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Using the College / Sixth
Form tool to find the best fit
(post-16)

What's important to me? (3 mins)



- **Write** down **three** things that are **most important** to you when considering the colleges / sixth forms you want to apply to.
- **Explain** your answer. Use the example to help.

a) Distance from home / location

b) Qualification levels and types on offer

c) Full / part time study options

d) Type, e.g. sixth form college

e) Course duration

f) Size of the college / sixth form

g) Ofsted rating

h) Alumni employment rate

I chose... h) course duration **because...** I'd like to apply to university in two years' time.

Sixth form, FE college, or sixth form college? (3 mins)

Sixth form

- Sixth forms are usually on the same site as a secondary school.
- They tend to offer A levels and BTECs.
- They mostly cater to students aged 16-18.

FE college

- FE colleges offer a more independent environment than a school or sixth form.
- They tend to offer A levels, BTECs, technical qualifications, NVQs, and diplomas.
- They cater to students 16+, including adults.

Sixth form college

- Sixth form colleges are like FE colleges as they're not linked to a secondary school.
- They may offer more courses than a traditional sixth form.
- They mostly cater to students aged 16-18.



Choose one of the settings and note down at least **one pro** and **one con**.

Sixth form, FE college, or sixth form college?



There's no 'best' further education setting. What's considered a **pro** to one person might be a **con** to another person.

Sixth form

- Familiarity with the setting if you stay at your school's sixth form.
- Smaller class sizes.
- Less subjects and qualifications on offer.
- Less independence.

FE college

- Wide range of subjects.
- Wide range of qualifications: academic and vocational.
- Larger class sizes.
- You'll need to be more self-motivated and independent.

Sixth form college

- Peers of similar age to you.
- A 'bridge' between school and higher education.
- Larger class sizes.
- You'll need to be more self-motivated and independent.

Using the College / Sixth Form tool: demo (7 mins)



When you have internet access, you can use the **College / Sixth Form** tool to identify courses that might suit you.

Today, we'll **review the steps** you need to take on the tool and **explore key discussion questions**.



What you need to know about **Colleges and Sixth Forms** in the UK:

Colleges and Sixth Forms

FE College vs Sixth form	Sixth forms will feel a lot like school whereas FE colleges offer a more independent environment and you'll need to take more responsibility for your learning. Sixth form colleges are something in between. Go to open days and speak to current students to help you work out what suits you best.
Qualifications	Sixth forms tend to offer A levels and BTECs. FE Colleges offer these qualifications and many more including technical qualifications, NVQs, and diplomas. The flexibility and range of options available at colleges can be a big plus.
Level up	Know the level of the qualifications you are doing. GCSEs are level 2; A levels are level 3; BTECs are mostly Level 2 or 3. Other qualifications at colleges vary from levels 1 - 8 so check carefully. Level 4 and above is higher education; undergraduate degrees are level 6.
Applications	You can normally apply to as many colleges and sixth forms as you like. Unless you are staying at your school's own sixth form, you'll often need to write a Personal Statement for each institution outlining why you want to study your chosen courses. You may have to do an interview as well.
Admissions	Your admittance and programme of study at an FE college or sixth form will largely be dictated by your grades. You may be accepted with slightly lower grades on the agreement that you'll retake certain exams / subjects or 'top up' your grades.

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Using the College / Sixth Form tool



You'll need to select up to 10 subject(s) you'd like to study at college / sixth form.

Any of these interest you?

Select up to 10 at a time by clicking on the subjects you like.

Search by keyword

Alphabetical

Subject Area

No of Courses

Avg Salary

Jobs



Discuss:

1. What are the benefits of choosing a subject that you **currently** study at school?
2. What are the benefits of choosing a subject that is **new** to you?

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You'll need to select the maximum distance you'd be prepared to travel to a college / sixth form.

Discuss:

1. What mode of **transport** do you plan to use to get to college / sixth form?
2. What's one **advantage** of this mode of transport?
3. What's one **disadvantage** of this mode of transport?



How far do you want to travel?
Narrow down your search **using the distance limits** below.

* Your postcode SW1A 1AA (change?)

* Choose radius


2 miles - 97 courses	5 miles - 403 courses	10 miles - 988 courses
20 miles - 1693 courses	50 miles - 2957 courses	100 miles - 4727 courses
200 miles - 7980 courses	No Limit - 8755 courses	

































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












“But I already know where I want to go!”

Even if you have your heart set on a certain sixth form or college, it's a good idea to give yourself options in case your first choice doesn't work out.

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





























Up to and including GCSEs:

- GCSEs
- Entry / level 1/2 certificates / awards / diplomas
- Level 1/2 BTECs
- Level 1/2 NVQs

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Level 3

A levels and equivalent:

- A and AS levels
- T levels
- Scottish Highers
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Level 3 BTECs

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Courses in the final column might only be suitable for students aged **18+** or who **already have level 2/3** qualifications.

Check the entry requirements for each course carefully.




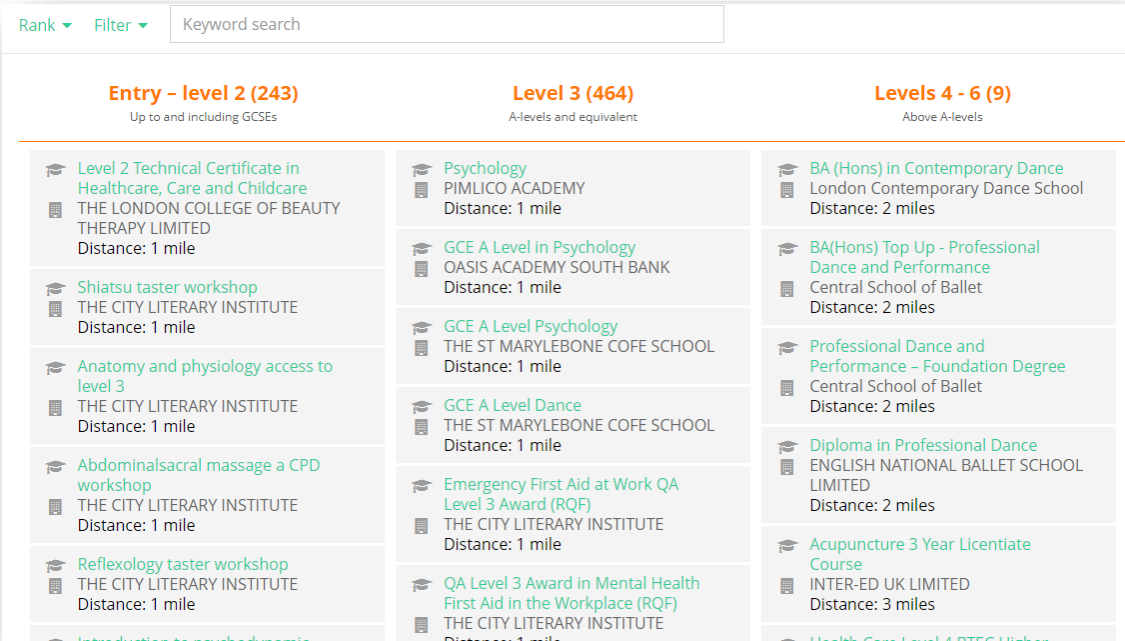
Levels 4 - 6

Above A levels, e.g.

- Foundation degrees
- Degrees
- Level 4/5/6 certificates / awards / diplomas

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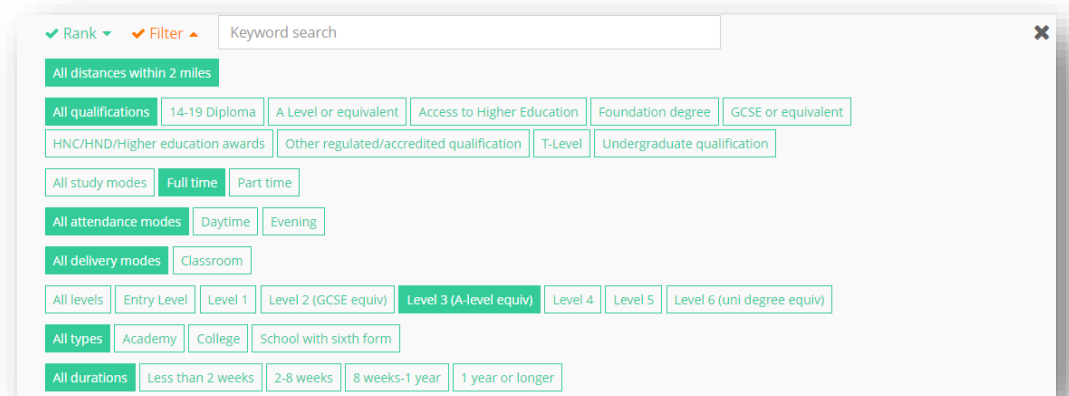
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You can **'rank'** and **'filter'** the courses to help you find the best matches.



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All distances within 2 miles

All qualifications: 14-19 Diploma, A Level or equivalent, Access to Higher Education, Foundation degree, GCSE or equivalent, HNC/HND/Higher education awards, Other regulated/accredited qualification, T-Level, Undergraduate qualification

All study modes: Full time, Part time

All attendance modes: Daytime, Evening

All delivery modes: Classroom

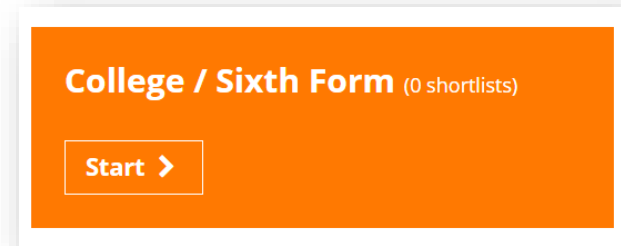
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All types: Academy, College, School with sixth form

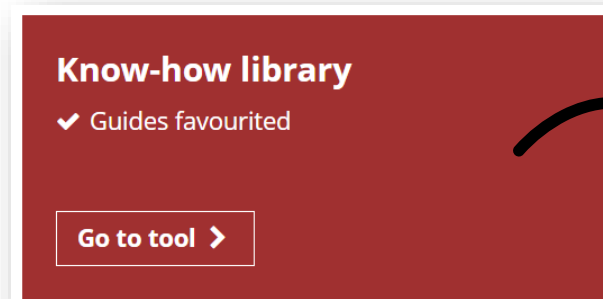
All durations: Less than 2 weeks, 2-8 weeks, 8 weeks-1 year, 1 year or longer

Independent learning


- Use the **College / Sixth Form** search tool to research which courses are best for you.
- You can also complete the '**comparison table**' to help you work out which courses you want to apply to.
- Visit the **Know-how library** to read about UK colleges and sixth forms.


















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Reflection: course levels (2 mins)

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Entry - level 2 (243) Up to and including GCSEs	Level 3 (464) A-levels and equivalent	Levels 4 - 6 (9) Above A-levels
<p> Level 2 Technical Certificate in Healthcare, Care and Childcare THE LONDON COLLEGE OF BEAUTY THERAPY LIMITED Distance: 1 mile</p>	<p> Psychology PIMLICO ACADEMY Distance: 1 mile</p>	<p> BA (Hons) in Contemporary Dance London Contemporary Dance School Distance: 2 miles</p>
<p> Shiatsu taster workshop THE CITY LITERARY INSTITUTE Distance: 1 mile</p>	<p> GCE A Level in Psychology OASIS ACADEMY SOUTH BANK Distance: 1 mile</p>	<p> BA(Hons) Top Up - Professional Dance and Performance Central School of Ballet Distance: 2 miles</p>
<p> Anatomy and physiology access to level 3 THE CITY LITERARY INSTITUTE Distance: 1 mile</p>	<p> GCE A Level Psychology THE ST MARYLEBONE COFE SCHOOL Distance: 1 mile</p>	<p> Professional Dance and Performance – Foundation Degree Central School of Ballet Distance: 2 miles</p>
<p> Abdominalsacral massage a CPD workshop THE CITY LITERARY INSTITUTE Distance: 1 mile</p>	<p> GCE A Level Dance THE ST MARYLEBONE COFE SCHOOL Distance: 1 mile</p>	<p> Diploma in Professional Dance ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET SCHOOL LIMITED Distance: 2 miles</p>
<p> Reflexology taster workshop THE CITY LITERARY INSTITUTE Distance: 1 mile</p>	<p> Emergency First Aid at Work QA Level 3 Award (RQF) THE CITY LITERARY INSTITUTE Distance: 1 mile</p>	<p> Acupuncture 3 Year Licentiate Course INTER-ED UK LIMITED Distance: 3 miles</p>



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What course **level(s)** do you plan to apply to and why?

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