

**WHAT  
IS FE?**

**UCS**  
COLLEGE GROUP  
TRANSFORMING LIVES



## WHAT IS FE?

FE stands for Further Education

HE stands for Higher Education

### Learner Journey

Secondary School 5 years

FE College 2 – 3 years

HE University 3 – 7 years



## QUALIFICATIONS STUDIED AT COLLEGE

### A Levels

Academic option: study three subjects.

### T Levels

Academic alternative to A Levels, study one subject area.

### Vocational

BTEC and Diplomas, study one subject area.

### Apprenticeship

Earn whilst you learn, study one subject area.



# QUALIFICATION CHART

Higher Education	Level 8	Doctorate/PhD					NVQ L8			
	Level 7	Integrated Masters Degree	Masters Degree & Postgraduate Certificate & Diploma		Masters Degree & Postgraduate Certificates & Diplomas			Higher Apprenticeship	Degree Apprenticeship	NVQ L7
	Level 6		Honours Degree	Top-Up Honours Degree	Top-up Honours Degree			Higher Apprenticeship	Degree Apprenticeship	NVQ L6
	Level 5			Dip HE	Dip HE	Foundation Degree	HND	Higher Apprenticeship		NVQ L5
	Level 4			Cert HE	Cert HE		HNC	Higher Apprenticeship		NVQ L4
Secondary/Further Education	Level 3	A and AS Levels		T-Levels, BTEC, Certificate or Diploma, OCR and City & Guilds			Advanced Apprenticeship			NVQ L3
	Level 2	GCSE (Grades 4-9)		Can be L1- L3			Intermediate Apprenticeship		NVQ L2	
	Level 1	GCSE (grades 1-3)							NVQ L1	

## A LEVELS

- Widely recognised by Universities
- Classroom, lab-based, or studio learning
- Study three subjects  
eg. Economics, Law, Politics, etc
- Includes exams



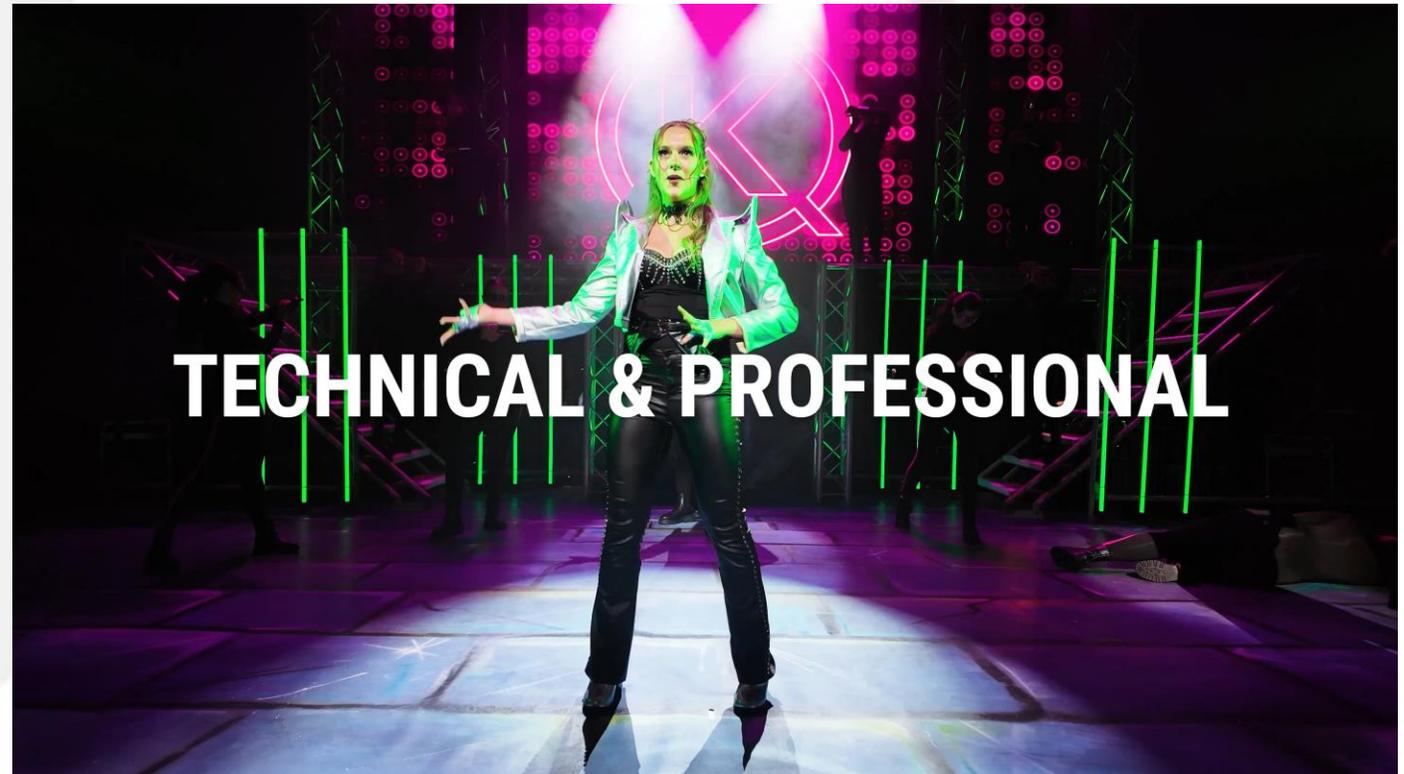
## T LEVELS

- Equivalent to three A Levels
- Study one industry area
- 315-hour industry placement
- Includes exams



## TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL (BTECS AND DIPLOMAS)

- Practical hands-on learning
- Study one industry area
- Less exam-based
- Work experience



## APPRENTICESHIPS

- Workplace learning and assessment
- Study one industry area
- Earn as you learn
- Project focused



## **STRIVE FOR YOUR TARGETS**

Strive to meet the targets that the school sets for you.

A Grade 3 or below in Maths and/or English will mean you have to continue studying them at college.

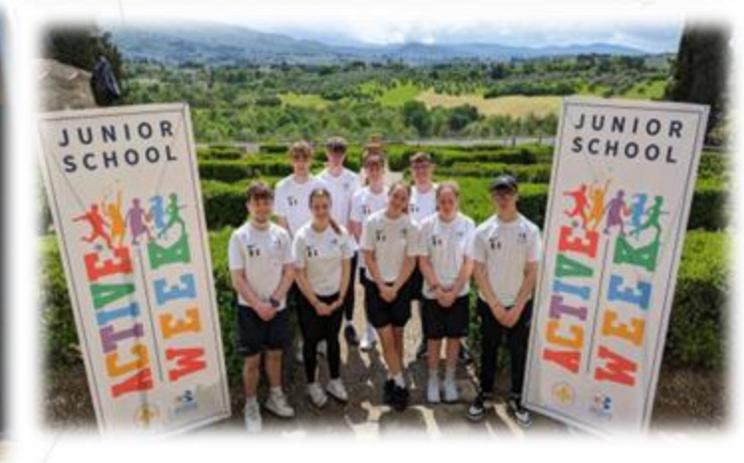
The better you perform in your GCSEs, the more options you will have when choosing your college course.



## MORE TO COLLEGE LIFE...

There is more to college life than just your studies.

- College Academies
- Course Trips
- The Student Union
- Equality and Diversity
- Adult Environment



## ACADEMIES

- Honours
- Pathways to Medicine
- Sport
- Dance
- Photography
- Fashion
- Drama
- Music
- Show Choir
- Media
- Creative Enterprise
- 999 Academy
- Technology
- Esports









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