

Year 11 Parent Information Evening



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Routeways for learners



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Why we do it...

As children, many of us have that one subject that just clicks.

For some it's English, for others it's maths, art, or science. For me, it was Computer Science.

I was that kid, often the only girl, who lit up exploring the digital world. I had an amazing teacher, Gordon Neighbour, who saw my potential and encouraged me to keep going, even when I doubted myself.



Routeways Post-16 → Your options

There are 3 main pathways you can take:

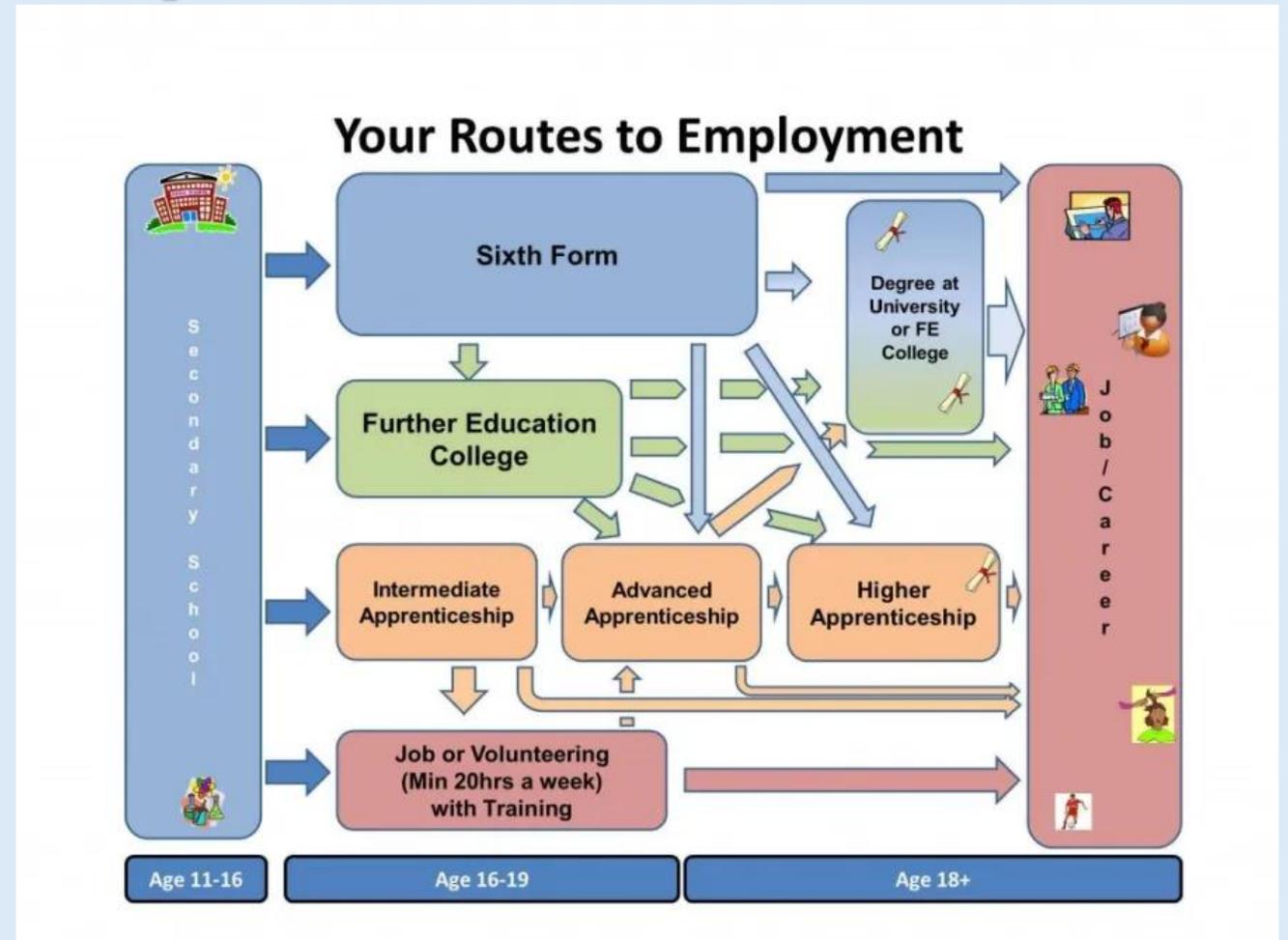
- stay in full-time education
- start an apprenticeship
- spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering, alongside part-time education or training

Your full-time education options include:

- A levels
- Vocational Technical Qualifications (VTQ) such as BTEC or Cambridge technical
- T Levels which you can do at further education college

Planning your next steps

One of the things that will help you decide on the routeway for you are the options at Post-18.



Routeways Post-18 → Your options

Once you turn 18, you can:

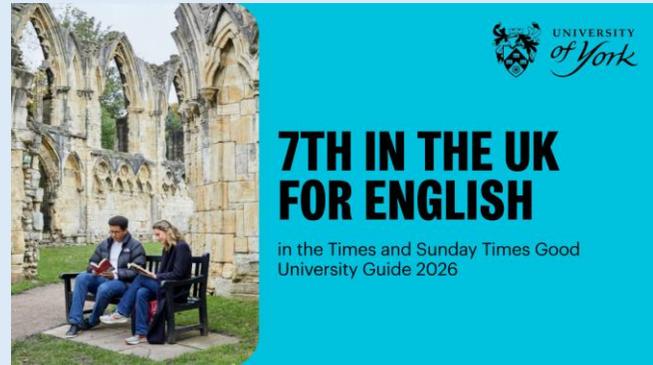
- apply for further study and continue education part-time or full-time.
- take a gap year or volunteer to develop yourself and your skills.
- start a full-time job, apprenticeship, internship or training.

Routeways Post-18 → Considerations

There are lots of things to consider with courses, such as:

- whether you'd like to study an undergraduate degree or look into higher technical qualifications.
- whether or not you'll need to move away from home for study.
- if you'll need to borrow money for tuition fees - you can find out about student finance.
- if your preferred career requires a specific qualification.

Important – research – using the right resources



Important – research – two good unbiased resources

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Quizzes	Recording	Searching
Interests profile ✓ Quiz last taken 21 Apr 20: I and C and E >	Locker ✓ 5 student items saved >	UK universities 25 shortlists >
Personality profile ✓ Quiz last taken 5 Nov 19: INFP >	Activities ✓ Recorded at least 10 >	US universities 6 shortlists >
Work environments profile ✓ Quiz last taken 5 Apr 22 >	Skills ✗ Completed all 12 >	European universities 5 shortlists >
Skills profile ✗ Quiz not taken >	Interactions ✗ Missing 5 Interaction types >	Oxbridge 1 shortlist >
Quiz profile ✗ 3 of 4 quizzes complete >	Academics ✗ 3 Classes, 3 Predicts missing >	Apprenticeships 14 shortlists >
Exploring	Placements ✗ No placements added >	Canadian universities 1 shortlist >
Careers library ✓ Careers favourited >	Materials	Asian universities 2 shortlists >
Subjects library ✓ Subjects favourited >	UK personal statement ✗ Marked as finished >	Australasian universities 1 shortlist >

Know-how library ✓ Guides favourited >	Subject References ✗ Overall Ref not finished / 3 Sub Ref, 3 not finished >	MidEast & Africa unis 1 shortlist >
Courses ✓ 1 course added, 0 completed >	CV / Resumé ✓ Tweak your CV for each role >	Irish universities 2 shortlists >
MOOCs You have 6 shortlists >	Writing tool ✗ 0 writing items added >	Connecting
Read, Watch, Listen ✓ Profiles favourited >	Common App Essay ✗ Prompt chosen >	Unifrog events Interact directly with experts >
Special opportunities 2 shortlists >	US recommenders ✗ No recommender selected >	For you feed 0 upcoming opportunities >
	Notes for Reference writers ✗ 3 notes missing >	Talent pool ✗ Not joined >
	Alternative letters ✗ No Alternative letter added >	Applications
		Post 16 Intentions ✗ Plan A and Plan B complete >
		Post 18 Intentions ✓ Plan A and Plan B complete >

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Geology - 3FT/4FT BSc (Hons)

 University of St Andrews
St Andrews, Scotland



Accommodation

Ongoing

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St Andrews has more than 4,000 bed spaces and a variety of accommodation to suit various tastes and budgets.

Getting in

2026 A Level entry requirements

A,A,A

Full-time 3 Years: Including A in Geology and A in one of the following subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Geology, Mathematics or Physics.

Subjects excluded: Citizenship Studies, Critical Thinking, Global Perspectives and Research (GPR) and General Studies.

Last year's successful applicants for Earth sciences

The average UCAS tariff for last year's successful applicants was 210, and you fall in the 20-30th percentile. This means that 20-30% of the students who were on this course last year achieved lower grades at school than the ones you entered.

45% of successful applicants did the same qualification types as you, and of these a typical result was:

A Level: ABB

taken from a speech in Homer's Iliad.

Top Third University



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BSc (Hons) Geology

[University of Aberdeen](#)

1 Location : Old Aberdeen

Save course

Course details

Study mode

Full time

Length

4 year course

Distance learning

Not Available

Placement year

Not Available

Year abroad

Optional

Foundation year

Not Available



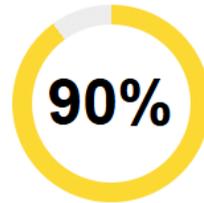
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Average Earnings

£28,000

15 months after the course for Geography,
earth and environmental studies graduates
at University of Aberdeen

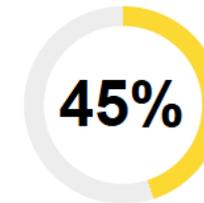
Employment



go on to work and/or study

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Graduate views



are using what they learnt during
their studies in their current work

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Student views

100%

Overall I am satisfied with the quality of the course.

Final year BSc Earth sciences students at University of Aberdeen

Student views

100%

Staff value students' views and opinions about the course.

Final year BSc Earth sciences students at University of Aberdeen

Student views

100%

Teaching staff have supported my learning well.

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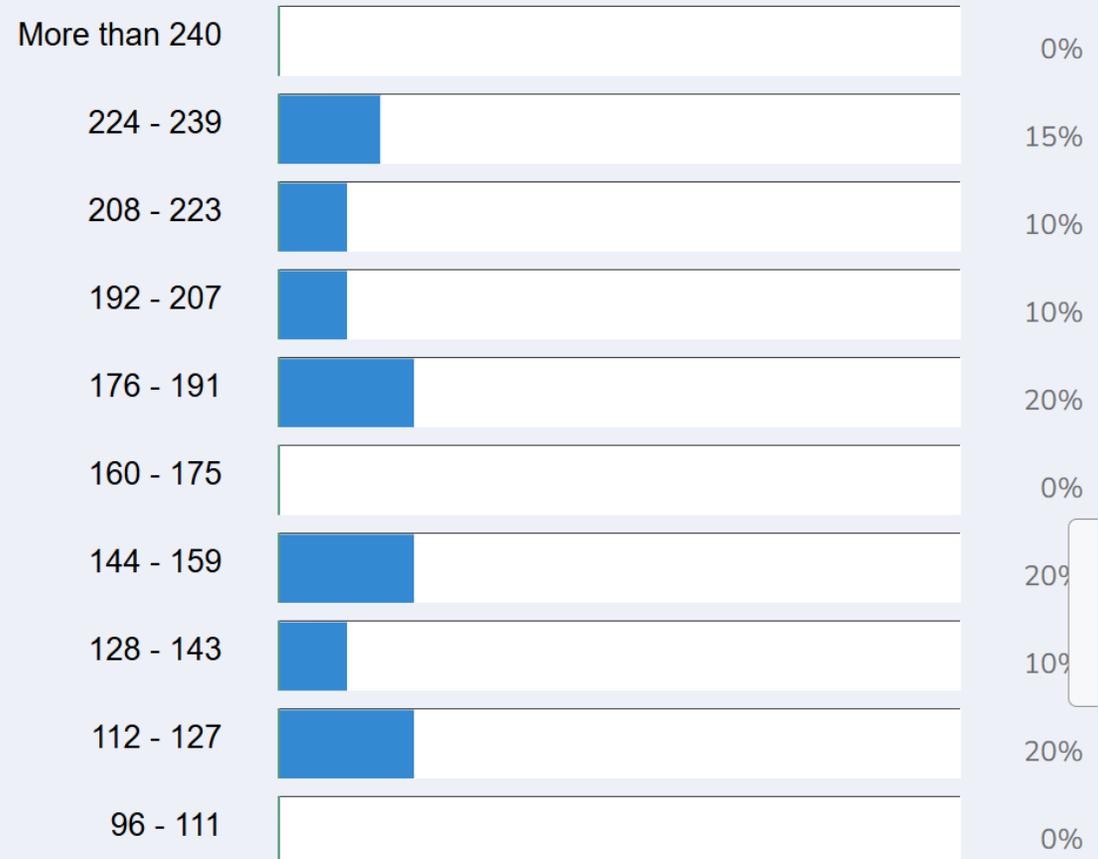
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UCAS Tariff points

Data for entrants in 2022-23

Source: [Data for individual students collected directly from universities and colleges](#)

Data from 10 students



Reasons to study Geology 101

- Based on research from the Department for Education (2025)



Geoscience graduates earn 32% more upon graduation.

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Geoscience salaries can rise 45% with 5 year's experience.

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£34,293

Median geoscience graduate salary.

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£45,870

Median geoscience salary after postgrad.

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£49,730

Median geoscience salary after 5 years.

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The Sixth Form @ TGGGS



- A levels
- Enrichment
- Leadership Opportunities
- Tutorials – life skills, study skills, RE, health and relationships

- Is it the right fit for them?
- Best value added, (i.e./ the highest A Level progress) of any A Level provider in Torbay, South Hams, Teignbridge, Plymouth or Exeter*

**Exception – Exeter Maths School*

Value added is a comparison with other students nationally who had the same GCSE starting point. TGGGS students achieve nearly 1/3rd of a grade higher in each subject than similar students at other schools

Joining The Sixth Form @ TGGGS

- Year 10 – Discovery Fair
- New Subjects Assemblies – Nov. '25
- Open Evening 11th Nov. '25 – Invitation to sign up via email tomorrow
- Applications Open 12th November – online form
- Be a Sixth Former for a Day – 16th Jan 2026
- Apply by 13th February 2026
- Enrolment – GCSE results day
- Induction Day – September 2026
- Team Building @ River Dart Country Park – September 2026



Choosing the right A Levels

- Career?
- Love (or at least like!) – explore new subjects
- Subject(s) they are good at – content and skills
- NEA / Coursework requirement

- 1 to 1 progression meeting with Sixth Form team
- Independent Careers advice?

- Sixth Form Open Evening, Taster Day, 1 to 1 progression meeting, PSHE lessons in the café, speaking to staff! Change on GCSE results day 😊 Change in September 😊