

Development of the Skills Training ran in Enterprises by Vocational Schools 2013-2015

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British Education System

Early Years (ages 3 – 4)

Primary School (ages 4 – 11)

Secondary School (ages 11 -18)

Sixth Form, typically 'A' levels

Higher Education - 3 years degree

Postgraduate degrees - including masters

Early Years (ages 3 – 4)

- Early Years from 2 ½ years
- No set curriculum but desired objectives

Primary School (ages 4 – 11)

- Also referred to as Key Stage 1 (ages 4 to 7) and Key Stage 2 (ages 7 to 11).

Secondary School (ages 11 -18)

- Between the ages of 11 and 16.
- Many pupils remain at school after the minimum leaving age of 16.
- The beginning of secondary school, students study a wide variety of subjects.
- Up to the end of Key Stage 3 (age 14).
- The usual route to university and college is through the A level system, depending on the grades attained in these examinations.

Sixth Form, typically 'A' levels / Apprenticeships

- At the end of the Sixth Form, students leave school but can move on to the University system.
- There are generally two types of college:
 - 1. Sixth form colleges are similar to schools and a student can transfer to one at the age of 16
 - 2. Colleges of further education usually offer a wider range of courses than sixth form colleges and provide education and training for student aged over 19 as well as for full time 16-19 year olds.

Higher Education - 3 years degree

- University courses are 3 or 4 years in duration, and students will specialize in usually one subject only.