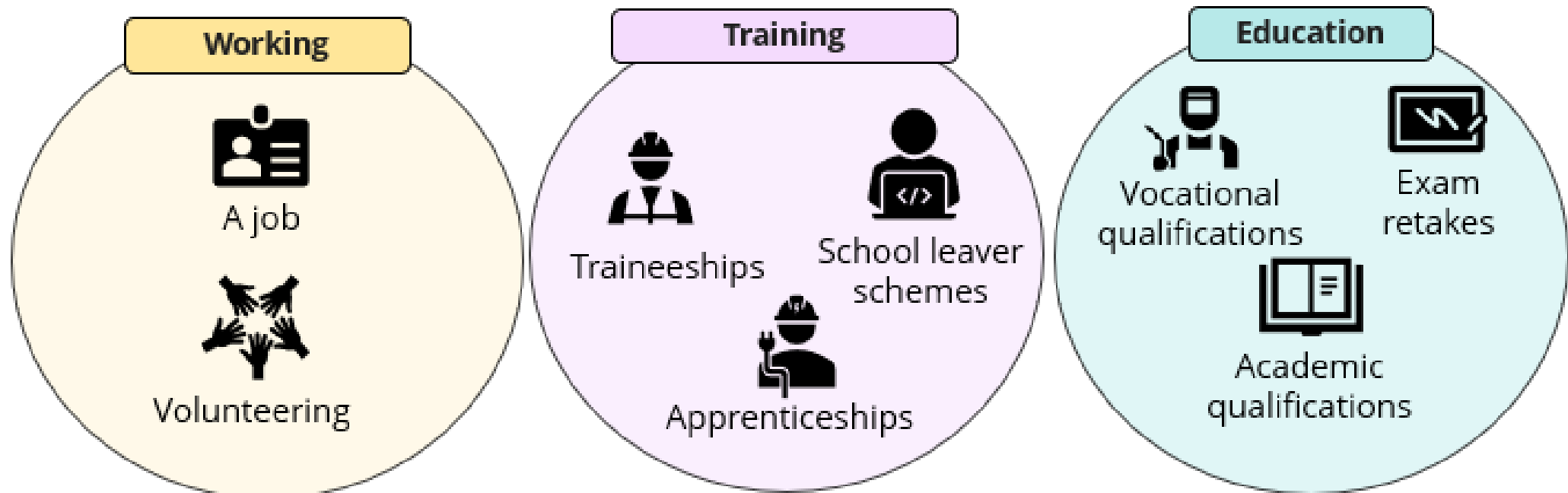


Preparing for Post 16



Options for further education

All students need to continue in education or training until their 18th birthday





Application process

- Applications for further education in our local area are made through the Sheffield progress platform. [Home \(sheffieldprogress.co.uk\)](https://www.sheffieldprogress.co.uk)
- All students have log ins for this. Contact tday@notredame-high.co.uk or lpaine@notredame-high.co.uk if the account needs resetting
- A Levels , college courses and apprenticeships are all advertised on here



Where should my child be up to?

Students should:

- Have completed their personal statement and profile on Sheffield progress
- Be planning to attend open evenings for places offering further education in our local area
- Have an idea what they would like to pursue as a career and post 16



What if my child doesn't know what they would like to do?

When making an informed decision students should reflect on:

- What do they enjoy?
- What are they good at?
- What sort of career do they see themselves pursuing (this may change!)
- What grades are they on track to achieve at GCSE, does this match entry requirements for what they would like to do?



Places for support

Online:

- [Home \(sheffieldprogress.co.uk\)](http://sheffieldprogress.co.uk)
- [Careers advice - job profiles, information and resources | National Careers Service](#)
- [Start – Careers Information for South Yorkshire \(startprofile.com\)](http://startprofile.com)
- [Unifrog - The universal destinations platform.](#)
- [Sheffield Futures – Better futures start here](#)

In School:

- Discussions with teachers
- Careers Guidance Drop ins (Wednesday lunchtimes with Mrs Munro Proud)
- Careers interviews
- “working lunches” with post 16 providers and various sectors

At home:

- Discussions with family members about further education
- Attending open evenings
- [Sheffield Futures – Better futures start here](#)



Level	Qualification / educational route				
8	Doctorate (PhD)			NVQ 8	
7	Masters degree (MA)			Degree apprenticeship / NVQ 5, 6, 7	
6	Bachelors degree BA or BSc				
5	Foundation degree FdA or FdSc	Higher National Diploma (HND)			
4				Higher apprenticeship / NVQ 4	
3	A levels Grades A-E	International Baccalaureate	T Levels	BTEC diploma BTEC certificate	Advanced apprenticeship / NVQ 3
2	GCSE Grades 4- 9 (C, B, A or A*)			BTEC first diploma	Intermediate apprenticeship / NVQ 2
1	GCSE Grades 1- 3 (D,E,F or G)			Foundation diploma / entry level qualifications	Traineeship / NVQ 1
	Academic route		Vocational route	Applied / work route	



Key dates

October and November: Post 16 Open evenings/mornings

13th October: Enrichment day- Post 16 Taster Sessions

27th November: Applications open

22nd December: Internal deadline for applications to be sent

31st January 2024: Deadline for applications

7th March: Be inspired – Apprenticeships event

15th March: Deadline for offers to be accepted/declined on Sheffield progress



How many applications can be made?

- Students are invited to list up to **three Sheffield school sixth forms** in order of preference. Other providers such as colleges etc may be listed too. Sheffield LA will process only the top 3 preference **schools** on the application. Other providers process their own applications and allocations.
- If student attends a school with a sixth form and selects current school as first preference, then, provided they meet the grades and any other requirements, they will be offered a place there, and any other preferences listed lower on the application will not be considered.
- If student attends a school with a sixth form and list a different school as first preference and current school as second or third preference, then any school listed higher than current school, will be considered.
- The SEND team process all applications from students with an EHCP (Education and Health Care Plan). They should be contacted via the following: SENDAssess&Review@sheffield.gov.uk There may be a different timeframe for students with an EHCP so please confirm with SEND.

More key points



- Any late applications or changes to preferences (ie those received after 31 January 2024) will not be processed until after the 'on time' applications have been allocated and accepted or declined.
- Any changes to preferences received after 31 March will be considered by the schools after the GCSE results are published.
- Students should check the 'Status' of the application on Sheffield Progress after 28 February 2024. The Status will be one of the following:
 - Conditional Offer - You have been made a conditional offer at the highest preference school for which you were eligible.
 - Unsuccessful – Your application is unsuccessful in terms of estimated grades or subject availability. Please read Sheffield Progress message carefully.
 - Acknowledged – The application is not being taken any further by the school as you have been made an offer by a higher preference school.
- Students must accept or decline your conditional offer by **15 March 2024** via Sheffield Progress. If no response is received, Sheffield Progress application status will be updated to DID NOT RESPOND and the place will be allocated to another student.
- Applications received after 1 June will be considered by the schools after GCSE results day. Schools will liaise directly with the student regarding the outcome.