

### Class of 2021

You have to be in some form of recognised study or training until your 18th birthday – you can do Apprenticeships and Traineeships, for example, but couldn't go straight into a full-time job.

You will have plenty of options to choose from when it comes to education, training or entering the world of work after you get your GCSE results.

- Vocational qualifications
  - GCSEs don't have to lead to A Levels. You might find that vocational qualifications like BTECs and T-levels are a better option because they're a practical springboard into a career that involves hands-on learning.
- A Levels
  - You can check with your several local sixth forms and colleges to find out what's involved in studying A Levels.
- Apprenticeships
  - Apprenticeships are a way to combine earning a salary, building experience and learning to gain a qualification.

Provider	Address	Phone number	Website	Entry Requirements	Application deadline
Bedford Academy	Mile Road Bedford MK42 9TR	01234 301500	<a href="https://www.bedfordacademy.co.uk/sixth-form/6.html">https://www.bedfordacademy.co.uk/sixth-form/6.html</a>	Five level 2 qualifications at a grade 4 or above. This must include at least 3 GCSE qualifications and English or Maths. For A Level subjects, a grade 6 is required in that subject (or a facilitating subject) at GCSE. For BTEC subjects, a Merit in that subject (or a facilitating subject) is required at Level 2.	Virtual open evening will be available via the website soon Application deadline TBC
Biddenham International School and Sports College	Biddenham Turn, Biddenham. MK40 4AZ	01234 342521	<a href="https://www.biddenham.beds.sch.uk/sixth-form/">https://www.biddenham.beds.sch.uk/sixth-form/</a>	Level 3 courses – 5 GCSEs inc. Eng Language & Maths Level 2 courses – 6 GCSEs at Grade 3 or above inc. English & Maths Higher grade requirements for specific subjects	January 2021 (date TBC)
Kempston Challenger Academy	Kempston Challenger Academy Hill Rise, Kempston Bedford MK42 7EB	01234 290900	<a href="https://www.kempstonchallengeracademy.org/sixth-form/">https://www.kempstonchallengeracademy.org/sixth-form/</a>	Level 2 qualifications at grade 4 or above. Check the website for entry levels requirements for specific subjects.	Date TBC

Kimberley Sixth Form College	Green Lane, Stewartby, Beds. MK43 9LY	01234 762890	<a href="https://www.kimberleycollege.co.uk/">https://www.kimberleycollege.co.uk/</a>	7 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above (ideally including English Language & Maths) Higher grade requirements for specific subjects	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November
Mark Rutherford School	Wentworth Drive, Bedford. MK41 8PX	01234 290200	<a href="http://www.markrutherford.beds.sch.uk/information_6thform.asp">http://www.markrutherford.beds.sch.uk/information_6thform.asp</a>	7 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English & Maths Higher grade requirements for specific subjects	Open all year for external applications
Sharnbrook Academy Sixth Form	Odell Road, Sharnbrook, Bedford. MK44 1LE	01234 782191	<a href="https://www.sharnbrook.beds.sch.uk/sixth-form/">https://www.sharnbrook.beds.sch.uk/sixth-form/</a>	5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above inc. English Language & Maths Higher grade requirements for specific subjects (only 2 BTECs can be counted for those wishing to study A Levels)	January 2021 (date TBC)
St Thomas More Sixth Form	Tyne Crescent, Bedford. MK41 7UL	01234 400222	<a href="https://www.st-thomasmore.org.uk/6thform">https://www.st-thomasmore.org.uk/6thform</a>	3 GCSEs at Grade 6 for A Levels or 3 BTECs at Merit for BTEC Level 3 Min. Grade 4 in English for subjects not previously studied Higher grade requirements for specific subjects	January 2021 (date TBC)
The Bedford Sixth Form	Bromham Road, Bedford. MK40 2BS	01234 291291	<a href="https://www.bedfordsixthform.ac.uk/">https://www.bedfordsixthform.ac.uk/</a>	Grade 4 (C) in English Language or Literature and a minimum of a Grade 3 (D) in Maths At least 5 GCSE Grade 4 (C) or above (1 Vocational or Technical Qualification at Merit or above may be counted) and Average GCSE (best 8) of at least a 4 (38 on the old points table) and Grade 4 (C or Merit), at least, in any subject previously studied	TBC Apply online
Bedford College	Cauldwell Street, Bedford. MK42 9AH	01234 291000	<a href="https://www.bedford.ac.uk/">https://www.bedford.ac.uk/</a> <a href="https://bedfordcollegegroupopendays.co.uk/">https://bedfordcollegegroupopendays.co.uk/</a>	Level 1 – normally 3 GCSEs at Grade 1 or above. Level 2 – normally 3 GCSEs at Grade 3 or above. Level 3 – normally 4/5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English (and sometimes Maths)  Foundation Learning – This programme is designed to support young people with identified learning difficulties and / or disabilities. There are no minimum grade requirements.	TBC  Apply online

Central Bedfordshire College	Several campuses	01582 477 776	<a href="https://www.centralbeds.ac.uk/">https://www.centralbeds.ac.uk/</a>	Check website for information about different courses and different courses	TBC - Check website Apply online
Moulton College	West Street, Moulton, Northampton. NN3 7RR	01604 491131	<a href="https://www.moulton.ac.uk/">https://www.moulton.ac.uk/</a>	Please see website for specific course requirements and application deadlines Transport to Moulton College runs from Bedford for college students	TBC – check website Apply online
Milton Keynes College	Woughton Campus West, Chaffron Way, Leadenhall, Milton Keynes. MK6 5LP	01908 684551	<a href="https://www.mkcollege.ac.uk/">https://www.mkcollege.ac.uk/</a>	Please see website for specific course requirements and application deadlines	Check website
Shuttleworth College	Old Warden Park, Biggleswade. SG18 9DX	01767 626222	<a href="https://www.shuttleworth.ac.uk/">https://www.shuttleworth.ac.uk/</a>	Level 1 – normally 3 GCSEs at Grade 1 or above Level 2 – normally 3 GCSEs at Grade 3 or above Level 3 – normally 4/5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English (and sometimes Maths) Transport to Shuttleworth College runs from Bedford for college students	TBC – check website
The Football Education Academy	Lakeview Wixams MK42 6BE	073060 24046	<a href="http://www.thefootballeducationacademy.co.uk">www.thefootballeducationacademy.co.uk</a>	Apply online; book an online interview and you will be sent a presentation. Students are enrolled at Bedford Academy Sixth Form but study off-site at Lakeview in Wixams. Check the website to register and find details about entry grades	TBC – check website
Bedford Girls School	Cardington Rd, Bedford MK42 0BX	01234 361900	<a href="https://www.bedfordgirlsschool.co.uk/479/admissions/open-mornings">https://www.bedfordgirlsschool.co.uk/479/admissions/open-mornings</a>	You can book individual tours via the website Check the website for information about tuition fees.	Contact the school

Bedford Modern	Manton Ln, Bedford MK41 7NT	01234 332500	<a href="https://www.bedford.co.uk/admissions/visit-us/">https://www.bedford.co.uk/admissions/visit-us/</a>	Check the website for information about tours and tuition fees	Contact the school
Bedford School	De Parys Avenue, BedfordBedfordshire, MK40 2TU	01234 362216	<a href="https://www.bedfordschool.org.uk/admissions/visits-open-mornings/small-group-tours/">https://www.bedfordschool.org.uk/admissions/visits-open-mornings/small-group-tours/</a>	Book a tour via the website. Check website for tuition fees	Contact the school

*If none of the above appeal to you in any way, don't worry. Here are some phone numbers and websites you can use to speak to a professional careers adviser who will help and support your situation as best they can.*

Provider	Phone number	Website
National Careers Service	0800 100 900	<a href="https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/webchat/chat">https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/webchat/chat</a> <a href="https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/">https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/</a>  Text your name and the word ADVICE to 07766 413219 and an adviser will call you back for free. You can also use this text number to ask for information like telephone numbers and addresses.
Bedford Borough Council	01234 223510	<a href="https://www.bedford.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers/jobs-hub/careers-advice-and-guidance/">https://www.bedford.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers/jobs-hub/careers-advice-and-guidance/</a> <b>Faye Gadsby – Careers Advisor for Goldington Academy – 01234 276107</b>
Bedford College	01234 291943	<a href="https://www.bedford.ac.uk/student-support/careers-advice">https://www.bedford.ac.uk/student-support/careers-advice</a>