

## Your Future, Your Choice: A Guide to Post-16 Options

### What's Next After GCSEs?

After you've finished your GCSEs, it's time to think about your next steps. Here are some of the options available to you:

#### College and Further Education

**A-Levels:** These are academic courses that prepare you for university. You'll study a few subjects in depth.

**Vocational Courses:** These courses are more practical, and job focused. They can lead to qualifications like BTECs or diplomas.

**T-Levels:** These are new technical qualifications that combine classroom learning with on-the-job training. They're designed to get you ready for work or further study.

#### Apprenticeships

**Earn While You Learn:** Apprenticeships let you earn a salary while you learn a trade or profession. You'll work and study at the same time.

**A Wide Range of Choices:** Apprenticeships are available in many different industries, from engineering to healthcare.

#### Work

**Part-Time Jobs:** Working part-time can help you gain experience and earn some money.

**Full-Time Jobs:** If you're ready to start a full-time job, there are many opportunities available.

#### How to Choose the Right Path

**Know Yourself:** Think about your interests, strengths, and what you want to achieve.

**Do Your Research:** Investigate different options and talk to people who have been through it.

**Seek Advice:** Ask your teachers, careers advisor, or parents for guidance.

**Visit Colleges and Employers:** Go to open days and information sessions to learn more.

**Seek Allah's Guidance:** Pray regularly and seek Allah's help in making the right decision.

Remember: Your future is a precious gift from Allah. Make the most of it by choosing a path that will lead to both worldly success and eternal happiness.

#### Useful Resources

National Careers Service: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

UCAS: <https://www.ucas.com/>

Apprenticeships.gov.uk: <https://www.apprenticeship.gov/>

Email or book a meeting with the school's careers lead: [mohammedqasim@darululoom.org.uk](mailto:mohammedqasim@darululoom.org.uk)



**May Allah Azzawajjal guide you to the best path, Ameen**