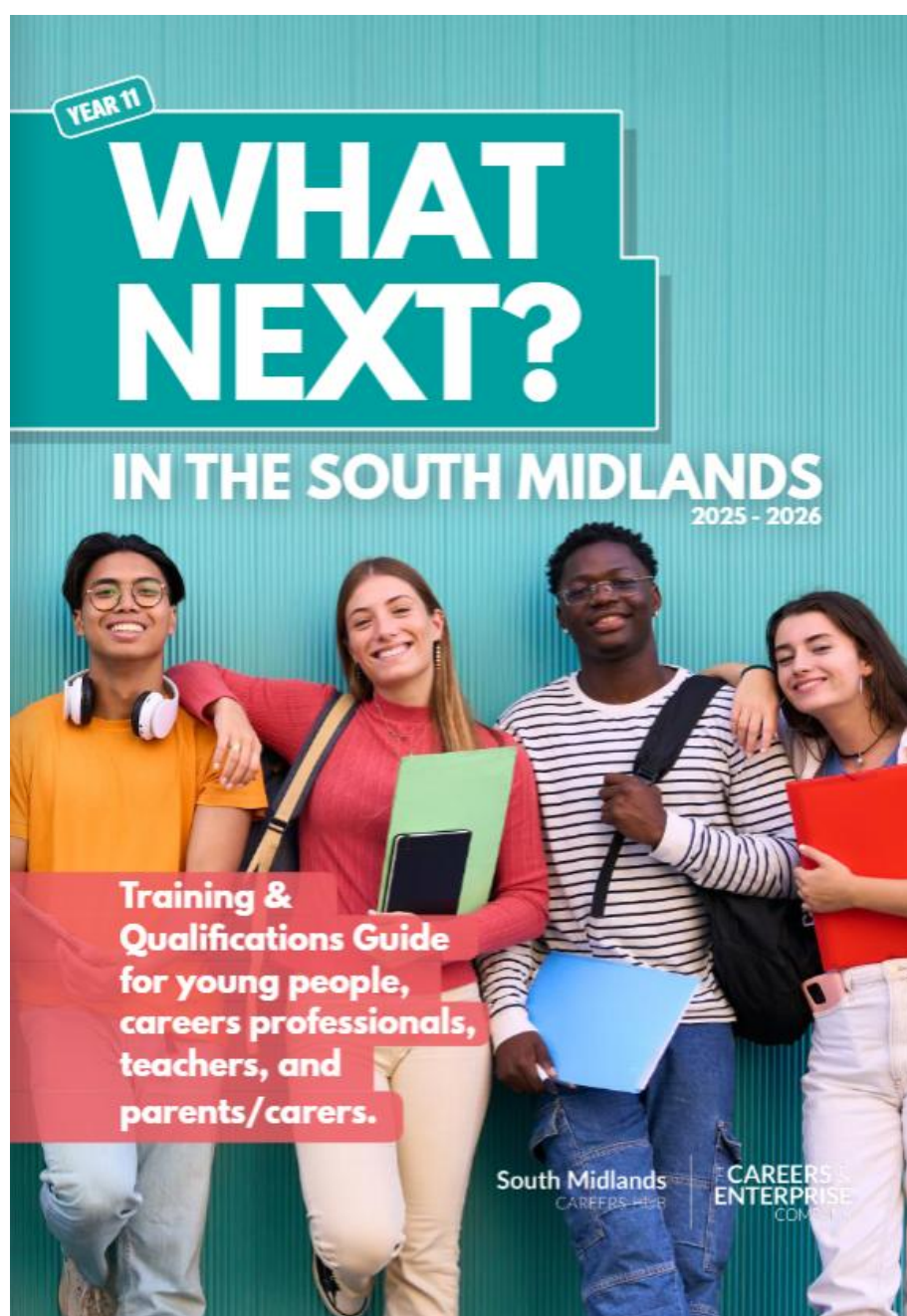


New Resource - Year 11 – The *What Next* Guide

I am delighted to share with you the launch of the first edition of the Year 11 *What Next* Guide – a comprehensive resource designed to support young people and their families across Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes, and Northamptonshire.

This guide has been created to help Year 11 students explore their post-16 options, understand local opportunities, and make informed decisions about their next steps after GCSEs.

Explore the guide [here](#)



Health and Care Academy Virtual Learning Programme


I am delighted to share that registration is now open for the Health and Care Academy Virtual Learning Programme — a *free*, interactive online course for students aged 14–18 years who are interested in exploring careers in Health and Social Care.

This engaging virtual programme provides an insight into a wide range of healthcare careers — from frontline roles such as nursing and paramedicine to behind-the-scenes specialties like laboratory science and health administration. Students will gain a real understanding of what it's like to work in different healthcare environments and meet professionals from across the sector.

Participants will complete a series of learning journals to consolidate their knowledge at the end of each stage. Those who complete the course will receive a certificate of achievement, recognised by colleges and universities across the East of England — an excellent addition to future education or job applications.

 **Application deadline:** Sunday 19th October 2025

 **Programme:** Online and interactive

 **Eligibility:** Students aged 14–18

 **Certificate awarded on completion**

Students can register by scanning the QR code on the poster below or by following this [link](#).

This is an opportunity not to be missed for anyone curious about a future career in health and social care!

THE HEALTH AND CARE ACADEMY NHS Bedfordshire Hospitals and Health Foundation Trust

VIRTUAL PLATFORM RETURNS

SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE TO ENROL THIS YEAR!

OPEN TO STUDENTS AGED 14-18

OCT '25 **APPLICATION CLOSE**
APPLY BEFORE 19TH OCTOBER 2025

COURSE LAUNCH!
GET READY TO WORK THROUGH 4 ONLINE MODULES AT YOUR OWN PACE.

NOV '25

COURSE ENDS FEB'26

GAIN A 360° INSIGHT INTO HEALTHCARE, ENHANCE YOUR CV AND SUPPORTING STATEMENT, AND EXPLORE THE ROLES OF VARIOUS PROFESSIONALS IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE.

Shuttleworth College Open Day – Saturday 18th October 2025

Are you starting to think about your next steps after Year 11? Shuttleworth College is opening its doors for an Open Day on Saturday 18th October, from 9:30am to 12:30pm, and it's a fantastic opportunity for students to explore what their future could look like.

During the event, visitors can:

- Explore a wide range of exciting courses in Animal Sciences, Equine, Outdoor Adventure, Agriculture, and more
- Chat with tutors and current students to find out what life at Shuttleworth is really like
- Tour the college's fantastic facilities, including its riding arenas, working farm, and tropical biome
- Discover the many opportunities available after GCSEs

Whether you're passionate about animals, love the outdoors, or want to explore a hands-on career path, Shuttleworth College has something for you.

👉 **Pre-register** [here](#) to secure your place.



Bedford College Open Days

Open days are a great way to find out more about your next steps after Year 11. They give you the chance to explore the campus, see the facilities, and talk to tutors and current students about the courses on offer. You can also ask questions about entry requirements, career pathways, and the support available.

The Bedford College Group (which includes Bedford College, Central Bedfordshire College, and Shuttleworth College) is holding several open days this year.

Dates are shown on the poster below.

👉 Sign up [here](#)

Attending an open day is the best way to get a real feel for college life and to help you make confident choices about your future.



The poster features two young women standing against a blue background. One woman is holding a clapperboard that lists fields for PROD. NO., SCENE, TAKE, ROLL, DATE, PRODUCTION, SOUND, DIRECTION, and CAMERAMAN. The text 'JOIN US AT OUR OPEN DAYS' is prominently displayed in white. The Bedford College Group logo is in the top right corner.

Bedford College & University Centre Part of The Bedford College Group	Central Bedfordshire College & University Centre Part of The Bedford College Group	Shuttleworth College & University Centre Part of The Bedford College Group
Saturday 15 November 10.00am - 1.00pm	Thursday 13 November 5.00pm - 8.00pm	Saturday 18 October 9.30am - 12.30pm
Saturday 31 January 10.00am - 1.00pm	Thursday 5 February 5.00pm - 7.30pm	Saturday 24 January 9.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday 30 April 5.00pm - 7.00pm	Thursday 23 April 5.00pm - 7.00pm	Thursday 7 May 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Register your place today at:
bedfordcollegigroup.ac.uk/events
Or scan the QR code

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**Sharnbrook
Sixth Form**

OPEN DAY 2025

Wednesday 5th November 5.30pm – 8.00pm

To book a place at one of our presentations please follow this link:



*" My learning journey at
Sharnbrook Academy helped
me to reach my full potential. "*



**Meridian
Trust**



Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider

*" Sixth-form students are positive
about their learning experiences
and the wider opportunities provided."*

*" Sixth form teachers engage students
in ambitious, challenging and
independent learning. This enables
students to achieve well and go
on to destinations of their choice."*

College Open Event - Higham Ferrers Campus: Saturday 15 November 2025

Sat, Nov 15, 09:00

Moulton College - Higham Ferrers campus • Higham Ferrers
Free

Moulton College
785 followers



Moulton College Basketball Academy Open Day: Thursday 30 October

Thu, Oct 30, 10:00

John Ashby Sports Hall • Moulton
Free

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👉 Click [Here](#) for further details on Moulton College Open Days and courses

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SSG Community College
Prospectus 2025/26



Why SSG community college?

SSG Community College is a different kind of college. We're small, local, and built around you.

Based in Bedford, we offer a warm, inclusive environment where every student is known, valued, and supported. Whether you need a fresh start, a new direction, or just the space to be yourself while you learn, you'll find your place here.

We welcome young people aged 16 to 18, or up to 24 with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Our mission is to help you grow - in confidence, in skills, and in life.

Why Students Choose SSG:

- A small, supportive setting where relationships come first
- A college that focuses on practical learning, personal development, and real-world progress
- A team that listens, adapts, and puts students at the centre of everything

Who We Support

We support a wide range of young people across Bedfordshire. Everyone is welcome at the SSG Community College and we aim to ensure a inclusive, warm and personalised experience is available to all of our students. We are a small independent provider meaning we are able to genuinely ensure that every single student that walks through the doors at SSG is known to us as an individual. Our provision could be perfect for you if you meet one or more of the following criteria:

- You feel you are better suited to smaller group sizes and smaller more personalised environments
- You may be uncertain of your next steps or future career directions and need support in identifying the right route for you
- You may not have achieved the results you needed at GCSE to access a higher L3 sector specific course
- You may need additional support to achieve your Maths or English GCSE
- You may have additional needs or SEND and require more tailored support to allow you to thrive

Click [Here](#) to watch a brief video about the pathways on offer here and for further details about SSG College.

October Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Listings Are Now Live!

The October 2025 Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Listing is now available — showcasing exciting opportunities with some of the UK's top employers.

This edition features over 1,600 apprenticeship vacancies from more than 50 leading companies, including the BBC, British Army, Unilever, IBM, EDF, and J.P. Morgan Chase.

From Data Analyst to Journalist, Economist to Civil Engineer, there's something for everyone — whether you're passionate about business, technology, media, engineering, or finance.

Higher and Degree Apprenticeships offer an excellent alternative to university, allowing students to earn a salary while gaining a nationally recognised qualification and valuable hands-on experience.

👉 Explore the full list of vacancies [now](#) and discover where a Higher or Degree Apprenticeship could take you!



Employer Webinars – Not to Be Missed!

A brilliant line-up of employer webinars is taking place throughout the autumn term, offering students valuable insights into apprenticeship programmes with some of the UK's top employers.

These online sessions are a fantastic way to learn directly from employers about the opportunities they offer, the skills they're looking for, and what it's really like to work in their industries.

Whether you're a student exploring your future pathway or a parent or carer wanting to support your child's next steps, these webinars are not to be missed!

Tuesday 21 October @ 6pm: [British Army](#)

Monday 17 November @ 4pm: [EDF](#)

Monday 1 December @ 4 pm: [Dunelm](#)

Discover T Levels – A New Route to Career Success

Thursday 20th November @ 3.30pm

Are you exploring options after Year 11?

T Levels could be the perfect next step for you.

T Levels are two-year technical qualifications for 16–19-year-olds, designed in partnership with employers to prepare students for skilled employment, apprenticeships, or further study. They are equivalent to three A Levels and combine 80% classroom learning with 20% industry placement, giving students the chance to gain real workplace experience alongside their studies.

Since their launch, more than 60,000 students across the country have started T Level programmes — and with more subjects and colleges offering them each year, they've quickly become a popular and accessible choice for young people.

Parents and carers are invited to join an informative webinar with Suzanne Chambers from the T Level Delivery Division at the Department for Education to learn more about:

- What T Levels are and how they work
- The subjects available and where they're offered
- Progression routes after completing a T Level
- How to find out more and help your child decide if a T Level is right for them

👉 Find out more and register for the webinar using this [link](#).

Considering a Career in Law?

If you're considering a career in law, you don't have to follow the traditional solicitor or barrister route. **CILEX (the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives)** offers an accessible, flexible, and affordable pathway into the legal profession.

Through CILEX, students can:

- Qualify as a CILEX Lawyer in specialist areas of law
- **Earn while they learn** – avoiding the high costs of university tuition
- Start straight from school, as a career changer, or after university
- Join a supportive professional network with nationally respected qualifications
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CILEX-trained professionals work across the legal system – from law firms and government to the judiciary and in-house legal teams.



Free Monthly Webinar – Held on the **first Tuesday of every month**, this session is a chance to ask questions and hear directly from CILEX students about their journey.



Register for the webinar [here](#)



Find out more on the CILEX website [here](#)

Are You a Future Engineer?

If you're passionate about solving real-world problems, designing innovative solutions, or shaping the technology of tomorrow, a career in engineering could be the perfect fit.

Join the free online interactive talks with The University of Edinburgh starting on 27th October, where you'll have the chance to:

- Speak directly with academics, current students, and recent graduates.
- Explore a wide range of engineering programmes and career opportunities.
- Get answers to all your questions about university, careers, and next steps.

Whether you're interested in chemical, civil and environmental, electronic and electrical, or mechanical engineering, these sessions are designed to help you explore your options and discover where a future in engineering could take you.

Session dates and times:

- **Chemical Engineering:** 28 Oct (12:00–13:00)
- **Civil & Environmental Engineering:** 30 Oct (12:00–13:00)
- **Electronics & Electrical Engineering:** 27 Oct (12:00–13:00)
- **Mechanical Engineering:** 31 Oct (12:00–13:00)



Click [here](#) to register for the sessions and start exploring your future in engineering today!