully funded place for a state-school applicant.

Christ's Hospital

Website: <https://www.christs-hospital.org.uk/admissions/sixth-form/>

Open Morning: Open Morning for all on Saturday 12 September 2026

Application Deadline: 16 October 2026.

Boarding-only Sixth Form with bursary opportunities.

Farlington

Website: <https://www.farlingtonschool.com/>

Open Morning: 12 September 2026.

Application Deadline: Submit Registration Form by December 2026

Hurstpierpoint College

Website: <https://www.hppc.co.uk/>

Open Events: Saturday 26 September (Year 7 to **Sixth Form**). Saturday 10 October (Year 7 to **Sixth Form**).

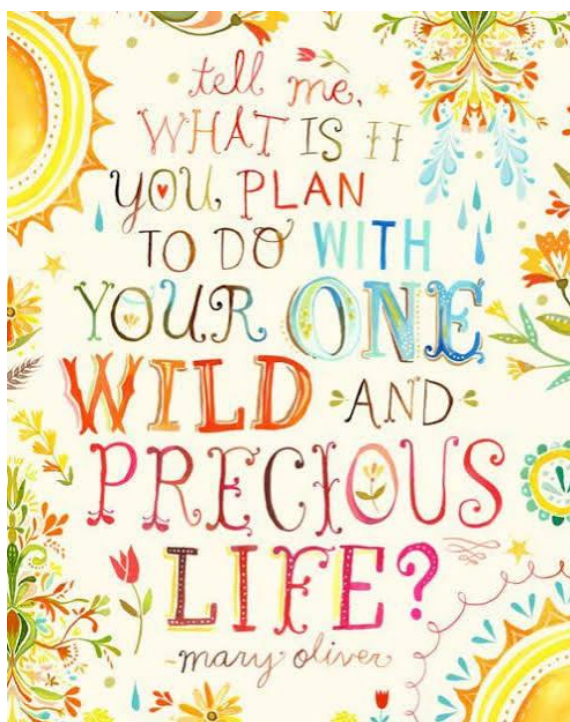
Applications through registration form and admissions process.

Worth College

Website: <https://worthschool.org.uk/visits/>

Open Events: Open Day is on Saturday 12 September

Applications through registration form and admissions process – deadline - 23 October 2026.



Finally – good luck in your exploration. We all desire happy outcomes for our children. If you ever need support, please make contact. I am always very willing to help.

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