

# Going to College

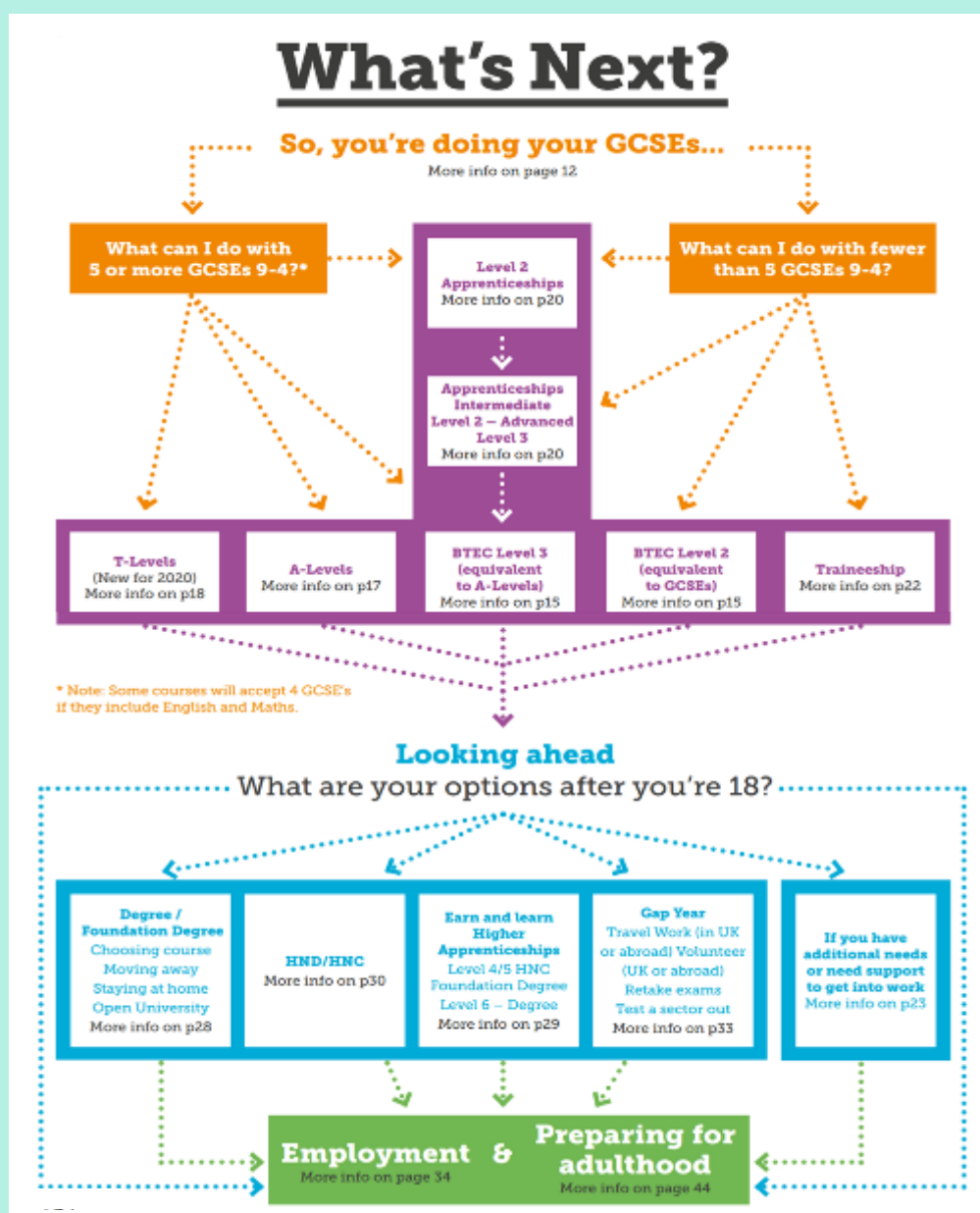
Your next steps- Information guide for Year 11 students and parents

This booklet has been created to help Year 11/ KS4 students and parents understand their next steps at the local colleges:

**Cirencester College, Gloucestershire College, Hartpury College and South Gloucestershire & Stroud College (SGS).**

We will explore the steps that are available for both those who have already applied and what to do if you have yet to apply to college. The last page will also provide a variety of useful links, for both the colleges and impartial websites to help with your research. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of the institutions using the details provided on the final page. You can also click the logos at the top of this page to go to each website.

We have also included more information about the routes after college, looking at the Higher Education / University options at **Gloucestershire College, Hartpury University, SGS Higher Education & University Centre and University of Gloucestershire.**



This helpful infographic\* helps to illustrate your options after each step of the student journey.

Different schools, colleges and universities will be able to provide not only different courses, but also different types of qualification to suit your needs.

Different qualifications will suit different people- for example, for those who prefer to be hands on with their learning, **BTEC** qualifications, **T-Levels** or **Apprenticeships** may suit you best. However, if you prefer a more traditional, classroom-based style of learning, **A-Levels** may be your chosen route.



\*This infographic and corresponding information can be found here:

[https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2093743/gcc\\_2782-whats-next-booklet-202021\\_dev2.pdf](https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2093743/gcc_2782-whats-next-booklet-202021_dev2.pdf)



## Haven't applied yet?

Don't worry – we are still accepting applications across all of our courses – just go onto our website [Application Form : Full-Time Study – Cirencester College](#) and complete your details – you will need to have your predicted grades and choose what you would like to study. Once you have submitted your application you will receive a confirmation email and within a few days one of our Admissions team will call you and confirm your choices so that we can offer you a place to start with us in September.

## Not sure what you want to study?

Take a look at our Courses Pages on our website – each one will tell you all about the course, what and how you will learn and what you can go on to do after college – you can even search for relevant careers using the Pathfinder software. You can choose a combination of vocational and academic subjects and we have plenty of options for courses which you may not have studied before like Criminology, Media Production and Environmental Science.

## Want to visit before you decide?

We have an Open Evening planned for 30<sup>th</sup> June and you can book your place on that here: [June Open Evening – Cirencester College](#)

Or please contact

[schools.liaison@cirencester.ac.uk](mailto:schools.liaison@cirencester.ac.uk) if you would like to make an appointment to visit the college and meet with one of our advisors.



## Got your offer from Cirencester – now what?

After your call from the Admissions team, you will be emailed your offer, then go onto the Applicant Portal and accept it (don't worry – you can still change your mind about your courses)

**Communications:** We will send you regular updates both by email and by post.

**Transport:** All our bus services are run by Stagecoach and you can check your bus options and start saving for your season ticket [Travelling To College – Cirencester College](#)

**Enrolment at College:** You will need to book your face to face enrolment appointment at the College – the appointments are available now and you can book one on your Applicant Portal. This is your chance to confirm your subject choices and ask questions about coming to college.

**Flying Start/Summer Work:** On the Applicant Portal you will find some Summer work for your courses. Doing this work will give you a great insight into the course you have chosen and will form part of your first grades when you start with us.

**Results Day:** Once you receive your results you will need to upload them onto the Applicant Portal as soon as possible. If you haven't met the course requirements - don't worry – come to your arranged enrolment appointment other course options then.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
Induction Day

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
Lessons Start



## Support at Cirencester College – what do I need to know?

**Financial Support:** We offer a very generous bursary scheme – see if you are eligible and apply here: [Financial Support – Cirencester College](#)

**Learning Support:** If you have been receiving some extra support at school or if you feel you would benefit from some additional support then please let us know as soon as possible. If you have already let us know about any support requirements then our academic support department will be in touch over the summer.

**Pastoral Support:** We have an experienced pastoral team available to offer you any additional support you would benefit from. You will also have a Tutor assigned to you who will be your first point of contact if you have any questions.





**Haven't applied yet?** Don't worry, feeling uncertain about all the possibilities is natural. We have many tips to help you make the best choice for you, speak with our Schools & Events Coordinator or our Careers Department to reflect on your choices.

**Already applied? It's really important** that you check your email for regular updates and advise us of any changes. As soon as we receive your application, we will confirm what we have received from you and tell you where to find more information about your applicant journey. Next, you will receive an offer for the course(s) you have applied for. Just follow any instructions included so you know exactly what you need to do to join your first choice. Following GCSE results, we will confirm what you need to do to enrol, including links to important information, key dates and everything you need so you are prepared for our online enrolment process.

**What if I don't get the grades I need?**

Don't panic and don't decline your course offer. We can change your course, but not your place in queue!

**Still come to your enrolment date**

We have lots of different levels and courses to offer you and will discuss your options at this stage.

**Want to talk to someone?**

Speak to our Admissions Team- we're here to help. If you have any questions, please do get in touch with our Admissions Team- 0345 155 2020 (option 3) - [applications@gloscol.ac.uk](mailto:applications@gloscol.ac.uk)

## Let's do this- here's what to expect on your application journey!

<b>3-5 days after application</b>	<b>Welcome to Gloucestershire College</b> Once you have submitted your application we will send you an email and text message welcoming you to your application journey, as well as some information to dive right into!
<b>10 days after application</b>	<b>We've got your application</b> As soon as we receive your application, we will confirm what we have received from you and tell you where to find more information about your applicant journey.
<b>2-4 weeks after application</b>	<b>Application Assessment</b> We will complete a quick assessment of your application to make sure you have applied for something you are suitable to study. <i>We may need to contact you, so keep an eye out for any email or phone updates.</i>
<b>2-4 weeks after offer</b>	<p><b>Applicant Offers</b> The important bit- we will send you an offer for the course(s) you have applied for. Once you receive your offer, read it carefully and follow any instructions included so you know exactly what you need to do to join your first choice course. All the terms, conditions and fine print you need to be aware of before joining GC.</p> <p><b>Advice and Guidance Information</b> Overwhelmed by all the possibilities? We understand it is an important decision, so will send you some useful hints and tips to help you make the course choice that is right for you. You do not have to make the decision just yet but it is worth thinking about now!</p> <p><b>Course Fees and Financial Support Information</b> Money matters- after your offer we will send you information about any course fees, including event and material costs. Depending on your course, you may also receive further information about kits and uniforms. Money worries? <i>Whatever your circumstances – we will do all that we can to support you through your studies</i> we will send information about whatever financial support is available and how to get in touch with our Student Support Team.</p>
<b>6-8 weeks</b>	<b>Why GC?</b> Want to know more about GC and why you will get a learning experience like no other? We will send you more information about campus life, our first class facilities and student success stories.
<b>Dependant on application date</b>	<b>Learning Support Information</b> Need some support? Have you had any additional support at school and want to know how we can support you on your course? We will send you information on how to get in touch with our Learning Support Team so you have made your decision.
<b>Sent from June 2022</b>	<p><b>First Choice Course Decision and Acceptance</b> Time to confirm your first choice course- we will ask you to confirm your first choice course to us ready for enrolment. By accepting your first choice course, you confirm you understand the offer conditions and have made your decision.</p> <p><b>Online Enrolment Information</b> You're nearly there- we will confirm what you need to do to enrol, including links to important information, key dates and everything you need so you are prepared for our online enrolment process.</p> <p><b>Online Enrolment Access and Reminders</b> One last step ... you will receive all the information you need to access our online enrolment portal, as well as reminders as we approach enrolment to make sure you have completed everything required of you.</p> <p><b>Enrolment</b> Its official- you are a student with GC! We will confirm your enrolment and give you your start date, timetable and joining information.</p>
<b>Throughout the process</b>	<b>Keeping in touch</b> Its really important that you let us know if anything has changed since making your application- especially your contact details, as we will be sending you communications all the time.

**Please note that the applicant journey is a guide to what an applicant at GC can expect when applying to a full-time course and is subject to change. Application journeys may vary dependant on the date of the application submission, course type, as well as an applicant's personal circumstances.**

If you would like to find out more about GC you can visit our website [www.gloscol.ac.uk](http://www.gloscol.ac.uk)

Information for parents- stay in the loop and get answers to queries and concerns with our handy [parent guide](#)

Our friendly Student Support Team help students to realise their full potential and make the most of their time at college. Email [infor@gloscol.ac.uk](mailto:infor@gloscol.ac.uk) or call 0845 155 2020. Our phone lines are open 8.30-16:40, Monday to Friday.





## Haven't applied yet?

If you haven't applied for a course at Hartpury, contact our admissions team as soon as possible and we will be happy to help with any questions you have about the application process.

## Applied?

If you have applied, please keep an eye out on your emails for updates on your application and interview. All interviews will be completed over the phone. We aim to provide the results of the interview within two weeks, however for some of our courses, this may take a little longer, but you will be advised of this at interview stage. If you change any of your personal details at any stage, please get in touch with us as soon as possible.

## Interested in playing sports?

You don't have to be a sports student to get involved with sports at Hartpury. You can play for fun with our Hartpury Active Project. If you're training at a high level and want to play competitively, you can apply to join one of our Sports Academies.

## Learning and wellbeing support at Hartpury

At Hartpury, there's a network of support staff to ensure you make a smooth transition from school to college. Our Student Services and Wellbeing Teams are on hand to help with guidance and advice on everything from finance and accommodation, to health and wellbeing.

You may also need additional learning support to achieve your best. By working with you and your school, we can find out how best to support you and help your move from school to Hartpury College to be as smooth and easy as possible. You can find out more in our [Support Guide](#).



You will also have the opportunity to provide more information once you've received your offer- this will ensure that you are fully supported to start your course.

## Once you've received an offer at Hartpury College, this is what happens next:

1. **Coming to Hartpury booklets-**  
You'll receive two booklets in the post. The first includes important information about joining Hartpury. The second shows you exciting opportunities inside and outside your course.
2. **Accept your offer -**  
It's important to accept your offer as soon as possible.
3. **Book your transport -**  
If you live in the local area, make sure you book as soon as you can, so we can ensure you have a space. Visit [www.hartpury.ac.uk/college-transport](http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/college-transport)
4. **Apply for financial support -**  
Check if you're eligible for our bursaries and scholarships and apply. Visit [www.hartpury.ac.uk/college-finance](http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/college-finance)
5. **June- Induction webinar -**  
Once you have an offer, you'll be invited to a webinar for your course. You'll meet lecturers and classmates and find out more about your course.
6. **Mid-June- Your enrolment guide -**  
You'll receive your guide in the post, which will include important information about your enrolment; what to do when you get your GCSE results, what happens at enrolment, kit lists and details of additional fees.
7. **Mid-July 2022 Enrolment details -**  
We'll be in touch with more details about your enrolment, including the date and time for your course.
8. **25 August 2022-**  
GCSE results day. Once you have your results, you must let us know as soon as possible.
9. **5-8 September 2022-**  
Your enrolment on campus We'll send you updates in July and August.

## What if I don't get the grades I need for my course?

If you don't think you have met the entry requirements, do get in touch with us and if we can offer you your course, or an alternative, we will let you know as soon as possible: [admissions@hartpury.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@hartpury.ac.uk)





## There is still time to apply at SGS College

SGS College offers a huge range of subjects at our purpose-built Stroud Campus, from Construction to Art, Healthcare to Hairdressing and Animal Science to Forensic and Criminal Investigation. See [www.sgscol.ac.uk/study](http://www.sgscol.ac.uk/study)

## Late applicants' advice and guidance post-GCSE results

For those students who have already applied and been **accepted** - enrolment forms will have been sent directly to students - there is no need for you to do anything more.

For those students who want to make a late application to SGS College - Stroud, you may do so on-line until Thursday 18 August, after this date **you must** book a face-to-face interview via the website.

**Thursday 25 August** – GCSE results day. Late applicant interviews begin.  
(Results day phone line support: **0800 0567 253**).

## The Application Process

### Find out which course is right for you

- Look at the vocational, academic and apprenticeship options on our website prospectus [www.sgscol.ac.uk/study](http://www.sgscol.ac.uk/study)
- Talk to a career's adviser, teachers, parents, apprenticeship experts, employers and friends

### 1. Complete your application form

- You can apply online – it is really easy, and you will get an immediate acknowledgement email
- You can also complete the application form and send it back to us – you can download this form online at [www.sgscol.ac.uk/digital-resources#forms](http://www.sgscol.ac.uk/digital-resources#forms)

### 2. Results Day (Thursday 25 August)

Congratulations! on GCSE results day you will receive a call from the department you applied to study with to confirm your place at SGS. If your grades are not what you expected, **please don't worry**. We will discuss options with you and ensure a suitable course is found.

### 3. Enrolment & Induction from 5 September

Welcome to SGS. All that is needed now is to complete your online enrolment and then follow an induction to introduce you to college life. Your first classes will start from this date. You are now part of our learning community at SGS. Good luck!



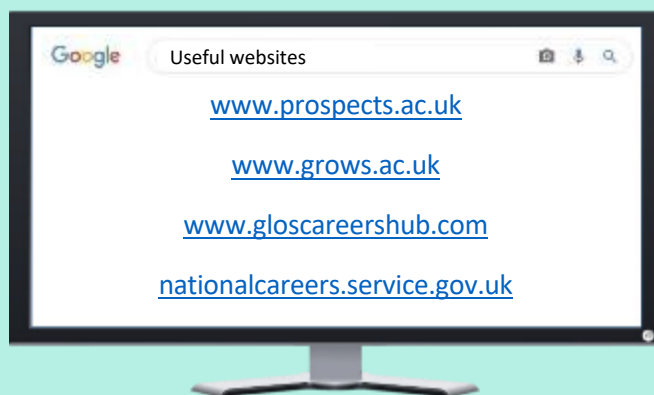
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*Your next steps and questions answered- useful websites*

Going to college can feel like a big step, so it is important you look into all of your options and do your research. There are several websites where you can get brilliant and impartial information about college and your next steps, whether you are interested in academic or vocational qualifications.

Please see below for useful links from the individual colleges. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us or speak to your teachers/ career advisers at school.



**Cirencester College**

## Book onto our Open Day:

Our next open event is Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 5pm – 8pm

[June Open Evening – Cirencester College](#)

## Guided Tours:

[Events | Cirencester College](#)

Guided tours are available after hours by appointment only

## Contact Details:

Here are our contact details:

[Contact us – Cirencester College](#)

If you have any questions, please do get in touch with us: [Schools.liaison@cirencester.ac.uk](mailto:Schools.liaison@cirencester.ac.uk)



**gloucestershire college**

Visit our website for more details, open events and campus tours: [www.gloscol.ac.uk](http://www.gloscol.ac.uk)

## Contact Details:

If you have any queries, please get in touch with our Student Support team:

[info@gloscol.ac.uk](mailto:info@gloscol.ac.uk) or call 0345 155 2020

## Schools Liaison:

Speak to our Schools & Events Coordinator- Georgina Merry

Email: [Georgina.merry@gloscol.ac.uk](mailto:Georgina.merry@gloscol.ac.uk)



**HARTPURY**

## Book onto an open day:

[www.hartpury.ac.uk/college/open-days](http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/college/open-days)

Our next open day for college will be Thursday 16th June.

## Campus Tours:

[www.hartpury.ac.uk/campus-tours](http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/campus-tours)

Campus tours will be running throughout summer please keep an eye out on this webpage for information on how to book.

## Contact Details:

[www.hartpury.ac.uk/contact-and-directions](http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/contact-and-directions)

If you have any questions, please do get in touch:

[admissions@hartpury.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@hartpury.ac.uk) (admissions enquiries)

[outreach@hartpury.ac.uk](mailto:outreach@hartpury.ac.uk) (general enquiries)



## Campus tours

We can arrange short campus tours for you on a bespoke basis in June and July.

Please contact our schools engagement team directly on [schools-engagement@sgscol.ac.uk](mailto:schools-engagement@sgscol.ac.uk)

## Higher Education Open event

Our University Centre will be holding its summer open event at our Bristol Campuses on Saturday 11th June, 10-12:30. Book at [www.he.sgscol.ac.uk/open-events](http://www.he.sgscol.ac.uk/open-events)

## Contact details

[www.sgscol.ac.uk](http://www.sgscol.ac.uk); Freephone: 0800 0567 253

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