**Overview of Level 3 and 4 Pathways**

During our first session we will be looking at the options available to students at levels 3 and 4. To get you to reflect on your current understanding of Level 3 options please use the drop-down lists below to match the options to their descriptions. We will go through the answers during the session.

**Level 3 Options**

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| Choose an item. | * Designed to help you learn in a practical way about a specific job area
* Include a significant amount of classroom-based activities
* Assessment is usually by both written and practical examinations
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| Choose an item. | * Classroom and theory based
* Involve studying a variety of different subject areas
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| Choose an item. | * Qualifications learnt whilst gaining real life work experience
* Often assessed through an EPortfolio as well as a final end-point assessment
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| Choose an item. | * Vocational qualifications
* They focus on an area of one of 16 industry sectors
* They may suit young people who are keen to learn about a particular industry or subject but don’t want to rule out Higher Education
* Assessed through both practical and written work
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| Choose an item. | * Work-based qualification
* Can take place at a college or in a workplace
* At level 3 it is roughly the equivalent of two A-Levels
* Assessed by testing skills student skills in the workplace
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| Choose an item. | * Vocational qualifications
* 2-year courses
* Mixture of classroom learning and approximately 45 days of ‘on-the-job’ learning
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| Choose an item. | * Work-based qualification
* Will be based in a workplace but will have an associated college or training provider
* Earn a wage at the same time as learning
* At level 3 it is considered to be the same level as two A Levels
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| Choose an item. | * These are academic qualifications
* Graded on an A\*- E system
* Assessment is mainly exam-based
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| Choose an item. | * This represents the final 2 years of secondary education
* They tend to focus on academic subjects such as A-Levels and BTECs
* They are often based at Schools, acting as year 12&13
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| Choose an item. | * These providers often offer a much wider range of courses at different levels including an opportunity to retake level 2 qualifications
* This provider is a less structured environment to be able to effectively house a range of students who’s time at the college will vary
* Being independent from Schools, they have greater provision to take non-traditional students who may not be coming directly from school
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| Choose an item. | * These providers offer a work-related training and qualifications such as NVQs and Apprenticeships
* They are often much smaller institutions than Sixth Forms or Colleges but can offer more specialised training
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