

Post-16 Education: A Journey with Allah's Guidance

Seeking knowledge is a lifelong obligation for every Muslim. (Ibn Majah)

As your child approaches the next stage of their education after the age of 16, let us embark on this journey together, seeking Allah's guidance for their future success.

This information sheet has been designed by Ustaadh Qasim, the school's careers lead to help parents better understand careers education, Insha'Allah. Read it, explore ideas/links and ask him any questions you have via email mohammedqasim@darulloom.org.uk.

What is:

College and Further Education?

A-Levels: Academic courses for university preparation.

Vocational Courses: Practical courses for specific careers (e.g., BTECs, diplomas).

T-Levels: New technical qualifications combining learning and on-the-job training.

An Apprenticeship?

Earn While You Learn: Gain a salary while learning a trade or profession.

Wide Range of Choices: Available in many industries (e.g., engineering, healthcare).

Work?

Part-Time Jobs: Gain experience and earn money.

Full-Time Jobs: Start a full-time career.



How to Choose?

Know Your Child: Consider their interests, strengths, and goals.

Do Research Together: Investigate options and talk to people who have been through it.

Seek Advice: Involve teachers, careers advisors, and parents in the decision-making process.

Visit Colleges and Employers: Attend open days and information sessions.

Seek Allah's Guidance: Encourage prayer and reliance on Allah for the best path.

Resources

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

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

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

Remember: Your child's future is a precious gift from Allah.

Guide them towards a path that leads to both worldly success and eternal happiness.

Additional Tips for Parents:

Start the Conversation Early: Discuss post-16 options with your child well before GCSE results are released.

Encourage Exploration: Help your child explore different options and find what interests them.

Support Their Decisions: Be supportive of their choices and offer guidance, but ultimately let them make their own decisions.

Stay Informed: Keep up to date on the latest education and career trends.

Attend Information Sessions: Go to open days and parent information sessions with your child.

Offer Guidance, Not Pressure: Avoid putting undue pressure on your child to choose a specific path.

Seek Support: If you need help or advice, reach out to teachers, careers advisors, or other parents.

By seeking Allah's guidance and following these tips/resources, you can help their children make a more informed decisions about their future, aligning their aspirations with the divine plan.

