

Just received your GCSE results? Need some help?

The following information will point you in the right direction...

Local Colleges: Colleges will be offering a results advice service - Please phone or check websites for further details

- ▶ Chelmsford College – Tel No: 01245 265611 - www.chelmsford.ac.uk
- ▶ Colchester Institute/The College at Braintree – Tel No: 01206 712000 – www.colchester.ac.uk
 - ▶ Colchester 6th Form College - Tel No: 01206 500 700 - www.colchsfc.ac.uk
- ▶ Harlow/Stansed Airport College – Tel No: 01279 868000 www.harlow-college.ac.uk
- ▶ Writtle University College – Tel No: 01245 424200 – www.writtle.ac.uk



Apprenticeships and Traineeships:

Check out the following websites for the latest apprenticeships and traineeship vacancies.

www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch

www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/traineeshipsearch

Schemes for young people who are unemployed: There are a variety of schemes that will support you if you don't have a next step – for further details of these schemes and for additional support if you are unemployed please contact: Essex Employability and Skills Team on 0800 7076384. They will put in touch with a local adviser.

The National Careers Service can help you with your career, learning and training choices – you can access this service on the phone or via webchat – for more details please visit their website – www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk

Frequently Asked Questions

I have better GCSE results than expected. Can I change my course?

YES, but you need to talk to the 6th Form or College that you have applied to ASAP. The likelihood is that they would suggest you change your course to a more appropriate level anyway.

I have not gained the correct GCSE grades for my chosen course. What happens now?

Don't panic! Talk to the 6th Form or College that you have applied to, they may be able to offer you an alternative course.

What happens if I don't want to study the course the 6th Form or College offer me?

Speak to the 6th Form or College – do they have any alternative courses available that would interest you? If not contact another 6th Form or College to see if they have any courses available in your chosen subject area. You will need to do this ASAP as courses may be full.

I don't have any plans at all. What should I do?

Make contact with your Careers Adviser – details of how to contact them are on this leaflet. You can also speak to staff at school. You can apply for 6th form or college at this late stage but you must do this ASAP.

I did have an apprenticeship lined up but due to the present situation they have withdrawn the offer. What happens now?

Hopefully you will have a backup offer at a 6th Form or College. If not, you can still apply at this late stage, but you must contact the 6th form or College ASAP. Has the employer withdrawn the offer or just postponed the start date? It may be worth checking with them. You can start to look for another apprenticeship.

Can I get a full time job without training?

You will have to continue in education or training until at least your 18th birthday – that could be at school, college, an apprenticeship or employment with training.

I am unemployed. What do I do next?

You can contact your Careers Adviser for help or contact the Essex Employability and Skills Team on 0800 7076384. The main thing to do is get some assistance and advice ASAP.

Can I register as unemployed and claim benefits?

If you are under 18, unemployed and do not have a course or training programme to start in September 2020, your parent/carer may be entitled to claim Extension to Child Benefit. There is a time limit in which you can register your claim. For more information contact the Essex Employability and Skills Team on 0800 707 6384. For Child Benefit contact details please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-revenue-customs/contact/child-benefit>