

# LIFE AFTER CROFTON

## YOUR ESSENTIAL GUIDE 2017/2018

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### IN ADDITION:

Pupils can also get information from the careers section in the school library which holds information on local colleges, universities and careers. We also have software on the school computer network which they can access that can give them a job profile based upon a personality questionnaire. The internet itself also has some excellent sites on offer such as:

- ◆ [www.opedoorsmedia.co.uk](http://www.opedoorsmedia.co.uk)
- ◆ [www.bt.com/movingon](http://www.bt.com/movingon)

### ONLINE APPLICATIONS:

UCAS Progress - All our year 11 pupils are encouraged to apply for their college or training provider place through the internet using the on line prospectus above 'UCASPROGRESS'. The site itself is extremely useful as it holds information on all the providers of post-16 qualifications in the area. There are currently around forty seven provider places pupils can choose from with over 1000 different courses and opportunities.

### CHOICES — WHAT QUALIFICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

Each qualification has a Level e.g. GCSE Grade 4/5 and above is counted as a Level 2 qualification most pupils depending on their results then go on to a Level 3 qualification at a college or training provider but there are level 1 and 2 courses available post 16. Please see the table overleaf which explains the qualifications available at each level.

**AS/A Levels** (Level 3 qualification) [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk)

Pupils normally choose 4 subjects from a large range of subjects e.g. Art, Sociology and Law. They need to get 5 GCSEs at 9-4/5 and they are assessed through examinations. The A Levels can lead to a place at university.

**BTEC** (Level 3 qualification) [www.BTEC.co.uk](http://www.BTEC.co.uk)

Pupils choose one course. The subject areas tend to be work related such as Media or Public Services. They are continually assessed through coursework – no exams. A BTEC qualification can lead to a place at a university.

**Apprenticeships** (Level 2 and 3 qualifications) [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)

The pupil works for an employer for 4 days a week and also attends college to get an NVQ (National Vocational Qualification). Some training providers find placements for pupils though some don't. Pupils wishing to do an apprenticeship must be prepared to find a job themselves.

There are other qualifications available

# QUALIFICATION LEVELS

## ENTRY LEVEL

Entry Level Certificates e.g. **BTEC**  
Skills for Life  
ESOL

## LEVEL 1: FOUNDATION

**GCSE** Grades 3/4-1  
**NVQ** Level 1  
**Foundation Diploma**  
**BTEC** Introductory certificate  
**OCR** National Level 1  
**ASDAN - COPE**  
Functional Skills

## LEVEL 2: INTERMEDIATE

**GCSE** Grades 9-4/5  
**NVQ** Level 2  
**Higher Diploma**  
**BTEC** First Certificate  
**OCR** National Level 2  
Key Skills Level 2  
**ASDAN - COPE (grade B)**  
Functional skills

## LEVEL 3: ADVANCED

**GCE** A & AS Levels  
**NVQ** Level 3  
**Advanced Diploma**  
**BTEC** National Diploma  
**OCR** National Level 3  
Key Skills Level 3

## LEVELS 4 -6

Honours Degree BA BSc BEd  
**NVQ** Level 4  
**BTEC** Higher National Diploma or Certificate  
Certificate or Diploma of Higher Education  
Foundation Degree