Results

Secondary Education

The initial dataset used was National 16-18 destination measures provided by Gov.UK. This had too many options to provide a meaningful insight, and recent reforms to technical and applied qualifications mean that the makeup of level 3 and level 2 approved qualification groups differ significantly between destination years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20. Comparisons across years and approved/other qualification groups should therefore not be made, so this wasn’t much use.

We instead went on to use a smaller set of headline data, comparing a smaller number of destination options by gender. We looked at 2019/20 to see what the most recent trend is, and compared to the earlier 2017/18 set to see if there was any difference.

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2019/20 shows a similar trend for both female and male students. The majority of students move into sustained education, apprenticeship or employment, with sustained education being the most popular option.

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The data for 2017/18 is almost identical to 2019/20, indicating that this pattern is a steady constant. At this stage in the education journey, gender appears to have zero impact on the destination.