



What will I do when I leave BHS? Pathways to the future.....

What does 'raising the participation age' mean?

All students will be required to stay in education or training until they are 18 years old.

What is education or training?

This does not mean you have to stay in school. You could go to a college or sixth form to follow vocational or A level courses. You may decide to take up an apprenticeship or you could go into employment with training (if you work more than 20 hours a week you are required to complete the equivalent of 1 days training a week).

Does it matter what qualifications I leave school with?

It doesn't matter what qualifications you leave school with – there will be opportunities out there for you.

Where should I apply to?

There is no limit on the number of applications that you can make, so if you are still undecided then it is better to keep your options open by applying to more than one provider – you can always withdraw your application or decline an offer of a place at a later date. You need to start applying for courses now.

How can I find out about courses/ opportunities?

It is very important that you research and find out about the courses/ opportunities you would like to follow when you leave Blacon High School. This can be done by going on to the website of the provider, looking through a prospectus or by getting in touch with them and speaking to course tutors.

Many post 16 providers also run open evenings and taster sessions. This provides an opportunity for you to find about more about the course and meet the staff. These sessions give you an idea of what the sixth form/ college/ industry will be like. If you miss these sessions you can always contact the provider and arrange to go and have a look around in your own time.

How do I apply?

Most providers ask you to complete a registration or application form. This could be a paper copy which is posted to the provider or an online form which is then submitted. It is best to check with individual providers on how they would like you to apply for courses/ opportunities.

Where can I go?

There are lots of post 16 providers in the local area. They offer a variety of courses and opportunities including GCSEs, BTECs, A Levels and Apprenticeships.

When thinking about where to apply you will need to think about

- What course you wish to follow
- What type of provider you want to go to
- How you will get there

| Post 16 provider | GCSE / Functional Skills | Level 1 courses | Level 2 courses | Level 3 courses | AS / A levels | Apprenticeships | Contact details |
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| Coleg Cambria (Old Deeside College) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | http://www.cambria.ac.uk/school-leavers/enquiries@cambria.ac.uk 01244 831531 |
| West Cheshire College (Ellesmere Port/ Handbridge) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | http://www.west-cheshire.ac.uk/modules/standard/viewpage.asp?id=340 info@west-cheshire.ac.uk 01244 656100 or 01244 656555 |
| Reaseheath College (Nantwich) | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | http://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/courses/further-education/enquiries@reaseheath.ac.uk 01270 613242 |
| Queens Park High School (Chester) | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | http://www.qphs.cheshire.sch.uk/enquiries@qphs.cheshire.sch.uk 01244 981500 |
| Catholic High School (Chester) | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | http://clc2.uniservity.com/GroupHomepage.asp?GroupID=74257 6thform@admin.chsc.cheshire.sch.uk 01244 981600 |
| Upton High School (Chester) | | | | | ✓ | | http://www.upton-by-chester.cheshire.sch.uk/sixth-form uptonbychesterhighadmin@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk 01244 981240 |

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| Bishops High School (Chester) | | | | | ✓ | | http://www.bishopsbluecoat.cheshire.sch.uk/sixth_form.htm school@bishopschester.co.uk 01244 313806 |
| Christleton High School (Christleton) | | | | | ✓ | | http://www.christletonhigh.co.uk/school_information/sixth_form_introduction.php cooperc@christletonhigh.co.uk 01244 335843 |
| YMCA Training (Chester) | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | http://www.ymcatraining.org.uk/home.aspx nationalinfo@ymcatraining.org.uk 01244 311879 |
| National Apprenticeships (Website) | | | | | | ✓ | http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/ |

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