



Year 10 Notices

- Blazers on around school - Can request to take off in a lesson but around school on.
- Litter - Improve this
- Revision for exams - Check google classroom etc.
- 2 Weeks till RE Exam - You got this!



Your Future Starts Earlier Than You Think...





By this time next year, you'll be choosing your next pathway after GCSEs.

Knowing your future plan AND not knowing are completely normal.

Question: How many of you already know what you want to do?



The Big Myth

Myth: 'I need to know my career now.'

Reality: Most adults change careers multiple times.

Your next step is about keeping doors open.

Success is about finding what suits YOUR strengths.



Your Main Options After GCSEs

1. Sixth Form – academic subjects and A Levels
2. College – practical and vocational learning
3. Apprenticeships – earn while you learn

There is no 'best' route - just the best route for you.



Nearby College Options

- Uxbridge College, Uxbridge
<https://www.uxbridgecollege.ac.uk/>
- BCA College, Maidenhead <https://www.bca.ac.uk/>
- West Herts College, Watford
<https://www.westherts.ac.uk/>
- Global Academy, Hayes <https://globalacademy.com/>



Uxbridge College

- Sport • Business • Health & Social Care • Engineering • Media • IT
- Beauty • Construction

A-Levels: Typically requires slightly higher grades (often Grade 5 or 6) in the subjects you wish to study.

Courses - A Level Equivalent: **Level 3**

Level 3 (Advanced): Generally requires **5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above**, including English and Maths. *Some courses require higher grades in key subjects.*

Level 2 Courses are equivalent of GCSEs and some have slightly lower requirements. Usually requires **4 GCSEs at Grade 3 or above.**



BCA College (Berkshire College of Agriculture)

Specialist vocational college set on a massive 400-acre estate. It's a distinct alternative to a standard sixth form, focusing heavily on hands-on, land-based, and practical careers.

- Animal Management • Business • Health & Social Care
- Early Years • Media • Outdoor Education • Motor Vehicle

Provide a BCA
Coaches: Different
bus routes from
Uxbridge & Slough
and many more

- **Level 3 (Advanced):** Usually requires **5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above**, including English and Maths.
- **Level 2 (Intermediate):** Generally requires **4 GCSEs at Grade 3 or above**.



Sixth form

Plenty of sixth form options of other schools or colleges you can look at.

Key Point regarding Sixth form is:

Most subjects also have specific grade requirements eg.
PE A Level is Grade 6, 6 in Science

Admission is based on your "Best 8" GCSE Average Point Score (APS):

APS Range	Academic Pathway	Subject Options
Above 6.5	Pathway 1 (Elite)	3 or 4 A-Levels (e.g., Further Maths as 4th)
5.5 – 6.4	Pathway 2 (Advanced)	3 A-Levels of your choice
4.5 – 5.4	Pathway 3 (Mixed)	3 subjects (must include at least 1 BTEC/Vocational)



A Levels vs BTECs

A Levels: More exam-based and academic.

BTECs: More coursework and practical learning.

Both can lead to university and careers.

Research future career requirements early.





Look at the government website for possible routes.

Apprenticeship Pathways: Post-16 Options

Bridging the gap between the classroom and the workplace with West London's leading employers.

80% work-based learning, 20% classroom study. Earn a competitive salary while gaining industry-recognised qualifications. High focus on specialised technical skills. Very Competitive.

Employers in Hillingdon/Uxbridge Area

Heathrow Airport	Engineering, Infrastructure, IT	Hounslow / Uxbridge
British Airways	Aircraft Maintenance, Logistics	Heathrow Hub
Hillingdon Council	Public Services, Business, Admin	Uxbridge Town Centre
Brunel University	Technical Support, Digital Ops	Uxbridge (Kingston Lane)

GCSEs: Minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above (including English and Maths) for Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeships.

STEM Focus: Engineering roles at Heathrow or BA typically require a Grade 5 in Maths and a Science subject.

Interviews



What Employers & Colleges Want

Not just grades...

- Attendance
- Reliability
- Effort
- Communication
- Resilience





Why Now?

 **Upcoming Open Days (Summer 2026)**

Uxbridge College	Wed, 10 June 2026	16:00 – 19:00
West Herts College	Sat, 20 June 2026	09:30 – 13:00
BCA (Maidenhead)	TBC (Already been quite a few)	TBC



Future Dates:

Vyners School Sixth Form Open Evening *Early October 2026* 17:30 – 20:00

BCA Maidenhead Autumn Open Day *Early October 2026* 10:00 – 14:00

St Dominic's Sixth Form College Open Day: Sat, 10 October 2026 09:30 – 15:00

Global Academy Open Day: *Early October 2026*

West Herts College Autumn Open Day *Early November 2026* 16:30 – 19:30

Uxbridge College Autumn Open Day *Mid-November 2026* 16:00 – 19:00



Borough Sixth Form Prospectus - [LINK](#)

All Sixth Form/Options for Year 12

The screenshot shows the Hillingdon School Finder website. At the top left is the Hillingdon London logo. The navigation bar includes links for Course Finder, School Finder, 2026 Open Days, Accessibility tools, Language, and Menu. Below the navigation bar is a large banner with a colorful geometric pattern and the text "Hillingdon School Finder". Underneath the banner, there is a "Filter By:" section with buttons for All, A Level, Apprenticeship, GCSE, T Level, and Vocational. At the bottom of the page, there are three small images: a group of students, a school building, and another school building. The footer contains a "Sign out" button, a date of "5 May", and a time of "20:46".