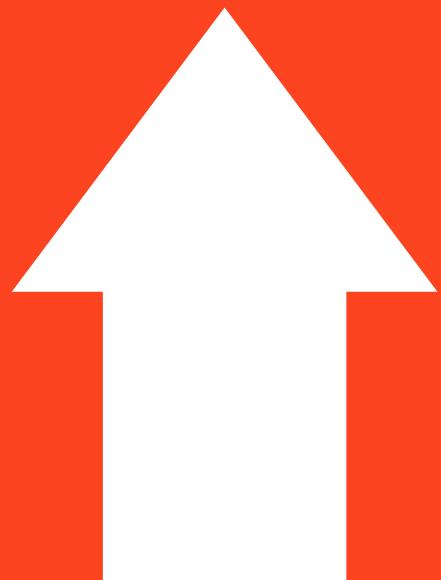




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**A GUIDE FOR
PARENTS AND CARERS**

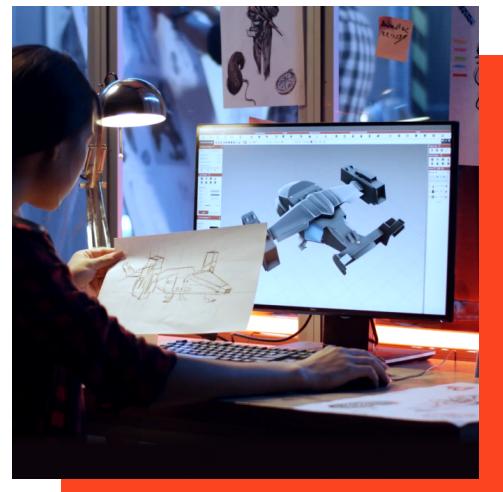


What are T Levels?

T Levels are post-16 technical qualifications taken after GCSEs as an alternative to A levels, apprenticeships and other post-16 options.

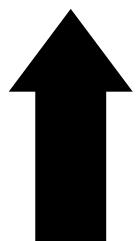
T Levels are designed and backed by employers to give students the knowledge and skills businesses need and give them a head start in their careers.

T Level courses are high quality - with longer teaching hours than most current technical qualifications. One T Level is roughly equivalent in size to 3 A levels.



What do they involve?

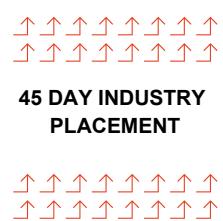
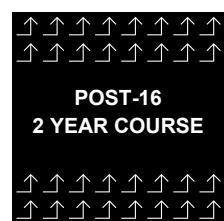
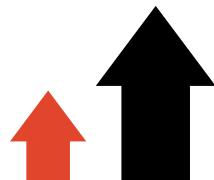
T Level courses contain the following elements:



- A **technical qualification**, which includes:
 - A core component covering concepts, theory and skills relevant to an industry area. This gives students a broad understanding of the subject area.
 - One or more occupational specialist components focussing on specific knowledge, skills and behaviours relevant to a role. This is a chance for students to delve deeper into their chosen subject.
- An **industry placement** of approx. 45 days, focussing on developing practical and technical skills, taking place in a real work environment with employers. Providers are responsible for finding industry placements for their students.

How long does a T Level course take?

A T Level course takes two academic years to complete.



T LEVEL SUBJECTS

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Which subjects are available at T Level?

There are currently 18 T Level courses with more T Levels planned in 2024 and 2025.

Courses available now:

Agriculture, Land Management and Production

Building Services Engineering for Construction

Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction

Onsite Construction

Digital Business Services

Digital Production, Design and Development

Digital Support Services

Education and Early Years

Health

Healthcare Science

Science

Engineering and Manufacturing Design and Development

Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control

Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing

Management and Administration

Accounting

Finance

Legal Services

Courses available from September 2024:

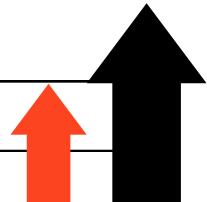
Animal Care and Management

Craft and Design

Media, Broadcast and Production

Courses available from September 2025:

Marketing



How are T Levels taught?

Every T Level is taught through a mix of classroom and workplace-based learning. Students spend around 80% of their time at school or college and around 20% of their time developing the skills needed for the workplace on a 45-day industry placement with an employer.



Why is there an industry placement?

Industry placements really set T Levels apart from other technical qualifications. While on the placement, students are given meaningful tasks so they will gain real experience of the workplace. They are an opportunity for your child to put the knowledge and skills they've learned in the classroom into practice, and to start building the skills they'll need for their future career. This helps students to progress once they have finished their T Level, whether that is directly into employment, an apprenticeship, or more education.

This understanding of the real world of work is incredibly important, and T Level students have said that it's the part of the course they valued the most. As well as helping your child to make more informed choices about their career pathway, they will gain the skills that employers look for when it comes to hiring.

“From the employer perspective, our staff and colleagues have loved having T Level industry placement students. As an ageing sector we need innovative young talent and we need to reflect the diversity in our communities. Traditionally, that hasn't necessarily been the case within rail and construction infrastructure. But it's changing; two female students are included in our cohort this year, which is great. We see students as our future talent bank, bringing innovative ideas and great technological skills, determined to make the world a better place to live in.”

ROSE REES, HEAD OF ENGAGEMENT AND SKILLS
MIDLAND METRO ALLIANCE

What are the entry requirements for a T Level?

Each school and college set their own entry requirements for T Levels. You would need to check with your local provider for details.

What is the T Level Foundation Year?

The T Level Foundation Year is a one-year, level 2 study programme intended for students who have the 'potential to progress' onto a T Level programme.

This is a great option for your child if they would benefit from additional study time and preparation before doing a T Level. It provides relevant knowledge, practical and study skills along with English, maths and digital skills. Check with the T Level provider if this is available for your child.

Are there fees to study a T Level?

There are no tuition fees to study a T Level or the T Level Foundation Year if a student starts before they are 19 and has not already enrolled in another type of post-16 qualification. T Levels are also available to young people with an Education, Health and Care plan up to the age of 24.



How are T Levels graded?

Students who complete their T Level get a nationally recognised certificate which shows their overall grade and a breakdown of what they have achieved.

Students who meet all of the requirements of their T Level are awarded an overall grade of either Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*. A student's overall T Level grade is worked out from the grades they achieved on the core component and the occupational specialism(s).

Students who do not pass all elements of their T Level receive a T Level statement of achievement, which will show the elements they have completed.

AFTER T LEVELS

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What could my child do after a T Level?

There are lots of exciting options available after studying a T Level:

Skilled Employment

- T Levels are designed to equip your child with the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to access entry-level employment.

Apprenticeships

- Your child will also be able to move on to a relevant apprenticeship or degree apprenticeship.
- If your child wants to continue their technical education, T Levels prepare them for study at levels 4/5, for example Higher Technical Qualifications.

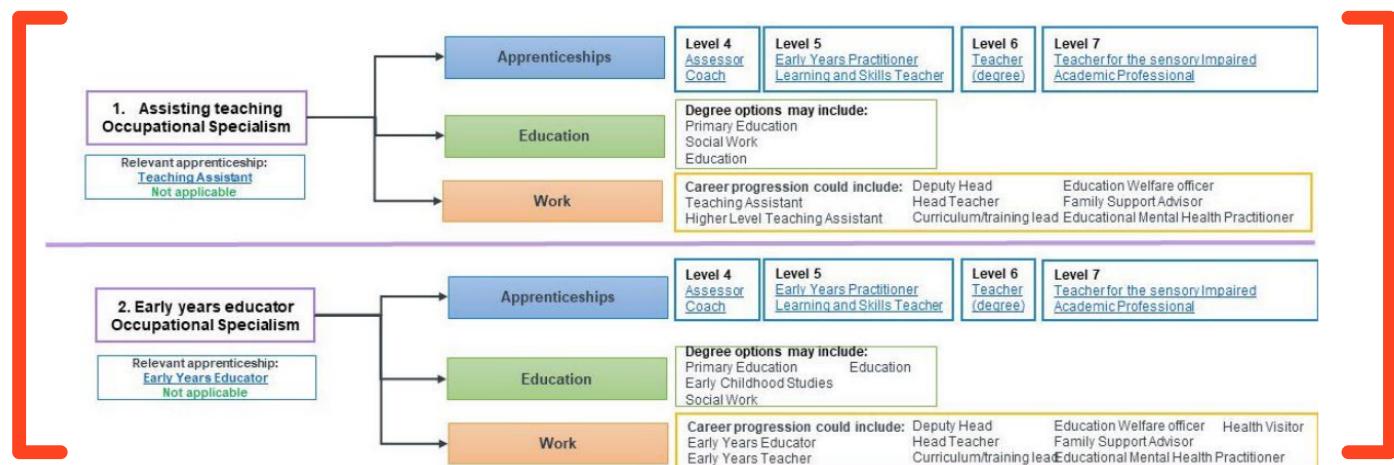
Higher Education (HE)

- T Levels carry UCAS points in the same way as A-levels, to allow your child to progress to Higher Education and study a relevant degree. The majority of universities accept T Levels - where your child has a particular university / course in mind you might find it helpful to check their entry requirements. In 2023, 82% of T Level students who applied got into higher education.

Progression Profiles show the opportunities available to T Level students upon completion of their course, at:

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/qualifications/t-levels/tlevel-progression-profiles/>

Example progression profile for T Level in Education and Childcare:



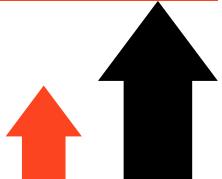
Why is a T Level a good option for my child?

T Levels will keep options open for your child – whether they want to progress to a great job, an apprenticeship or further study.

- A T Level provides an excellent alternative to a three A-level programme, especially for students who know broadly what career they are interested in but perhaps haven't decided on a particular occupation.
- T Levels might suit young people who want a course that is largely classroom based, but with a focus on a hands-on approach and time in the workplace built in.
- Your child will have access to industry-standard facilities and equipment on their course, meaning they are learning in the most up to date way.

There is a new qualification being developed – the Advanced British Standard (ABS). Will T Levels remain relevant?

Yes, T Levels will continue to be on offer for students at 16 to 19, with additional subjects being rolled out over the coming academic years. The new parts of the ABS are much closer to the T Level than any other qualification, meaning that T Levels will be the most future proof qualification for students at 16-19.



T LEVEL PARENTS

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T Levels have given me confidence in my son Adam's future career; it's a great balance of technical education and workplace experience. I think T Levels help to overcome uncertainty about job prospects as it provides experience through an industry placement at an early stage.

SHARON TAYLOR, MOTHER OF ADAM BAXTER, DIGITAL SUPPORT T LEVEL STUDENT

The hands-on experience that T Levels offer is second to none and has helped my son Toby build a better understanding of the industry as a whole, as well as learn more about areas like health and safety, and property conveyancing.

JACKIE WOODHEAD, MOTHER OF TOBY, DESIGN, SURVEYING AND PLANNING FOR CONSTRUCTION T LEVEL STUDENT

For other similarly hesitant parents who are unsure about their children choosing T Levels, we would simply say, don't be! I am sure other children will thrive and feel just as comfortable and confident as Ahana has found it so far. T Levels are a brilliant option.

AMITA AND YOGESH DUTT BHARDWAJ,
PARENTS OF AHANA, CONSTRUCTION,
DESIGN, PLANNING AND
SURVEYING T LEVEL STUDENT

The practical side of the course has given Milli such a strong foundation of hands-on experience. She also gets the support from her tutors that traditional academic routes would offer. Overall, it's been really good for her and I'm so pleased to see how happy she is with her choice.

ROWEN, MOTHER OF MILLI, EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE T LEVEL STUDENT

Useful links



T Level website

Official information on T Levels, plus how to find your nearest T Level provider.

Visit:

www.tlevels.gov.uk



T Level Parents and Carers websites

Visit:

<https://tlevelinfo.org.uk/>

<https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students/parents>



T Level Success Stories - a resource for parents to help explain T Levels

Visit:

<https://tlevelinfo.org.uk/success-stories/>



Hear from T Level Student Ambassadors

Visit:

<https://youtu.be/iljF1I-pjxU>



A day in the life of a T Level student - Bandhana (Health T Level)

Visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUyNDawIQMo&list=PL8wEidd1VrRC2v1497a57aoH5UTDiBd2C>



A day in the life of a T Level student - Luca (Construction T Level)

Visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TbQPcPlwtes&list=PL8wEidd1VrRC2v1497a57aoH5UTDiBd2C&index=2>



T Level video case studies - DfE YouTube channel

Helpful video case studies giving insight into placements from both the student's and employer's point of view.

Visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/Y9BQEUS>

