

School Leaver Information Fact Sheet

Options for summer 2015

Academic Courses

Apprenticeships

Full time work with training

Vocational Courses

Short course opportunities

Traineeships

Volunteering with training

Raising the Participation Age (RPA)

The Government has increased the age to which all young people in England must continue in education or training, requiring them to continue until their 18th birthday. . For more information visit www.essex.gov.uk/futurelearning



Remember...it is always important to have a back-up plan, so consider other options and get an application completed for plan B.

Sixth Form/College options for summer 2015

For more information on the courses available, application procedures, open events and entry requirements, please contact the establishment directly.

Establishment	Location	Contact Details
Adult Community College	Various	Telephone: 0845 603 7635 Website: www.essex.gov.uk/Adult-Learning/Pages/Default.aspx
Anglo European School	Ingatestone	Telephone: 01277 354018 Website: www.aesessex.co.uk
Basildon Academies	Basildon	Telephone: 01268 552536 Website: www.basildonacademies.org.uk
Beauchamps High School	Wickford	Telephone: 01268 735466 Website: www.beauchamps.essex.sch.uk
The Billericay School	Billericay	Telephone: 01277 655191 Website: www.billericay.essex.sch.uk
Brentwood County High	Brentwood	Telephone: 01277 238900 Website: www.bchs.essex.sch.uk
Brentwood Ursuline Convent School	Brentwood	Telephone: 01277 277156 Website: www.buchs.co.uk
The Bromfords School	Wickford	Telephone: 01268 471201 Website: www.bromfords.essex.sch.uk
Greensward Academy	Hockley	Telephone: 01702 202571 Website: www.greenswardacademy.org
Mayflower High School	Billericay	Telephone: 01277 623171 Website: www.mayflowerhigh.essex.sch.uk
NCB Studio School Basildon	Basildon	Telephone: 01268 240300 Website: www.ncbstudioschool.org.uk
SEEVIC	Benfleet	Telephone: 01268 756111 Website: www.seevic-college.ac.uk
PROCAT	Basildon	Telephone: 0800 389 3589 Website: www.procat.ac.uk
Shenfield High School	Shenfield	Telephone: 01277 219131 Website: www.shenfield.essex.sch.uk
South Essex College	Basildon, Southend and Thurrock	Telephone: 0845 52 12345 Website: www.southessex.ac.uk
St Martins School	Hutton	Telephone: 01277 238300 Website: www.st-martins.essex.sch.uk
The Appleton School	Benfleet	Telephone: 01268 794215 Website: www.theappletonschool.org
The King Edmund School	Rochford	Telephone: 01702 545771 Website: www.kes.essex.sch.uk
The King John School	Benfleet	Telephone: 01702 558284 Website: www.thekjs.essex.sch.uk
The Sweyne Park School	Rayleigh	Telephone: 01268 784721 Website: www.sweynepark.com
Other Colleges close to South Essex		
Chelmsford College	Chelmsford	Telephone: 01245 265611 Website: www.chelmsford-college.ac.uk
Havering College	Hornchurch	Telephone: 01708 455011 Website: www.havering-college.ac.uk
Havering Sixth Form College	Hornchurch	Telephone: 01708 514400 Website: www.havering-SFC.ac.uk
Palmers Sixth Form College	Grays	Telephone: 01375 370121 Website: www.palmers.ac.uk
Writtle College	Chelmsford	Telephone: 01245 424200 Website: www.writtle.ac.uk

Apprenticeships, Traineeships & Foundation Learning

- Apprenticeships give you a unique opportunity to train, gain work experience and get paid. They are advertised on the National Government website www.apprenticeships.gov.uk
- Traineeships are unpaid work experience placements with employers lasting from 5 weeks to 6 months. You will gain employability skills, functional skills and experience and it could lead to an apprenticeship with an employer
- Foundation Learning Providers offer vocational training with English and Maths to help improve your skills

For further advice on these opportunities, please call 03330139842 or email esu.interventionsouth@essex.gov.uk or visit www.facebook.com/esuessex. For information on Apprenticeships and Traineeships visit www.apprenticeships.gov.uk

Essex County Council opportunities for young people

How well do you know Essex?

Some key Essex sectors are growing, with increasing job opportunities. You may wish to take a look at these when considering your career choices, with a wide range of information available via the National Careers Service. Over 230,000 people in Essex already work in the following:

- **CONSTRUCTION:** Roles include civil engineer, plumber, joiners and central heating engineers
- **ADVANCED MANUFACTURING & ENGINEERING:** Roles include mechanical engineers, technicians and chemists
- **CARE:** Roles include care assistant, support workers, care workers and social workers
- **CREATIVE:** Roles include designers, costume design, dress maker and photographer
- **IT/TECHNOLOGY:** Roles include software developers, programmers, IT analysts and web designers
- **LOGISTICS:** Roles include LGV Drivers, distribution clerks and van drivers

Further info about how to get into these and lots of other job roles is available at:

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/jobfamily>

Find out more about these and other sectors at:

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/LMI/Pages/Sector-Index.aspx>

These sectors have been identified by the [Essex Employment and Skills Board](#), which represents local employers and educational establishments.

Name: Essex Apprentice

Project: As an apprentice you will gain recognised qualifications that are work related, while you earn a salary. Essex Apprentice opportunities are available in Creative & Digital Media, IT, Energy, Engineering, Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) and Social Care sectors.

Telephone: 03330 139858 **Website:** www.facebook.com/essexapprentice

Email: apprenticeships@essex.gov.uk

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Project: Diversity into Apprenticeships (DIA)

Essex County Council is committed to supporting young people into Apprenticeships from disadvantaged or vulnerable backgrounds, such as young people in care, those with learning difficulties and disabilities or those caring for a family member.

For more information please contact: **Telephone: 033301 39858** **Website:**
www.facebook.com/essexapprentice **Email:** apprenticeships@essex.gov.uk

Further Support

If you do not have a college/training place or you are unsure of your next step, there are Apprenticeships, Traineeships and Short Courses on offer. **Essex County Council has an Employability and Skills Intervention Team that can provide you with more information on these options including the local Foundation Learning Offer.** Our team will help you to find the right opportunities in your area and will also support you with your applications, including creating your CV. **Please contact the Employability and Skills Intervention Team on 03330139842 or email esu.interventionsouth@essex.gov.uk or visit www.facebook.com/esuessex to get your career on the move!**

IAG Advisers within the **Children and Young People with Disabilities Service** work with young people who have a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan from Year 9 onwards. They provide information, advice and guidance on education, employment and training opportunities. For more information please call: 03330 139867 or email: cypd.service@essex.gov.uk

Child Benefit Extension

If you are a school leaver and unemployed and do not have a course or training programme to start in September 2015, your parent/carer may be entitled to claim Child Benefit Extension. There is a time limit in which you can register your claim. For more information contact the local Employability and Skills Intervention Team on 03330 139842 or contact 03002003100 or visit www.gov.uk/child-benefit-16-19

Useful Websites

- **Website:** [National Careers Service](http://NationalCareersService.org.uk) **Telephone:** 0800 100 900
Details: Career Guidance website and help line.
- **Website:** www.notgoingtouni.co.uk
Details: Jobs, training and college options for those that may not go to university.
- **Website:** www.ucas.com
Details: Organisation responsible for managing applications to Higher Education courses in the UK, incorporating both Student and Parent comprehensive guides.
- **Website:** www.vinspired.com
Details: Connects 14- 25 year olds with volunteering opportunities in England.
- **Website:** www.gov.uk/further-education-skills/apprenticeships
Details: A National website providing up to date apprenticeship vacancies.
- **Website:** www.jobseekers.direct.gov.uk
Details: The job search website for the Job Centre Plus.

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