

# Why does Achievement Matter?

There are many things you can do after the end of Year 11, the choice is yours! The higher the grades you achieve, the more choices you will have.

You have to continue in some form of education until aged 18, but your hard work now will give you the best possible grades and the best possible start as you move through into the adult world. The careers information below came from <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/> - have a look for yourself and find out about lots more interesting careers.

**Medicine** - Medical schools require 5 to 9 GCSE's including maths, English and sciences, at a grade 6 or above. However, these are a minimum and most successful candidates will achieve 7's, 8's and 9's at GCSE.

(Source: The Medic Portal).



**Did you know?** There are lots of careers in medicine, apart from a doctor, here are some examples:

**Dietetic Assistants:** Work with a dietician to support patients with diets and feeding. Some employers will ask for grade 4 in English and maths for this role, some will ask for a qualification in Health and Social care.

**Paramedics:** You would need 2 A Levels (or equivalent) to get a place on the necessary course - so aim for at least 5 GCSEs at grades 4-6.

**There are over 350 different careers in the NHS – how many do you know about?**

An **RAF Officer** needs 5 GCSE's at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), including English and maths, plus a science for some roles. An **Environmental Health Technician** in the Army makes sure that troops have a clean, safe environment - you would need GCSEs in English and maths and at least 2 Sciences.

**Did you know?** The Ministry of Defence is the largest provider of apprenticeships in the UK.



It takes lots of people to make sure the legal system runs smoothly.

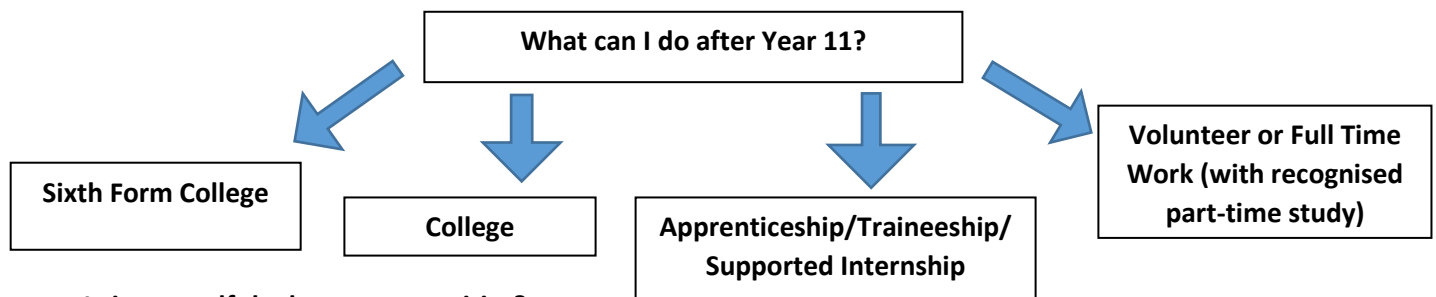
**Court Ushers** help the courts to run smoothly - as a minimum you will need 2 GCSEs at grades 3 to 1 (D to G), or equivalent, however, if you can achieve 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 you can save some time from your training.

**Legal Secretaries** produce reports and work with important documents and files – you will need 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, for a level 3 course.

**Solicitors, lawyers and barristers** advise clients about the law. There are lots of ways to become a solicitor, including a degree level apprenticeship. You usually need 5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 plus 3 A Levels. **Did you know?** Many law courses can be combined with subject areas such as finance, medical ethics, and international human rights.



**FACT:** Maths/English **will always** need to be continued if 4's have not been achieved in them at GCSE – so save yourself the time and get them first time round!



**How can I give myself the best opportunities?**

- Take part in all careers related activities and learning in school.
- Work hard in all your lessons – hard work now will pay off later!
- Use Xello to keep a log of your Careers Journey
- Start to build transferrable work skills and qualities e.g. SPIRIT (Self-regulation, Participation, Integrity, Resilience, be Inspirational, Tolerance), Teamwork, Organisational Skills, Adaptability, Flexibility, Meeting goals and deadlines, Communication & Leadership.
- Follow Inspired Futures on X @StudConnAlsager & call in to the Inspired Futures office at any point if you would like to talk about your future career plans and how to go about achieving them.