

# Year 9 Options



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# What is Key Stage 4?





### ***Know More***

You need to develop the core, general knowledge that prepares you for ALL possibilities in life



### ***Do More***

You need to move towards a style of learning that is independent and no longer dependent on your teachers



### ***Go Further***

You need to try out and explore possibilities to help you make the right decision at 16



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Necessary

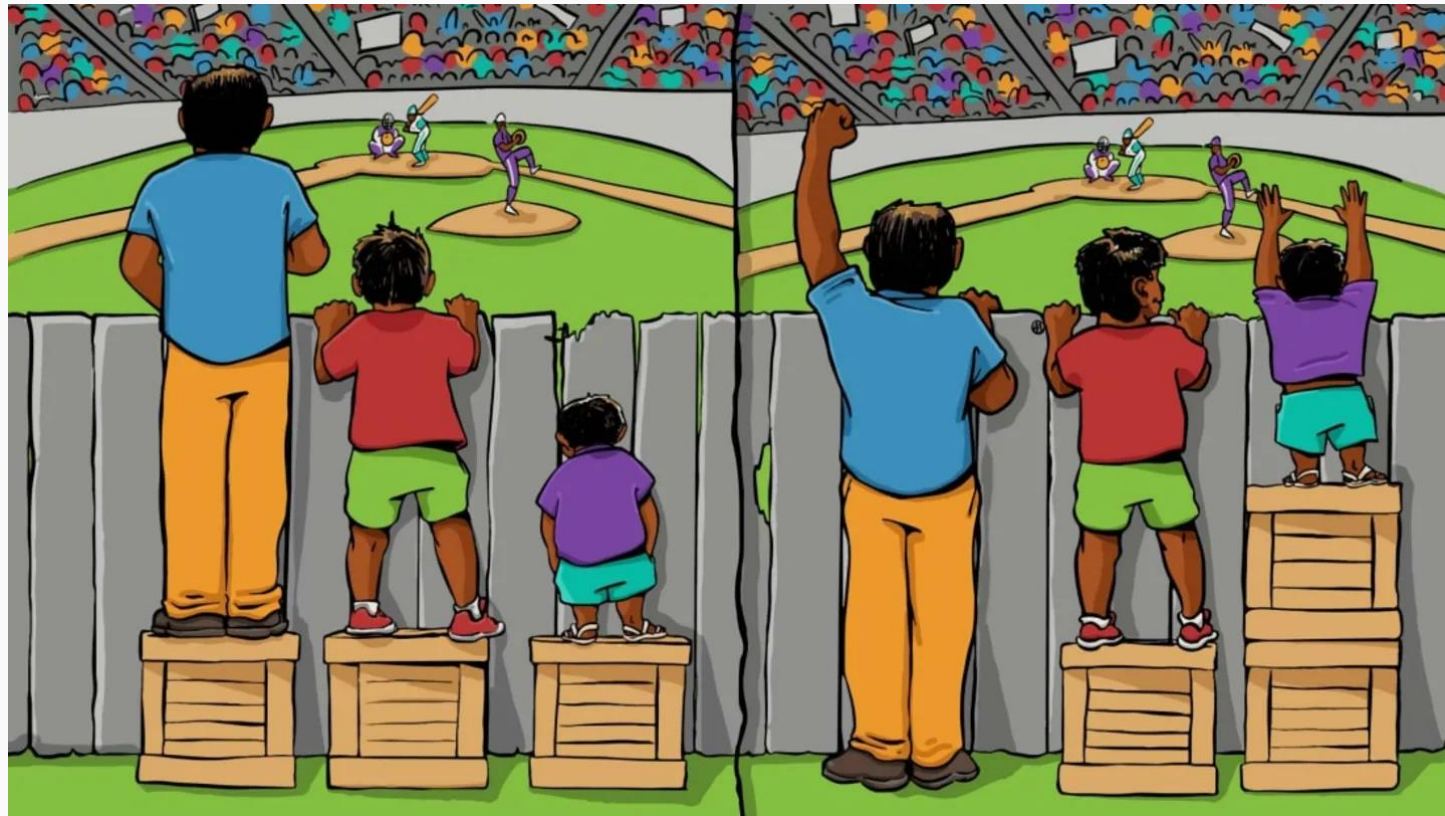
Desirable

Worth trying

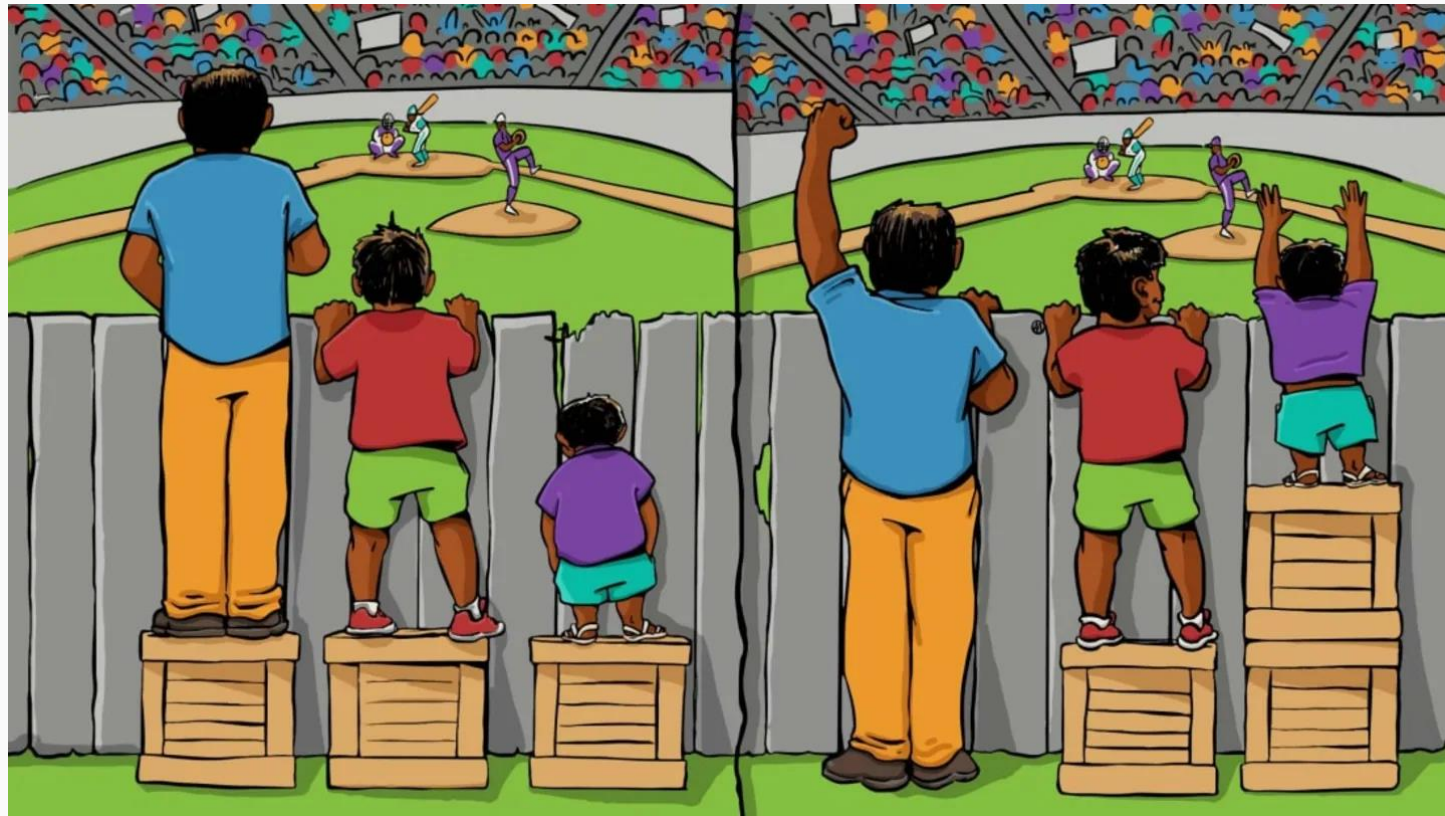
Not worth the effort



# Does everyone get the same choice?



# What are we looking at?



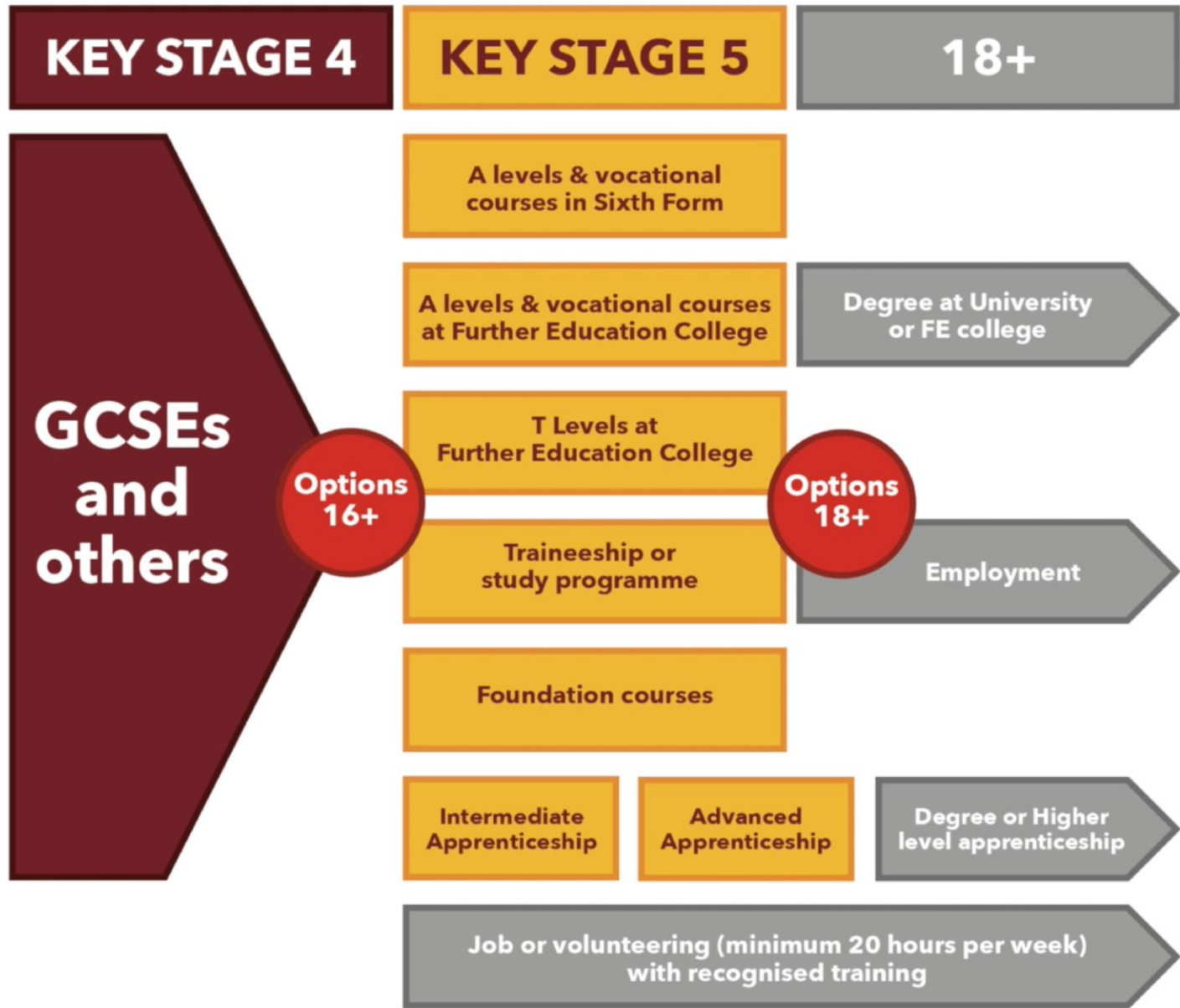
# The participation age

From September 2015 the participation age was increased until the young person's 18th birthday. This does not mean staying in school, you can opt to study or train in any of the following ways:

- Studying full time in school, college or with any training provider
- Working or volunteering, combined with a part-time education or training
- Apprenticeship, traineeship or study programme

The government have decided to do this because it is widely recognised that if a young person stays in education or training they will have better career prospects.





GCSE or equivalent grades 1 - 3 are called Level 1 Qualifications.

GCSE or equivalent grades 4 - 9 are called Level 2 Qualifications.

To progress to Level 3, then students will need to have the Level 2 qualification first.

Students must secure English and Maths at Level 2 or they will need to continue studying these post-16.

# Necessary



# English

You will ALL do English language AND English Literature



# Maths

You will ALL do Maths



## Science

You will ALL do Science – but there are two different ways you might do it.

1. Combined Science (you get TWO GCSE grades)
2. Separates (you get THREE grades, one each for Physics, Biology and Chemistry)

You do not need to choose- your teachers will decide which is appropriate for you



## PE

You will ALL do PE – but you have several options as to how much you do.

1. Core PE (2 periods a week, just physical activity – **no qualification gained**)
2. Sport (Vocational) as an **extra** qualification (2 periods a week – combination of physical activity and classroom work)
3. Sport (Vocational) option - **plus Core PE** (4.5 periods total per week)
4. GCSE PE - **plus Core PE** (4.5 periods total per week)



# Personal Development

You will ALL do Personal Development – but you will not gain a qualification



# Desirable





# Academic subjects

These are subjects that will allow you to do tasks and think about ways of working that support further study at sixth form and university



# Humanities

ALL of you will do History OR Geography



# Languages

MANY of you will do Languages



# Vocational subjects

You SHOULD pick at least one vocational subject

These are subjects that will allow you to do tasks and think about ways of working that have more direct links to the workplace



# Creative subjects

These are subjects that will allow you to do tasks and think about ways of working that are more independent and creative



**Connect**

You are preparing for a future you do not yet know



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**Personal  
Guidance  
and Support**



**Embedded  
within the  
curriculum**



**Personal  
Development  
lessons**

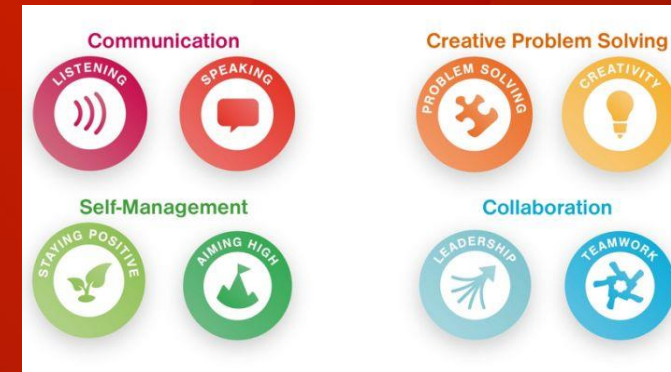
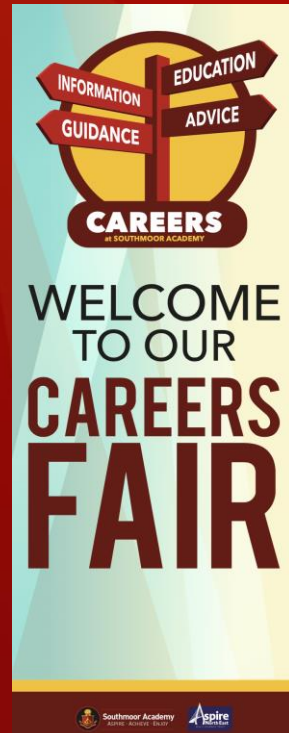


**Careers  
events  
and visits**



# Guidance and support during Year 10 and 11

- Year 10 and 11 Personal Development lessons
- Opportunity to attend taster lessons and visits
- 1:1 Careers Guidance interviews with Mrs Robinson



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# For further support, advice and guidance



**Mrs. Robinson will be available at the Year 9 Progress Evening on Wednesday 1 February**

## **Opportunity for parents to speak to Mrs. Robinson for guidance and support:**

- Monday 23 January between 8:45am and 4:30pm
- Tuesday 24 January between 8:45am and 4:30pm
- Wednesday 25 January between 10am and 6pm

15-minute telephone conversations – all booked through the Parents' Evening booking system

## **Opportunity for students to speak to Mrs. Robinson for guidance & support:**

- Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays

To book a time, visit the Careers Hub or speak to Head of Year

- Some students will be given an appointment w/c 30 January for a group interview



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# For further support, advice and guidance



Visit the Southmoor Academy website for useful advice and resources:  
[www.southmoorschool.co.uk/careers-education-information-advice-guidance/](http://www.southmoorschool.co.uk/careers-education-information-advice-guidance/)

**Mrs Robinson, Careers Advisor**  
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## Weekly Careers Bulletin



**CAREERS BULLETIN**

Week commencing: 27 June 2022

<u>APPRENTICESHIP VACANCIES</u>	<u>CAREERS EVENTS</u>
<p><b>Horticultural apprentice with Sunderland City Council</b> – for further information see <a href="https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Apprenticeships/228190">https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Apprenticeships/228190</a></p> <p><b>Property Maintenance Operative Apprenticeship with Inviron in Sunderland</b> – for further information see <a href="https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprent">https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprent</a></p>	<p><b>CAREERS IN STEM + SCIENCE WORK EXPERIENCE DAY</b> <b>Tuesday 26 July from 1pm to 4pm (virtual)</b> 'Do you want to be an Engineer' event with Spectris. They employ 9,000 people in more than 30 countries. The day will consist of a variety of interactive presentations, going into depth on different careers in engineering with some fun quizzes and activities. To register, click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

## Other useful links:

- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- <https://successatschool.org>
- <https://icould.com>



# Year 11 Post-16 Options



For a recap of all this information, go to:  
[www.southmoorschool.co.uk/post-16-progression-pathways/](http://www.southmoorschool.co.uk/post-16-progression-pathways/)

