

Post 16 Options (2025-2026)

**Start an
Apprenticeship**

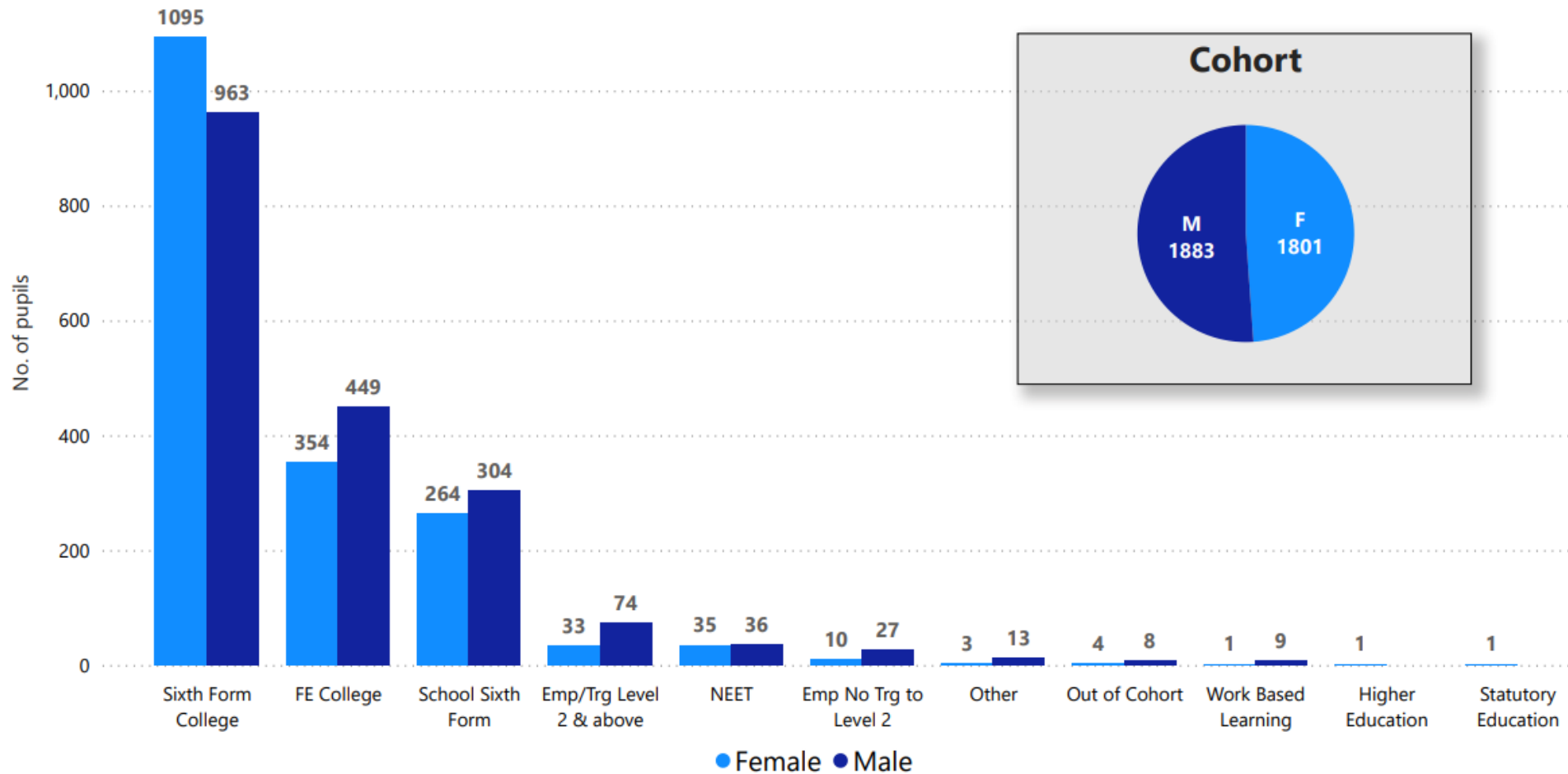
**Study at college
or
sixth form**

**Employment
with training**

**Traineeship
Volunteering**

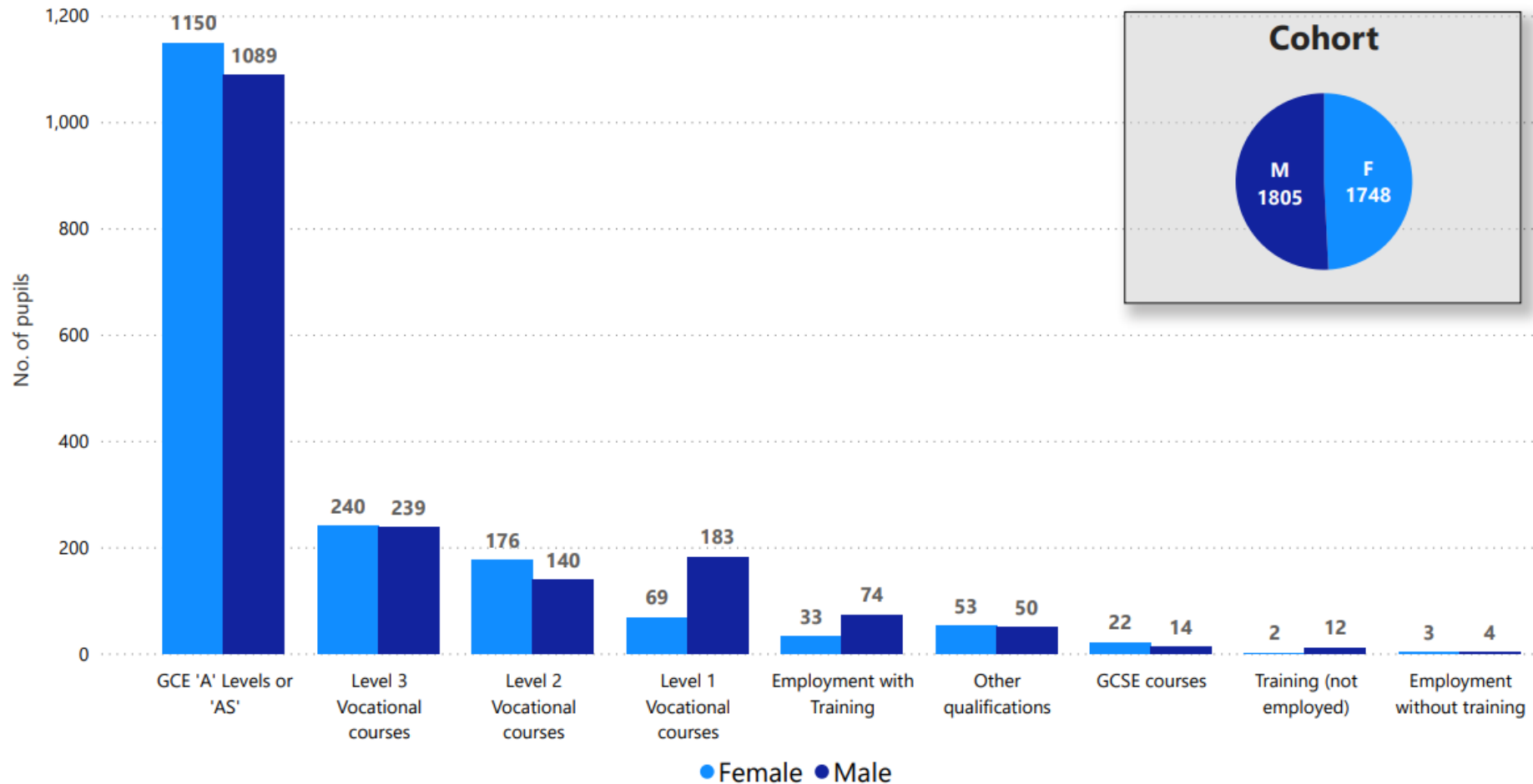
Destination of Year 11 leavers in CAP schools in 2023 by gender

Education, Employment and Training destinations by gender



Course destination of Year 11 leavers in CAP schools in 2023 by gender

Destination by Year 12 course level and gender



Courses, Training & Qualifications

	Academic <i>Mostly exams</i>	Applied <i>Some coursework</i>	Technical Vocational <i>Mainly coursework based</i>	T Levels <i>Some coursework, industry placement</i>	Apprenticeship Traineeship Supported Internship <i>Employment/ training</i>
Level 3	A levels International Baccalaureate	BTEC/OCR L3	NVQ/C&G L3	T Level	Advanced apprenticeship
Level 2	GCSEs (Grades 4-9)	BTEC/OCR L2	NVQ/C&G L2		Intermediate apprenticeship and traineeship
Level 1	GCSEs (Grades 1-3)	BTEC/OCR L1	NVQ/C&G L1		Traineeship and pre-employment schemes

It is possible to combine Academic and Applied General route at some providers

Maths and English for Full Time Students

- Students who achieve grade 3 or below in English and/or Maths will need to continue working towards their GCSE. Those with grade 3 need to retake GCSE, those with 2 and below can take qualifications that lead to GCSE or take GCSE. Students at CRC will retake GCSE English and/or maths if they have achieved a grade 2 or 3
- Students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, may be exempt from the above, but will still need to study Maths and/or English

Where can I study?

A Levels	IB Careers Programme	Applied courses	Technical Vocational courses
Bishop Laney Sixth Form Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology Cambridge Maths School	Impington International Sixth Form	Cambridge Regional College Bishop Laney Sixth Form College of West Anglia (Cambridge)	Cambridge Regional College College of West Anglia (Cambridge)
Cambourne Sixth Form Comberton Sixth Form	IB Diploma Programme	College of West Anglia (Cambridge) Long Road Sixth Form College	T Levels
Chesterton Sixth Form Hills Road Sixth Form College Long Road Sixth Form College Northstowe Sixth form The Oakes College	Impington International Sixth Form	Cambourne Sixth Form Comberton Sixth Form Northstowe Sixth Form The Oakes College	Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology Cambridge Regional College Long Road Sixth Form College

There may be other local non-CAP post 16 centers

What do qualifications lead to?

Qualification	Leads to
A Level/IB	University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work
T Levels	University/college, higher and degree apprenticeships, work
Technical/Vocational	Apprenticeship, work, college or university
Applied	University/college, apprenticeship, work
Traineeship	Apprenticeship, further education, work
Supported Internship	Work, traineeship, apprenticeship
Apprenticeship	Work, next level of apprenticeship, further education, higher education

A general guide to entry requirements

A Level /IB	T Levels	Applied general (Level 3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centres require a range of GCSEs including Maths and English. Some subjects need specific subjects and grades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 5 grade 4 GCSEs including Maths and English. Some require GCSE grade 4 or above in specific subjects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above (or vocational equivalent) usually including Maths and/or English Some require 5 GCSEs grade 4 Some require specific subjects
GCSE	Technical vocational	Applied general (Level 2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 3 grade 4 GCSEs including Maths and English. Some subjects need specific subjects and grades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You start most courses at Level 1, progressing to Level 2 and Level 3 as your skills develop For some courses you can enter at Level 2 or 3 depending on skill level Some courses need specific subjects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 3 (or vocational equivalent) usually including Maths and/or English Some require specific subjects

To confirm entry requirements and specific subject requirements please contact post 16 centres you are considering

Minimum entry requirements for 2025 entry

Bishop Laney Sixth	Minimum 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4 including English and Maths (course dependent). Minimum of grade 5 or 6 in chosen subject.
Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology	<p>A Level: At least 7 GCSEs at grade 9-4, including Maths (5; 6 if studying sciences; 7 if studying Further Maths) and English (4) with at least a grade 6 in the subjects chosen at A Level.</p> <p>T Level: At least 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4, including Sciences (5), Maths (5) and English (4)</p>
Cambridge Maths School	Be predicted seven GCSEs at grade 5 or above including GCSE Maths grade 8 or 9, GCSE Combined Science 8-8 or higher (or separate science grade 8 or higher in the subject you wish to study) and GCSE English grade 5 or higher. All students with these predicted grades will be invited to an aptitude test. Students passing the aptitude test will be invited to an interview.

Refer to individual websites and prospectuses for more detailed information.

Minimum entry requirements for 2025 entry

Comberton Sixth	<p>For A-level study, 5 GCSEs at grade 5 and Maths and English grade 4. Also at least a grade 6 in the A-Level subject (or similar subject) to be studied. Grade 7 for A-level Maths and grade 8 for Double/Further Maths.</p> <p>For BTEC study, 5 GCSEs at grade 4 (individual BTEC courses do vary).</p> <p>All information is available on our website and in the 2024 prospectus.</p>
Chesterton Sixth	<p>Students need at least 5 grade 6s including Maths and English (either Lang or Lit) as well as subject specific requirements as detailed on our website and in our prospectus.</p>
Cambourne Sixth	<p>For A-level study, 5 GCSEs at grade 5 and Maths & English grade 4. Also at least a grade 6 in the A-Level subject (or similar subject) to be studied. Grade 7 for A-level Maths and grade 8 for Double/Further Maths.</p> <p>For BTEC study, 5 GCSEs at grade 4 (individual BTEC courses do vary).</p>

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Hills Road Sixth	<p>To be invited to an informal guidance meeting about your course, you will need to place Hills Road as your first choice A level centre, or second choice behind a CAP school sixth form or the Cambridge Maths School, achieve our Minimum Entry Admissions Score of 58 and be qualified for at least three subjects you are applying for. We recommend that students include five A level choices as this keeps their options open if courses are oversubscribed.</p> <p>Minimum 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4 including English and Maths (course dependent). Minimum of grade 5 or 6 in chosen subject</p>
Long Road Sixth	<p>To study A Levels, we require at least five GCSEs at grade 5 in a range of subjects, usually including Maths and English. To study Level 3 Applied courses, we require at least five GCSEs at grade 4, usually including Maths and/or English. Additional requirements for each course are specified on our website. Our T-Level entry criteria is five GCSEs at grade 4, including Maths and English Language. To study our Level 2 programme, we require three GCSEs at grade 4, with at least grade 3 in both Maths and English</p>
Northstowe Sixth	<p>Minimum 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4 including English and Maths (course dependent). Minimum of grade 5 or 6 in chosen subject</p>
Oakes Sixth Form	<p>Students require 7 GCSE grades 9-4 or in an appropriate range of subjects, including Maths and English grade 4. A minimum grade 6 is advised where a course is continued from GCSE. There are subject specific requirements for particular A levels.</p>

Minimum IB profiles for 2025 entry

Impington International College

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme: at least seven GCSEs with Grade 6 or above, including English Language and Maths. For subjects you wish to take at higher level you will need at least a grade 7.

International Baccalaureate Career Programme: at least five subjects at GCSE grade 5 or above, ideally including Mathematics and English and preferably with a grade 6 in your area of specialism.

Refer to post-16 centres for current entry criteria, specific subject requirements and how subject combination and putting a centre first when applying may affect your chances of success.

Applied, Alternative Academic & Vocational Qualifications

Bishop Laney Sixth	<p>Level 3: Sport & Exercise Science, Business, Media, Applied Science, Hairdressing, Beauty Therapies, Health and Social Care, Criminology Level 2: Catering, Hairdressing, Beauty Therapies, Barbering, Sport Coaching, Business Enterprise. Norwich City Football Regional Development programme available to students at all levels.</p>
Cambridge Regional College	<p>Level 1-3 course available in: Animation & VFX, Architectural Technology, Art & Design, Beauty Therapy, Business, Business & Law, Cambridge United Scholarship Programme, Childcare & Early Education, Catering & Hospitality, Computing, Construction & Trades, Engineering, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), E Sports, Hairdressing, Health & Social Care, Media, Games Development, Media Make-Up, Motor Vehicle, Music, Performing Arts, Science & Forensic & Criminal Investigation, Sports, Supported Learning, Travel & Tourism, Uniform Public Services</p>
Cambridge Academy for Science & Technology	<p>T Levels in Science (Laboratory Science) and Health (Adult Nursing)</p>
Comberton Sixth	<p>Sport, Business, Science, Health and Social Care</p>

Applied, Alternative Academic & Vocational Qualifications

College of West Anglia (Cambridge)	Animal Care, Equine and Dog Grooming. We also offer Apprenticeships in Agriculture.
Long Road Sixth	Level 3 Courses in Art & Design, Business, Criminology, Graphics, Health & Social Care, IT, Media, Musical Theatre, Sport, Science, Psychology, and Music. T Level in Education and Childcare. Level 2 Courses in Media, Health and Social Care, Art and IT..
Northstowe Sixth	Forensic Science, Business, Sport, Music performance, Health and social care, Applied Science and Dance.
The Oakes College	Level 3 courses in Media, Applied Psychology, ICT, Criminology, Health and Social Care which can be combined with A level subjects

Employment options

Apprenticeship	Employment with training	Traineeship
Employer and Training Provider must be secured	Equivalent of 1 day per week of training	For those just short of the skills and qualifications required for apprenticeship or further study

Apprenticeships

Name	Level	Equivalent Educational Level	Entry Requirements
Intermediate	2	GCSE	English and GCSE at 3 or above
Advanced	3	A Level	English & maths at 4 or above (other specialist L2 qualifications also might be required)
Higher	4,5,6 and 7	Foundation degree and above	Entry requirements may vary dependant on subject area
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree	

Apprenticeships

Any apprenticeship will require a training provider to complete the course.

To increase a students' chance of success, it is advisable if there are options locally to contact more than one training provider for the apprenticeship area you are interested in.

To find out if there are other training providers in our area please see below.

To choose a training provider – go to the apprenticeship training service:

[Find apprenticeship training if you're an employer - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Choose an apprenticeship training course and at the bottom of each apprenticeship there is information and a link to other training providers in your area.

Find training providers for this course

Apprenticeship location

Peterborough, Cambridgeshire [Remove location](#)

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How do I decide?

Things to consider	More advice or information needed?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Future plans/aspirations• Subjects you enjoy• Entry requirements v projected grades• Learning style• Assessment methods• Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School careers/transition advisors• Post 16 open evenings/days• Post 16 centre websites/prospectuses• https://www.mychoice16.co.uk/• Family and Friends

How do I Apply?

College or Sixth Form courses

- Use the online application process for centres in CAP <https://www.mychoice16.co.uk>
- For centres outside CAP, approach the centre directly

Apprenticeship

- National Apprenticeship website
<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>
- Not Going to Uni website <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>
- In CAP area express an interest in an Apprenticeship area on
<https://www.mychoice16.co.uk>
- Companies own websites
- Contact colleges and training providers that offer apprenticeships.