

# LIFE AFTER CROFTON

## YOUR ESSENTIAL GUIDE 2011/2012

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### WHO'S WHO:

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

### ONLINE APPLICATIONS:

[www.applywakefield.org.uk](http://www.applywakefield.org.uk) 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 'applywakefield'. 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 C 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 A\* - C 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

## FURTHER EDUCATION CONTACT DETAILS & OPEN EVENINGS 2011-12

COLLEGE	PHONE NO	DATES
<b>Barnsley College</b> <a href="http://www.barnsley.ac.uk">www.barnsley.ac.uk</a>	01226 216267	19 Oct 6.00-8.00
<b>Doncaster College</b> <a href="http://www.don.ac.uk">www.don.ac.uk</a>	0800 358 7474	12 Oct, 11 Jan, 14 Mar, 16 May, 3.30-7.00
<b>Greenhead College</b> <a href="http://www.greenhead.ac.uk">www.greenhead.ac.uk</a>	01484 422032	5 Jan, 10 Jan, 16 Jan 6.15-8.45
<b>Hemsworth Arts College</b> <a href="http://www.hemsworth.wakefield.sch.uk">www.hemsworth.wakefield.sch.uk</a>	01977 624220	Whole college open evening 6 Oct Post 16 convention 2 Feb
<b>Huddersfield New College</b> <a href="http://www.huddnewcoll.ac.uk">www.huddnewcoll.ac.uk</a>	01484 652341	2 Nov, 14 Nov, 19 Jan 6.30-9.00
<b>Joseph Priestley College</b> <a href="http://www.joseph-priestley.ac.uk">www.joseph-priestley.ac.uk</a>	0113 3076 181	
<b>Kirklees College:</b> Dewsbury Centre/Wheelwright <a href="http://www.kirklees.ac.uk">www.kirklees.ac.uk</a>	01924 465916	23 Nov 5.30-7.30
<b>Kirklees College:</b> Huddersfield Centre <a href="http://www.kirklees.ac.uk">www.kirklees.ac.uk</a>	01484 437000	22 Nov, 26 Jan, 20 Mar 5.30-7.30
<b>Leeds City College:</b> Leeds College of Technology <a href="http://www.leedscitycollege.ac.uk">www.leedscitycollege.ac.uk</a>	0113 386 1700	Whole City College open evening at Park Lane Campus 6 Oct 4.00-7.00
<b>Leeds City College:</b> Park Lane College <a href="http://www.leedscitycollege.ac.uk">www.leedscitycollege.ac.uk</a>	0845 045 7275	Whole City College open evening at Park Lane Campus 6 Oct 4.00-7.00
<b>Leeds City College</b> Thomas Danby College <a href="http://www.leedscitycollege.ac.uk">www.leedscitycollege.ac.uk</a>	0800 096 2319	Whole City College open evening at Park Lane Campus 6 Oct 4.00-7.00
<b>Leeds College of Art &amp; Design</b> <a href="http://www.leeds-art.ac.uk">www.leeds-art.ac.uk</a>	0113 202 8000	15 Oct 6.30 11.00, 9 Nov 6.30 10 Dec 11.-00, 9 Feb 6.30
<b>Leeds College of Building</b> <a href="http://www.lcb.ac.uk">www.lcb.ac.uk</a>	0113 222 6000	All held at North Street Site 10 Nov 4.30-7.00, 12 Nov 10.00-2.00 16 Feb 4.30-7.00, 10 May 4.30-7.00
<b>Leeds College of Music</b> <a href="http://www.lcm.ac.uk">www.lcm.ac.uk</a>	0113 222 3416	7 Nov, 5 Dec, 23 Jan & 12 Mar 5.00-7.00 Places must be booked online
<b>Minsthorpe College</b> <a href="http://www.minsthorpe.wakefield.sch.uk">www.minsthorpe.wakefield.sch.uk</a>	01977 657600	1 Dec
<b>New College, Pontefract</b> <a href="http://www.newcollpont.ac.uk">www.newcollpont.ac.uk</a>	01977 702139	1 Oct 10.00-12.00 & 1.00-3.00 9 Nov 6.30-8.30, 29 Feb 4.30-6.30
<b>Notre Dame Catholic 6<sup>th</sup> Form</b> <a href="http://www.notredamecoll.ac.uk">www.notredamecoll.ac.uk</a>	0113 294 6644	12 Nov 10.00-1.00
<b>Ossett School 6<sup>th</sup> Form College</b> <a href="http://www.ossett.wakefield.sch.uk">www.ossett.wakefield.sch.uk</a>	01924 232820	3 Nov 5.45
<b>Outwood Grange Academy</b> <a href="http://www.grange.outwood.com">www.grange.outwood.com</a>	01924 303815	10 Nov 6.00
<b>Selby College</b> <a href="http://www.selby.ac.uk">www.selby.ac.uk</a>	01757 211000	1 Nov 6.00-8.00
<b>St Wilfrid's 6th Form College</b> <a href="http://www.st-wilfrids.wakefield.sch.uk">www.st-wilfrids.wakefield.sch.uk</a>	01977 691000	10 Nov 7.00-9.00
<b>skillsXchanges</b> <a href="http://www.wakefield.ac.uk">www.wakefield.ac.uk</a>	01924 789437	Construct Your Future event 24-28 Oct Book a place on <a href="http://www.wakefield.ac.uk/events">www.wakefield.ac.uk/events</a>
<b>Wakefield College</b> <a href="http://www.wakefield.ac.uk">www.wakefield.ac.uk</a>	01924 789111	Wakefield Campus 6 Oct 6.00-8.00 skillsXchange 13 Nov 6.00-8.00 Thornes Campus 20 Nov 6.00-8.00

# QUALIFICATION LEVELS

## ENTRY LEVEL

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

## LEVEL 1: FOUNDATION

**GCSE Grades D-G**  
NVQ Level 1  
Foundation Diploma  
**BTEC Introductory certificate**  
OCR National Level 1  
**ASDAN - COPE**  
Functional Skills

## LEVEL 2: INTERMEDIATE

**GCSE Grades A\*-C**  
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