



Ark Evelyn Grace Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

RE- ALL STUDENTS ARE NOW REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE IN EDUCATION OR TRAINING UNTIL THEY ARE 18.

EGA are required to collect this Intended Destination information by May 1st 2018. HM Revenues and Customs have confirmed in August 2016 that:

'Your Child Benefit stops on 31st August on or after your child's 16th birthday if they leave education or training. It continues if they stay in approved education or training, but you must tell the Child Benefit Office.'

Please read the following link - Child Benefit when your child turns 16 - <https://www.gov.uk/child-benefit-16-19>

Please note the following advice:

Each student should make at least 3 applications. After GCSE results it is better to have more than one offer to choose from. Choice is everything.

Attend at least 3 Open Days (there will be more next term) in order to make comparisons and get more in-depth advice on courses from tutors (check individual college websites for dates and registration details).

All students must make realistic decisions based on their predicted grades (which they can get from teachers) and what subjects they are strongest at as well as subjects they like and their interests.

Which Level should I look at (each college/6th form has its own entrance criteria)?

5 GCSEs at 9-5 achieved Level 2

Level 3 BTEC extended Dip or 3 A Levels

5 GCSEs at 5-1 achieved

Level 2 or Level 1 BTEC

BTEC/Apprenticeship (work related learning) or A Level (class room based learning)?

Academic: A Levels (Level 3) students choose 4 different subjects - students should be achieving or be expected to achieve **GCSE 6/7** in the subjects they want to take. They should enjoy academic studying, be prepared for larger amounts of writing, classroom based study and exams.

Vocational: BTEC/NVQ/City and Guilds (Level 1, 2 and 3 available). Students choose 1 subject - and an area they are particularly strong at or interested in and are usually assessed in units throughout the course. Often work is more hands – on, practical with less focus on written work.

- Courses will vary so check each subject carefully.
- You CAN go to university if you take BTECs

Yours Sincerely

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