

School Leaver Information Fact Sheet

Options for summer 2017

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 2017

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

Establishment	Location	Contact Details
Boswells School	Chelmsford	Telephone: 01245 264451 Website: www.boswells.essex.sch.uk
Braintree Sixth Form College	Braintree	Telephone: 01376 556353 Website: www.braintreesixthform.com
Braintree Town Football Club Academy	Braintree	Telephone: 01376 330976 Website: http://communityiron.co.uk/academy/
Chelmer Valley High School	Chelmsford	Telephone: 01245 440232 Website: www.chelmervalleyhighschool.co.uk
Chelmsford College	Chelmsford	Telephone: 01245 265611 or 01245 293031 Website: www.chelmsford.ac.uk
Chelmsford County High for Girls	Chelmsford	Telephone: 01245 352592 Website: www.cchs.co.uk
Great Baddow High School	Chelmsford	Telephone: 01245 265821 Website: www.gbhs.co.uk
Hedingham School	Sible Hedingham	Telephone: 01787 460470 Website: www.hedingham.essex.sch.uk
Hylands School	Chelmsford	Telephone: 01245 266766 Website: www.hylands.essex.sch.uk
King Edward VI Grammar School	Chelmsford	Telephone: 01245 353510 Website: www.kegs.org.uk
Maltings Academy	Witham	Telephone: 01376 512911 Website: www.maltingsacademy.org
Moulsham High School	Chelmsford	Telephone: 01245 260101 Website: www.moulshamhigh.org
New Rickstones Academy	Witham	Telephone: 01376 515756 Website: www.newrickstonesacademy.org
Ormiston Rivers Academy	Burnham on Crouch	Telephone: 01621 782377 Website: www.ormistonriversacademy.co.uk
Sandon School	Chelmsford	Telephone: 01245 473611 Website: www.sandon.essex.sch.uk
St John Payne	Chelmsford	Telephone: 01245 256030 Website: www.sjp.essex.sch.uk
The College at Braintree	Braintree	Telephone: 01206 712 000 Website: www.colchester.ac.uk/about-us/campuses/braintree
The Plume	Maldon	Telephone: 01621 854681 Website: www.plume.essex.sch.uk
William De Ferrers School	South Woodham Ferrers	Telephone: 01245 326326 Website: www.williamdeferrers.essex.sch.uk
Writtle College	Writtle	Telephone: 01245 424200 Website: www.writtle.ac.uk
Other Colleges close to Mid Essex		
Easton & Otley College	Ipswich – Bus available	Telephone: 01473 785543 Website: www.eastonotley.ac.uk
PROCAT	Basildon	Telephone: 0800 389 3589 Website: www.procat.ac.uk
South Essex College	Basildon, Southend and Thurrock	Telephone: 0845 52 12345 Website: www.southessex.ac.uk
Thurstable College	Tiptree	Telephone: 01621 816526 Website: www.thurstable.essex.sch.uk

Are you still unsure about what college course to take? Speak to your school or call the Employability & Skills Team for some impartial advice on 03330 138960

Apprenticeships, Traineeships & Foundation Learning

- Apprenticeships give you a unique opportunity to gain a qualification, get work experience and earn a wage at the same time. Apprenticeships are now available from Level 2 (equivalent to GCSE A – C / 9 - 4) to Levels 4, 6 and 7 (equivalent to degree level) in some occupational areas.
- Traineeships are work experience placements with employers (occasionally paid) lasting from six weeks to six months. You will gain employability skills, functional skills and experience and it could lead to an apprenticeship with an employer
- Both Apprenticeships and Traineeships are advertised on the National Government website www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
- Foundation Learning Providers offer vocational training, with English and maths qualifications to help improve your skills and get you ready to undertake an Apprenticeship opportunity

For further advice on these opportunities, please call 03330 138960 or email

esuintervention.mid@essex.gov.uk or visit www.facebook.com/esuessex

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Essex County Council opportunities for young people

How well do you know Essex?

Essex is facing big changes, and you can be a part of it. With the following key sectors all currently growing in the Essex area, there are hundreds of thousands of exciting career opportunities available right on your doorstep.

Care

Top local employers: Essex County Council, the National Health Service and Forest Care Limited

Top advertised vacancies: Care workers and home careers, Social workers, Nursery nurses

Construction

Top local employers: Morgan Sindall, TRS Consulting, ARC Incorporated Limited, Cadman Group

Top advertised vacancies: Quantity Surveyors, Electrical and Electronic trades and Production Manager and Directors in Construction

Manufacturing and Engineering

Top local employers: BAE Systems, Raytheon and Ford

Top advertised vacancies: Plant and machine operative, Engineering technicians, Design and development engineers

Logistics

Top local employers: DP World, Stobart Air, DSV and London Container Services

Top advertised vacancies: Large goods vehicle drivers, Van drivers, Elementary storage occupations, Fork-lift truck drivers and Importers and exporters

Finance

Top local employers: Alpine Insurance, IFDS and MS AMLIN

Top advertised vacancies: Chartered and Certified Accountants, Estimators, Valuers and Assessors, Finance and Investment Analyst and Advisers

I.T, Digital and Creative

Top local employers: BT, Aphonic and Coast Digital

Top advertised vacancies: Programmers and software development professionals, Marketing associate professionals, IT user support technicians, IT business analysts

Health

Top local employers: National Health Service, BUPA, Care UK

Top advertised vacancies: Nurses, Medical practitioners, Health associate professionals, Physiotherapists and Nursing auxiliaries and assistants

These sectors have been identified by the Essex Employer and Skills Board which represents local employers and educational establishments.

What's Next?

Are you unsure about your next step?

Essex County Council has an **Employability and Skills Intervention Team** that can provide you with more information on all of your options including apprenticeships, college, employment, short courses and volunteering opportunities.

Our team of experienced and friendly advisers **have achieved over 5,000 placements in the past three years** into education, employment or training. We 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 **03330 138960** or email esuintervention.mid@essex.gov.uk or visit www.facebook.com/esuessex to get your career on the move!

Child Benefit Extension

If you are a school leaver and unemployed and do not have a course or training programme to start in September 2017, 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 **Employability and Skills Intervention Team** on **03330 138960** or contact **0300 200 3100** or visit www.gov.uk/child-benefit-16-19

Parent Support

Parents and guardians of young people that are due to leave education often have many questions regarding the options that are available for their children, and the support that they can access. The **Employability and Skills Intervention Team** are happy to provide information, advice and guidance to parents / guardians to support the family with decision making for career options and next steps. For more information please call **03330 138960** or email esuintervention.mid@essex.gov.uk

Useful Websites

- **Website:** www.essexesb.co.uk
Details: Keep up with current and future skills trends across Essex
- **Website:** www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk
Details: Help, support and opportunities for young people finding their first job
- **Website:** <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.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
- **Website:** www.ucasprogress.com
Details: information for all post 16 options with course search facility
- **Website:** www.vinspired.com
Details: Connects 14- 25 year olds with volunteering opportunities in England
- **Website:** <https://www.gov.uk/jobsearch>
Details: The job search website for the Job Centre Plus

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