

# Going to College

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

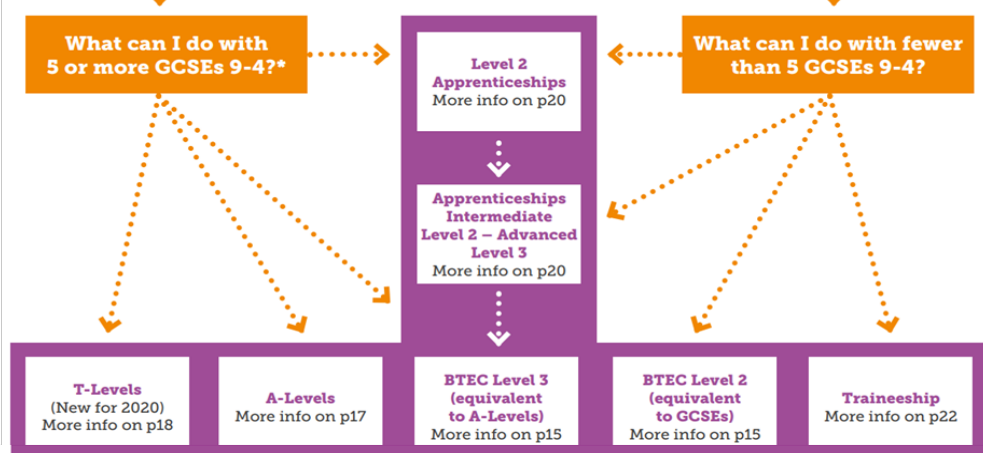
This booklet has been created to help Year 11 students and parents understand possible next steps at the local colleges:  
**Cirencester College, Hartpury College and South Gloucestershire & Stroud College (SGS).**

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. 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 colleges 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.

## What's Next?

**So, you're doing your GCSEs...**

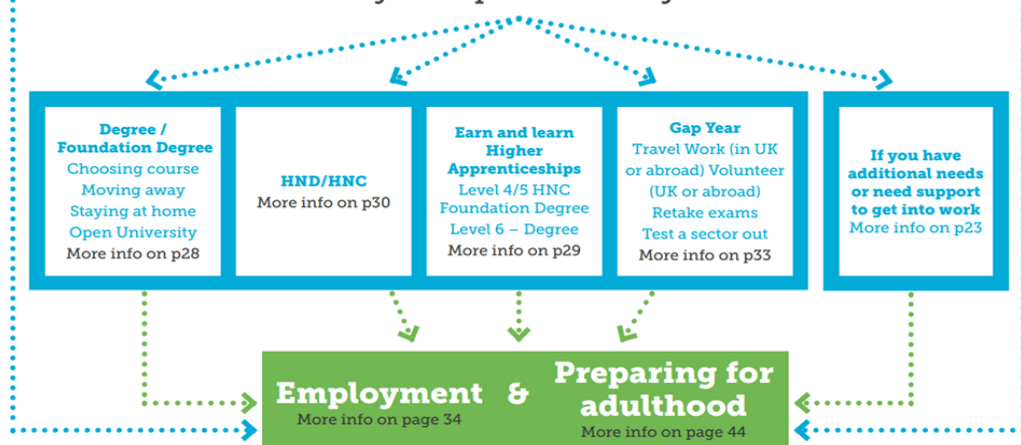
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\* Note: Some courses will accept 4 GCSE's if they include English and Maths.

## Looking ahead

What are your options after you're 18?



This helpful infographic\* helps to illustrate your options after each step of the student journey. Different schools and colleges 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 or **Apprenticeships** may suit you.

However, if you prefer a more traditional, classroom-based style of learning, **A-Levels** may be your best 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 [Initial Registration 2020 alt | Cirencester College](#) and complete your details – you will need to have your predicted grades and choose what you would like to study. Once you 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 1<sup>st</sup> July and you can book your place on that here:

[Events | Cirencester College](#)

Or please contact

[student.journeyteam@cirencester.ac.uk](mailto:student.journeyteam@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](#)

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

**Enrolment at College:** You will need to book your enrolment appointment at the College – we will email you to let you know when and this will be 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.

**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 then we can discuss your other options when you come to your enrolment appointment.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September:** Induction Day

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September:** Lessons Start!



## Starting at College – what do I need to know?

**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:** 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.

**Buddy:** This year we are offering the option of a second year student to guide you around on the first couple of days to help you find your way about – please get in touch with us if you would like a buddy: [schools.liaison@cirencester.ac.uk](mailto:schools.liaison@cirencester.ac.uk)





## 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?

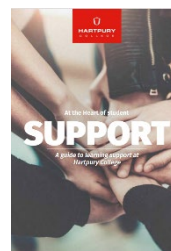
You don't have to be a sports student to get involved with sports at Hartpury. You can play for fun with our Hartpury Active Project. If you're training at a high level and want to play competitively, you can apply to join one of our Sports Academies-

[www.hartpury.ac.uk/college-academies](http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/college-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 2021- Enrolment details-

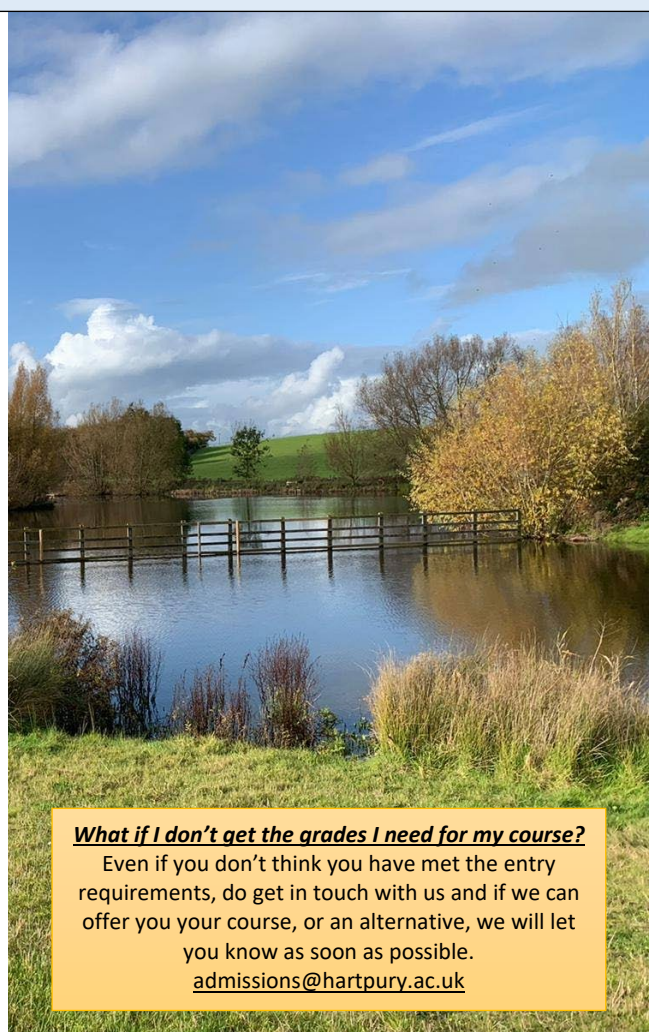
We'll be in touch with more details about your enrolment, including the date and time for your course.

### 8. 12 August 2021- GCSE results day-

Once you have your results, you must let us know as soon as possible.

### 9. 6-9 September 2021- 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?

Even 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)

If you would like to find out more about Hartpury, you can visit our website:

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

[www.hartpury.ac.uk](http://www.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, Nursing to Hairdressing and Animal Science to Business. We also have an exciting new Level 3 Forensic and Criminal Investigation course starting in September. See [www.sgscol.ac.uk/study](http://www.sgscol.ac.uk/study)

## Taster Sessions

We will be holding Y11 subject taster sessions in June and July. Please visit our website for more information and to book your place- [www.sgscol.ac.uk](http://www.sgscol.ac.uk)

## Campus Tours

Our campus tours are the perfect opportunity to see our fantastic facilities and get a feel for what college life is really like! These will also be available in small groups from mid-May and bookable on our website- [www.sgscol.ac.uk/events/campustours](http://www.sgscol.ac.uk/events/campustours)

## Community Open Event

Community Open on Saturday 3 July 2021, 10am – 3pm

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

SGS Stroud Campus will host late applicants' advice and guidance sessions on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August and then continuously from 25<sup>th</sup> August to 10<sup>th</sup> September (10 am to 4pm each day), open to all.

## The Application Process

### 1. Find out which course is right for you

- Look at the vocational, academic and apprenticeship options on our website or prospectus
- Talk to a careers adviser, teachers, parents, apprenticeship experts, employers and friends
- Come to our Open Event– it is a great way to get a taste of the College

### 2. 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)

### 3. Transition to College taster session

- Come along to a taster session in July and experience college life
- Take part in course activities and meet your tutors, as well as other future SGS learners

### 4. Results Day

Thursday 12 August 2021: 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 do not worry. We will discuss options with you and ensure a suitable course is found.

### 5. Enrolment & Induction – from 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



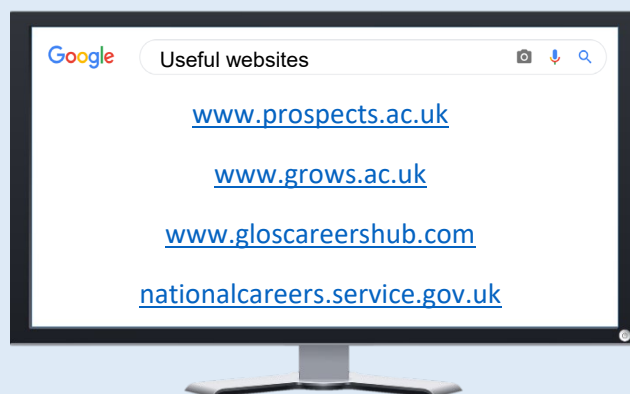


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Your next steps and questions answered- useful websites

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.

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.



**Book onto our Open Day:**

[Events | Cirencester College](#)

Our next open event is Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 6pm – 8pm

**Guided Tours:**

[Events | Cirencester College](#)

Guided tours are available after hours by appointment only

**Contact Details:**

[Contact Us | Cirencester College](#)

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

[Student.journeyteam@cirencester.ac.uk](mailto:Student.journeyteam@cirencester.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 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**Campus Tours:**

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

We are hopeful to begin running campus tours, in line with Government Guidelines, from Wednesday 19th May 2021.

Tours are for those interested in 2021 entry only.

**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 with us:

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

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



**BOOK ONTO AN OPEN DAY:**

[www.sgscol.ac.uk/events/open-events](http://www.sgscol.ac.uk/events/open-events)

Our next SGS College Open Day is:  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 10am – 4pm

**TO FIND OUT MORE:**

FREEPHONE: 0800 0567 253

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