



# Acklam Grange School

Preparing our students for life in modern Britain

## Careers Information, Advice and Guidance at Acklam Grange School

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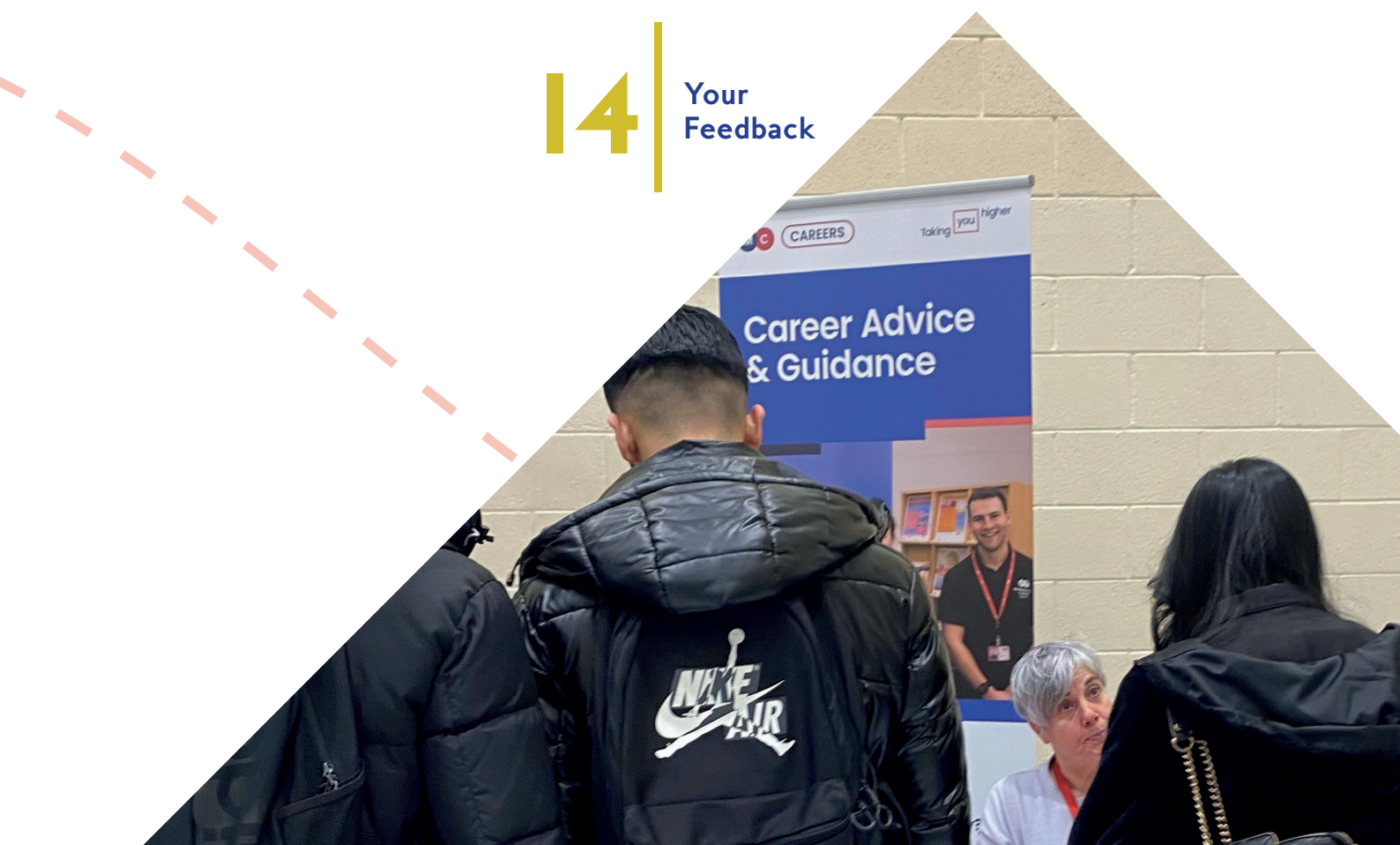
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# Meet The Team



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## Where can you find us...

Miss Winter is based in the **Careers Hub in the LRC**

**Click here to see our  
12-month Careers calendar**



# Careers Appointments

## Year 11

- Every Year 11 student is given a 30 minute timetabled careers appointment with Miss Winter in term 1.
- Each Year 11 student creates their own individual careers progression plan following the interview.
- Additional interviews are available on request.

## Year 8-10

Careers appointments are available throughout a student's time at AGS and can be booked by contacting Miss Winter on [winter.s@acklamgrange.org.uk](mailto:winter.s@acklamgrange.org.uk)

## Parent/carers

As a parent or carer you can also contact Miss Winter on [winter.s@acklamgrange.org.uk](mailto:winter.s@acklamgrange.org.uk) to request a careers appointment to support your child.

Careers appointments can help with the following:

- Information, advice and guidance on post 16 opportunities.
- Application support
- CV writing
- Job search skills
- Interview preparation



# Careers Events

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## Shine Event

Our annual careers fair for year 9-11s. Students have the opportunity to speak to a range of post 16 providers and employers.



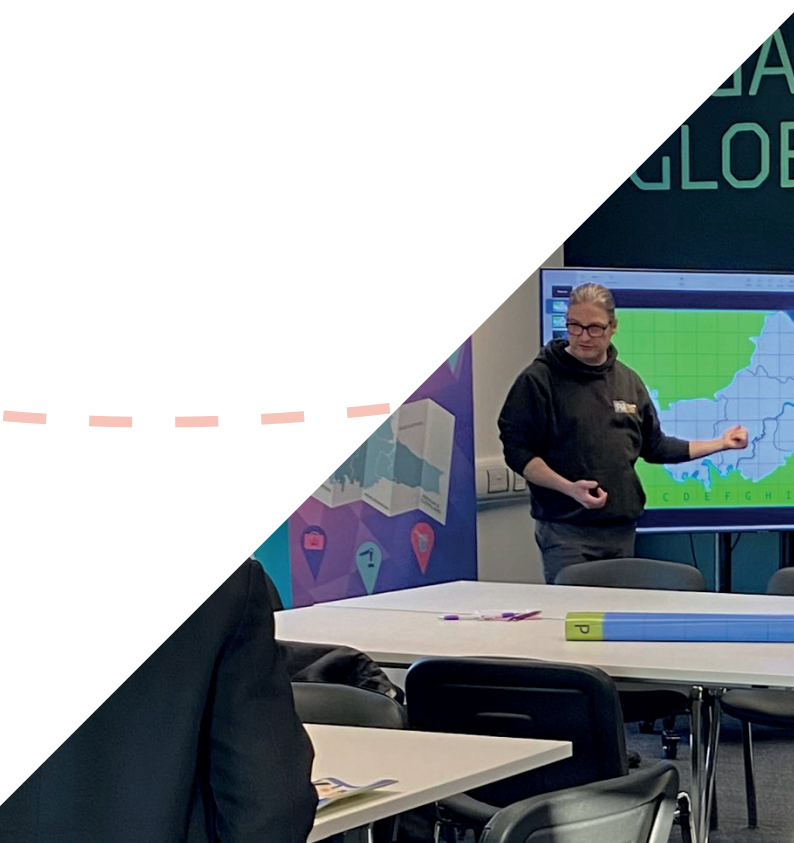
## Spotlight

Our annual employer engagement afternoon. Year 10 students have the opportunity to listen to careers information from a range of different employers.



## Further Education Discovery Day

All Year 10 students visit a local college to experience post 16 education for a day.





## Work Place Visits

A range of visits are organised throughout the year to give students the opportunity to see local work places.



## Higher Education Visits

We work closely with local universities who offer a range of opportunities.



## Bringing Careers into Schools

At AGS we welcome a wide range of guests into school to provide students with careers information. For example, BBC Bitesize, NHS roadshow, ASK, post 16 providers.



# Unifrog, Lets Get Going and PRIDE Lessons



## What is Unifrog?

Unifrog is designed to support learners in making informed decisions about their futures, with a range of tools that are suitable for all year groups. Each student has their own account that provides a range of information related to their interests and aspirations. Key features of the platform for students include:

- Psychometric testing quizzes
- Career and subject exploration
- Webinars and interactive short courses
- Self-reflection and portfolio building tools
- Search tools for live apprenticeship and employer opportunities, and university courses
- Application and essay-building tools

## Lets Get Going

Students in year 7-10 have a dedicated tutor time session focused on The World of Work. The aim is to educate students on the wide range of post 16 options and careers and fully supports our careers programme.

As part of Lets Get Going students get dedicated time to access their Unifrog account.

## PRIDE Lessons

Our PRIDE programme (PSHE) supports careers education. For example, Year 9s participate in an enterprise challenge.

# Opportunities for Parent/Carers

## Parent/Carers Consultation and Post 16 Evening

A wide range of post 16 providers attend the Year 11 and Year 10 consultation evenings and are available to speak to parent/carers and their child about post 16 options.

Post 16 providers also attend the Year 9 Options Evening to support students and parent/carers in making the option choice.

## Unifrog For Parent/Carers

For a parent/caregiver account to be created on Unifrog:

- The parent/caregiver can open their account using their email address here: [www.unifrog.org/parent](http://www.unifrog.org/parent)

If you have any issues signing in, please contact [winter.s@acklamgrange.org.uk](mailto:winter.s@acklamgrange.org.uk) and speak to Miss Winter, Careers Lead.

Careers appointments are available with Miss Winter to get advice on how to support your child's next steps. Contact Miss Winter on [winter.s@acklamgrange.org.uk](mailto:winter.s@acklamgrange.org.uk).



# Labour Market Information

Labour Market Information refers to facts and figures about jobs and employment. The information is used to give an overall picture about the past, present and future of work. The labour market is the term used to describe the amount of people working and looking for work, and the amount of jobs. We use LMI to design our careers programme and teach students how to use LMI to inform their career decisions.

## Why LMI is important when looking for a job...



LMI can help students discover if a job would suit them! For example, LMI may tell you that a certain job involves 100% office work. Would this suit you?



LMI can tell students what job areas are growing or declining. Would you train for a job that might not exist in 5 years' time? LMI can help you avoid this!



Have a career in mind? LMI can help students find what qualifications they need to get there!



LMI can help students find how much you can earn in a certain job. This could include the average annual or weekly salary.



LMI can help students recognise what skills are required for a certain job and how these skills link to skills they already have.



LMI can help students identify which jobs are available in the region they live. If they have a career in mind they can also find where vacancies are in the UK.

## Where to find LMI...



Job profiles which include:  
Day to day account of what a job involves  
Average salaries  
What qualifications you need for specific jobs  
Skills the job requires



Job profiles which include:  
Day to day account of what a job involves  
Average salaries  
What qualifications you need for specific jobs  
Skills the job requires  
Future job prospects



This website gives a wide range of useful information on Post 16 opportunities in the Tees Valley.

Click one of the links to find out more

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

# MIDDLESBROUGH

Data sourced  
Office for  
National Statistics

### POPULATION OF

# 143,900

### NUMBER OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED

# 57,300

### TOTAL NUMBER OF BUSINESSES

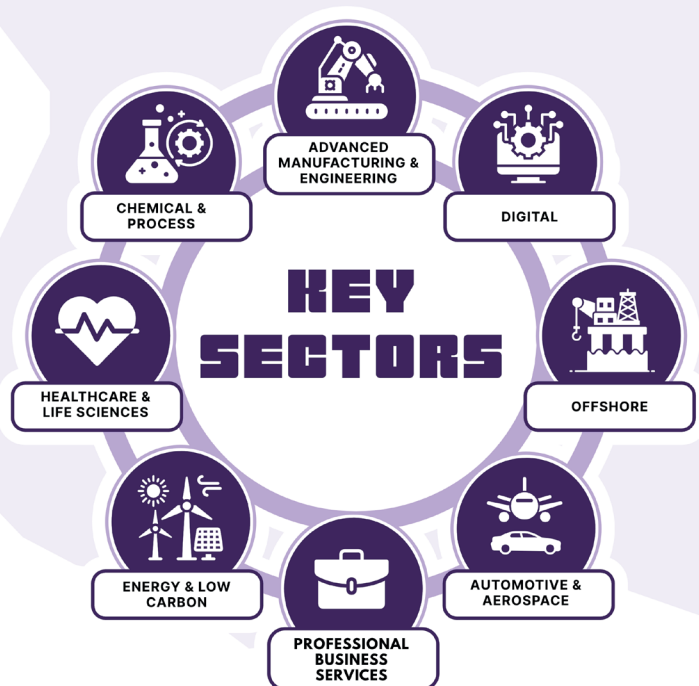
# 3,410

## COMPANIES ACROSS THE REGION



## WHERE ARE THE MOST JOBS?

|                                                      |                                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| HUMAN HEALTH & SOCIAL WORK<br><b>18,000</b>          | WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE<br><b>8,000</b>          |
| EDUCATION<br><b>7,000</b>                            | ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT SERVICES<br><b>6,000</b> |
| PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION & DEFENCES<br><b>4,000</b>     | ACCOMMODATION & FOOD SERVICES<br><b>3,500</b>     |
| PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL<br><b>2,500</b> | CONSTRUCTION<br><b>2,500</b>                      |
| TRANSPORT & STORAGE<br><b>2,000</b>                  | MANUFACTURING<br><b>2,000</b>                     |



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To find out more about opportunities  
and pathways in Tees Valley

# Introduction to Apprenticeships

## What is an apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are a great option for students who are keen to enter the world of work whilst still gaining a qualification. Apprenticeships give students an opportunity to enhance their skills and workplace experience all while earning a salary.

| Intermediate Apprenticeships | Advanced Apprenticeships | Higher and Degree Apprenticeships           |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Level 2                      | Level 3                  | Level 4, 5, 6, 7                            |
| Equivalent to GCSEs          | Equivalent to A Levels   | Equivalent to Bachelor's or Master's Degree |
| 12-18 months                 | 18-48 months             | 24 months+                                  |

## Where to find an apprenticeship?



Click one of the links to find out more

Local vacancies will be shared with Year 11 students and parent/carers via ClassCharts. They are also posted on the Careers board.

## Apprenticeship application process

The apprenticeship process may include some of the following stages:

- Submitting a CV, cover letter or application form.
- Assessment tests
- Telephone interview
- Face to face and/or group interviews.

**You are expected to find your own work placement as part of your apprenticeship. If you are applying for an apprenticeship please speak to Miss Winter for advice on applying.**

# Introduction to T Levels

**T Levels are a new two-year course being introduced by the government, primarily aimed at 16-19 year old learners. Equivalent to 3 A levels, they are a level 3 technical option that combines classroom-based learning with a strong element of on the job training through a 45-day industry placement.**

**T Levels have been developed in select subject areas, alongside employers and businesses to ensure they meet industry needs. The courses are being rolled out gradually by colleges and providers.**

**The qualification is made up of two main parts, a technical qualification and an industry placement.**

## Technical Qualification:

- Core Content (knowledge and skills relevant to all occupations covered by the T Level).
- An occupational specialism (the knowledge and practical skills to enter employment in a particular occupation).

## Industry Placement:

Every T Level will include a placement with an employer, which will last a minimum of 315 hours (approximately 45 days) but can be longer.

## What is the difference between a T Level and an apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are built for those who know what occupation they want to pursue and are ready to enter the world of work. They are typically made up of a combination of 80% on-the-job training and 20% in the classroom. T Levels have been developed in collaboration with employers and providers so that the content “meets the need of the industry and prepares the student for work”. T Levels are based on the same industrial standards as apprenticeships, created specifically by employers and approved by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education. On a T Level you will spend 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% on a placement.

# A-levels and Vocational Courses

## A-Levels

### **Are there any particular subjects and/or grades I may need?**

A-levels are an academic route where I can pick 3 subjects. Entry requirements for A-levels are grades 5 – 9.

### **If I have a particular career, job, or further study in mind, I may need to choose specific A-levels in order to meet entry requirements.**

In some subjects you will need grade 6 – 9. Some 6th Forms will require an average scoring of 5.5 (7 x 4-9 grades). Specific requirements needed to study A levels will vary across sixth forms and colleges. It's important that I check what I will need with the sixth form or college that I am looking to study at.

If I wanted to study a selection of A-level equivalents some sixth forms would allow entry grades 4 – 9.

### **How open do I want to keep my future study and career choices?**

If I am unsure what career or job I want to do, studying a selection of A levels can be a good way of keeping my options open.

The most important criteria for choosing A levels subjects are:

- In sixth forms colleges I can choose to combine A-Levels and A-Level equivalents.
- When picking an A-level college I should research each sixth form or college, looking at their previous A-level results and destinations.

## Vocational Courses

You would choose 1 vocational course. Vocational courses are more practical and hands on and will equip you with skills in a specific sector. Vocational courses are studied over 2 years and assessed through assignments, presentations, projects and examinations. You can progress onto Further Education, University, Employment, Apprenticeship or Higher apprenticeship. Entry requirements for a level 3 qualification are grade 4's/5's and above. There are different levels to suit the needs of all students.

## Skills employers are looking for...

COMMUNICATION  
SKILLS

LEADERSHIP  
SKILLS

TEAMWORK  
SKILLS

INTERPERSONAL  
SKILLS

LEARNING/  
ADAPTABILITY  
SKILLS

SELF-MANAGEMENT  
SKILLS

ORGANISATIONAL  
SKILLS

COMPUTER  
SKILLS

PROBLEM-SOLVING  
SKILLS

OPEN-MINDEDNESS

STRONG  
WORK ETHIC

## Your Feedback

We aim to continuously develop our careers programme to meet the needs of our students and the labour market. We also take into account feedback from students, employers and parent/carers to ensure our careers programme is of a high quality and takes into account the views of all stakeholders.

We would greatly appreciate your views on our current careers programme and welcome any suggestions you may have.

To leave feedback please contact Miss Winter on [winter.s@acklamgrange.org.uk](mailto:winter.s@acklamgrange.org.uk).

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