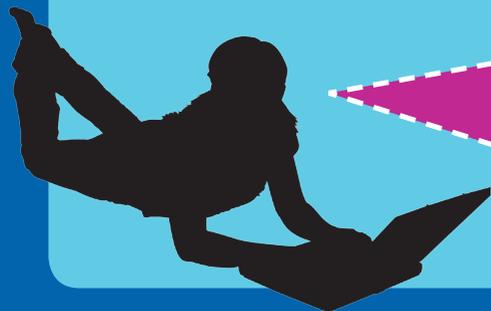


What happens at the end of year 11?



If you have heard that you must stay on at school until you are 18, it's not true!

The government would like all young people to be involved in some form of training up to the age of 18, this is called Raising of the Participation Age (RPA).

The aim is for you to stay in some type of learning which could be further study or a job with training.

When you are 16 your options are to:

- go to a school 6th form or to a college or training provider
- study for qualifications like a BTEC, AS/A Levels and or vocational qualifications
- apply for an Apprenticeship
- start work in a job with accredited training – that's training which leads to a qualification

All will prepare you either for work or to study higher level qualifications at college or university when you are 18.

For more information:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/choices

yp.direct.gov.uk (Education and Learning)

www.apprenticeships.org.uk

www.sparksite.co.uk

or download the App from the App store, search for Your Choices



Raising the Participation Age

Did you know...

On average, having five plus GCSEs at C or above could earn you up to £100,000* more than those who don't.

In the past four years the number of jobs available not requiring qualifications has reduced by 75%.

In addition to having five plus GCSEs doing an advanced apprenticeship could earn you an extra £100,000*.

Employers are more likely to promote you into positions of responsibility if you have qualifications.

Having two or more A Levels could earn you £85,000* more than those who have five good GCSEs.

A graduate could earn 23% more than someone with A Levels. It could be 30% more if your degree is in a science or maths subject.

Qualifications in a specific field or area show employers you have a real interest in working in that area.

Employers need people with qualifications to develop a workforce that can compete in a global worldwide market.

Having qualifications on your job application not only shows you are capable, but also shows employers you have strong dedication and commitment.

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* Over your working life