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Post 16 and Careers Fair 2024

PS16 Parent Briefing



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Class of 2025
*History
Makers*

How will you make history this year?!

2023-2024 Cohort Destinations

WQE – 33%

Leicester College – 24%

Beauchamp City Sixth Form – 15%

Gateway College – 7%

Loughborough – 4%

HOET – 2%

Apprenticeships – 2%

The CMA careers journey

Look at what you have learnt, experienced and achieved during the past four years at CMA...

- **Year 7 - Awareness**
- **Year 8 - Explore**
- **Year 9 - Consider**
- **Year 10 - Experience**

Year 11 – Decide

You will be supported in the decision-making process linked to post-16 destinations; you will be provided with information about future options and pathways and guided and supported through the application process.



The process over the next few months

HALF TERM 1: SEPT – OCT 2024

- Research and discover more about the post 16 opportunities available to you – in lessons, online, at events and through discussions.



HALF TERM 2: OCT – DEC 2024

- Year 11 progress evenings and core mocks.
- Application process on PS16 for the courses you would like to pursue, including creation of your personal statement with support in English lessons.
- **Submit your post 16 applications by 13 December 2024.**
- Note if you are interested in pursuing an apprenticeship, you will also be asked to complete applications through PS16 so that you have a 'Plan B'.



HALF TERM 4: Feb – April 2024

- Take part in post 16 provider interviews.
- Accept all offers from providers.
- Year 11 progress evenings.
- Support with apprenticeship applications.



HALF TERM 3: JAN – FEB 2024

- Year 11 mock exams.
- Interview techniques day.



HALF TERM 5: APRIL 2024 ONWARDS... WORK HARD TO SUCCEED IN EXAMS!!

Results Day: Celebrate and enrol at post 16 provider of your choice!!

Post 16 pathways - how will you decide?

What subjects do I enjoy?

Are there entry requirements for the degree course I want to study?

What am I good at?

How do I like to learn and be assessed

Do I have any career aspirations where I need specific courses or subjects?

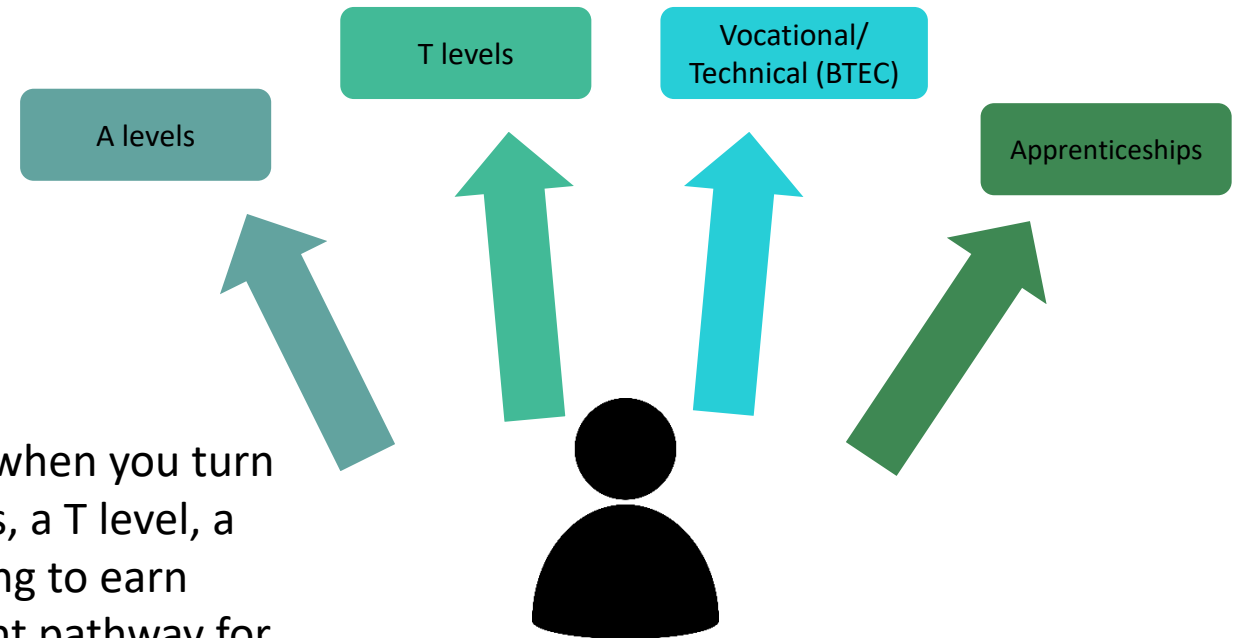
What course is the right level for me?

Are there any particular sectors I am interested in?

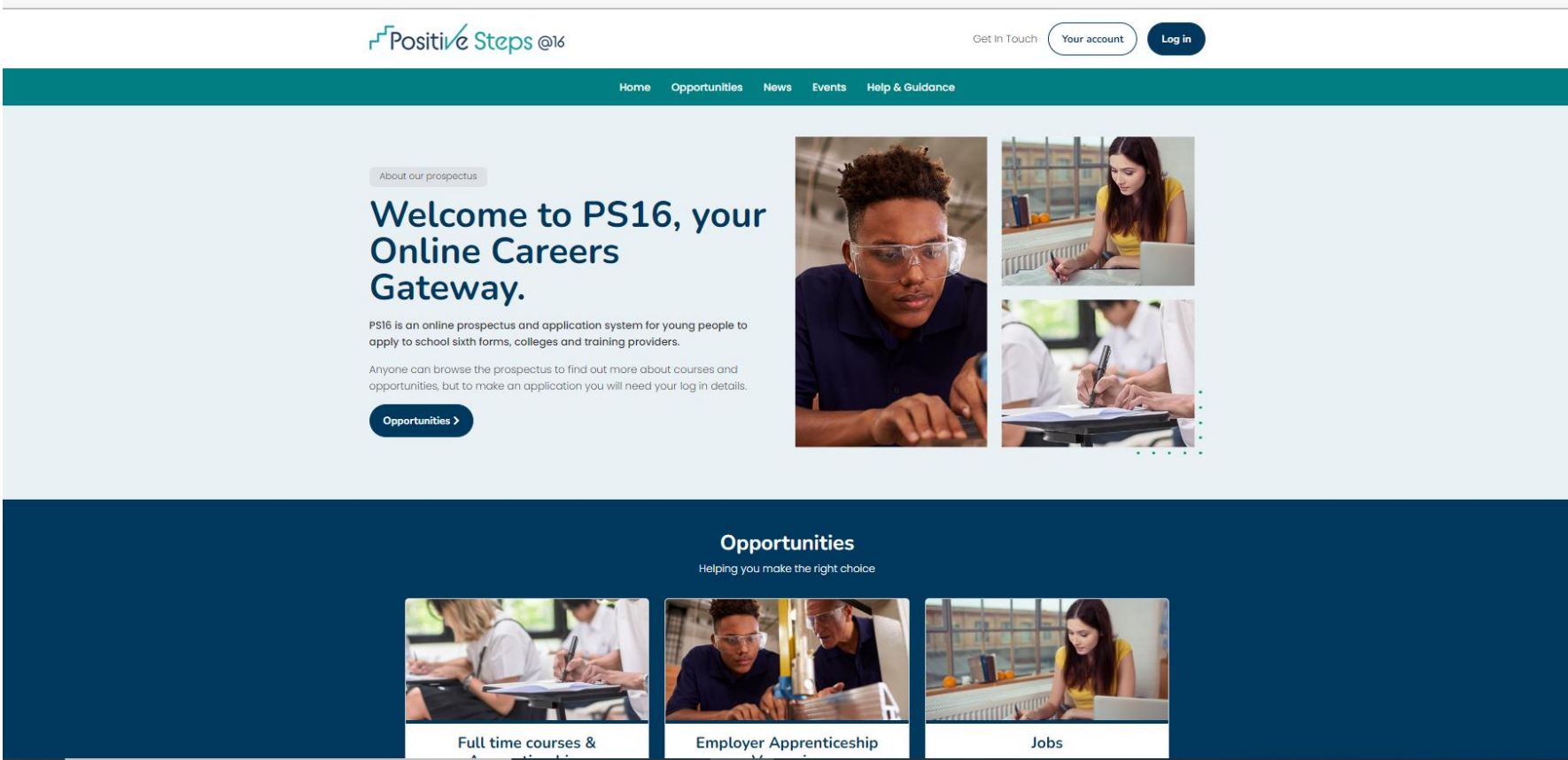
Post 16 pathways - how will you decide?

It is compulsory for young people to be in education or training until the age of 18.

There are plenty of different routes to go down when you turn 16, whether that's going to college to do A levels, a T level, a vocational/technical course like a BTEC, or starting to earn while learning as an apprentice. What is the right pathway for you?



PS16 portal



The screenshot shows the PS16 portal website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo 'Positive Steps @16' on the left, and 'Get in Touch', 'Your account', and 'Log in' buttons on the right. Below the navigation bar is a teal header with links for 'Home', 'Opportunities', 'News', 'Events', and 'Help & Guidance'. The main content area features a large heading 'Welcome to PS16, your Online Careers Gateway.' with a sub-heading 'About our prospectus'. Below this is a paragraph explaining that PS16 is an online prospectus and application system for young people to apply to school sixth forms, colleges, and training providers. It also mentions that anyone can browse the prospectus, but logging in is required for applications. A button labeled 'Opportunities >' is positioned below the text. To the right of the text are three images: a young man wearing safety glasses, a young woman working on a laptop, and a young man writing in a notebook. Below this section is a dark blue banner with the heading 'Opportunities' and the sub-heading 'Helping you make the right choice'. Underneath the banner are three columns, each with an image and a caption: 'Full time courses & Apprenticeships', 'Employer Apprenticeship', and 'Jobs'.

Your profile

Your individual user information that is used for creating your applications.



< Back to your account

This is all about you, CASTLE TEST

In order to complete your profile, please work through and complete each of the sections.

Personal Details

Information about you.

Status **Incomplete**

Update details >

Address

Information about where you live.

Status **Incomplete**

Update details >

Health

Information about your health.

Status **Incomplete**

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Parental Information

Contact details of your parent, carer or guardian.

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Qualifications

List all your qualifications from secondary education onwards.

Work Experience

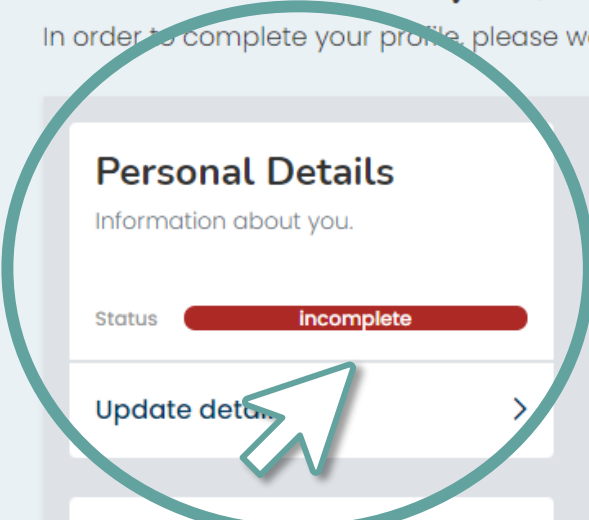
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Personal Statement

Your chance to describe your ambitions, skills, and experience.

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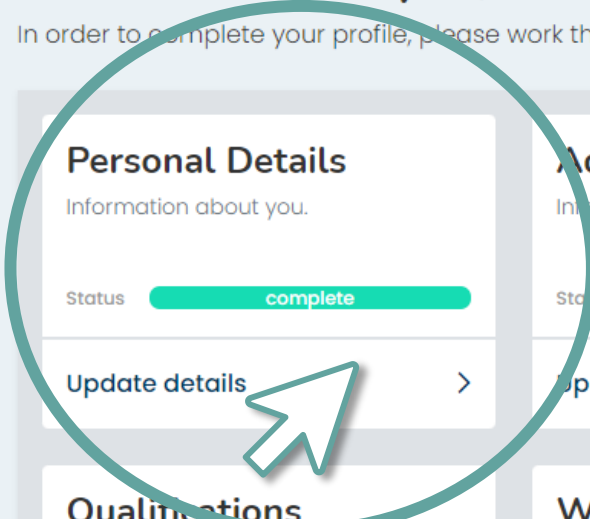
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Qualifications

Add all the qualifications you are currently studying at school. You will also need to add the ones that you have completed and have a result for.

Your qualifications

English	GCSE or Equivalent	5 (p)	06/2022	Edit Qualification	Delete Qualification
Maths	GCSE or Equivalent	7 (p)	06/2022	Edit Qualification	Delete Qualification
History	GCSE or Equivalent	6 (p)	06/2022	Edit Qualification	Delete Qualification

Add a new qualification

Subject

Qualification Type

Grade

Entry Type

Completion Date
Month Year

[Add Qualification](#)

[Cancel](#)

At a glance...

How much have you completed?

- ✓ [Personal Details](#)
- ✓ [Address](#)
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- ✗ [Personal Statement](#)
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- ✗ [Work Experience](#)

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Work Experience

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I have not had the opportunity to undertake any form of work experience.

In April 2023, I carried out a one-week work experience placement at Town Nursery. The experience firmly cemented my aspirations to work in the education sector. During the week, I supported the class teacher in setting up and assisting with a variety of activities including phonics, art and PE. I enjoyed working with the children in small groups to develop their reading skills. I developed my confidence in communicating with adults in a professional manner and also my ability to think on my feet and solve problems quickly. As I had to travel by bus to the placement, the experience also developed my independence and time management skills. My supervisor gave me an amazing report at the end of the week and offered me further work experience during the summer.

You have 5000 characters remaining

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[Cancel](#)

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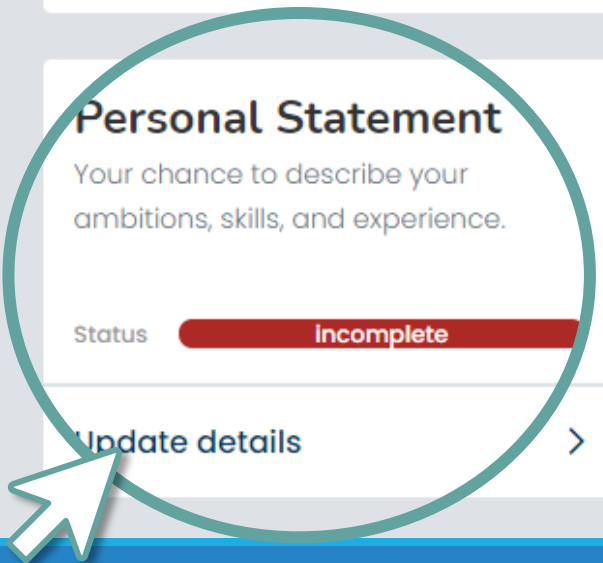
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Constructing a personal statement

Four key sections

- 1. About you – what kind of person are you?** (Tell the post 16 provider how brilliant you are and what you are proud of!)
- 2. What have you done in school?** (Subjects studied and favourite subjects but other achievements and successes you are proud of!)
- 3. What do you do outside of school?** (Hobbies, interests and commitments and the skills and qualities this has helped you to develop.)
- 4. Summing up** (Finish with a flourish - including any career aspirations or plans for the future.)

Personal statement – key reminders

- Show your unique strengths – be proud!
- Be enthusiastic but be truthful.
- Provide examples of how you demonstrate skills and qualities.
- Relate to any aspirations you have if applicable.
- Expect to produce several drafts.
- Proofread as many times as possible.
- Ask people you trust for their feedback.
- Ensure you have provided enough detail.

Opportunities

Helping you to make the right choice.



Search for courses

What do you want to study? Full time courses ▼ Search



Full time courses

Browse our range of both vocational and academic courses and get your career off to a flying start.



Employer apprenticeship vacancies

Use this search to look for current vacancies.



Jobs

Browse our range of courses

Filter by

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Advanced Football Development Academy

College



Beauchamp City Sixth Form

Sixth Form



Beauchamp College

School with 6th form



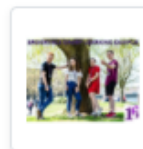
Bradgate Sixth Form

Sixth Form



Brooksby Melton College

College



Brookvale Groby Learning Campus

School with 6th form



Cedars Martin Sixth Form College

Academy with 6th form



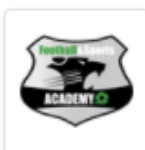
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School with 6th form



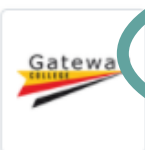
English Martyrs Catholic School

Academy with 6th form



FSD Academy

College



Gateway Sixth Form College

College



Leicester College

College with learners



Loughborough College

College



Lutterworth College

Academy with 6th form




New College Leicester

School with 6th form

Filters

Select the type of course you're interested in to filter your results.

 Clear filters

2021-2022

- All Areas -

- All Qualifications -

- All Sectors -

Level 2

Gateway Sixth Form Colle

Apply filters

General guide to levels at college

Achievement grades 1s & 2s = Level 1 at college

Achievement grades of at least 4 x grade 3s including English Language & Maths = Level 2 at college

Achievement grades of 5 or 6 x grade 4s and above including English Language & Maths = Level 3 BTEC, T Levels and some A levels (**check the standard college requirements for Level 3 A level study**)

6 or more grade 5s and above including English Language & Maths = Level 3 BTEC, T Levels and A levels (**check the specific entry requirements for each A level course as well**)

Always check the entry requirements for each course at each college against your progress grades in the Qualifications section of your PS16 profile .

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A Level: Accounting

Loughborough College

Radmoor Road, Loughborough, Loughborough, Leics, LE11 3BT

GCE A/AS Level or Equivalent Level 3 AIQAC



Entry requirements

Minimum Entry Requirements

- All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

Subject Specific Entry Requirements




- GCSE English Language and Maths at grade 5.

Loughborough
COLLEGE

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Available start dates

01 September 2022

 Loughborough College  2 Year(s)  Full time  Daytime/working hours

Add to Favourites

Welcome back, CASTLE TEST

What do you want to do today?

Apply

You need to fully complete both your profile and next steps before you can make an application.

Your profile

A record of your information.

Status complete

[Update your details](#) >

Your next step

Where you plan to go after year 11?

Status incomplete

[Change destination](#) >

Your Applications

Management centre.

[Review applications](#) >

At a glance...

Everything you need to know about in one handy place.

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You haven't created an application yet.

Tools

This is where you can access additional packages.

Message centre

You have **0 new messages.**

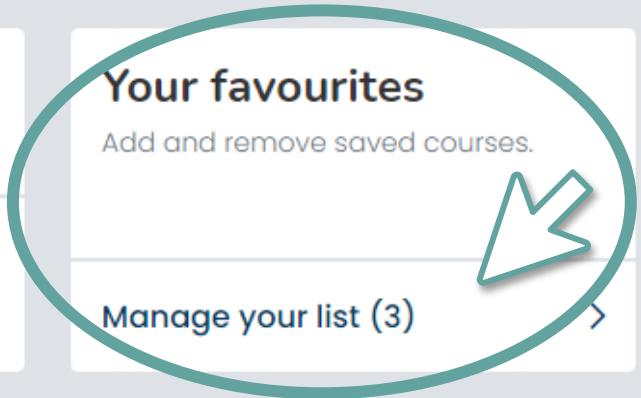
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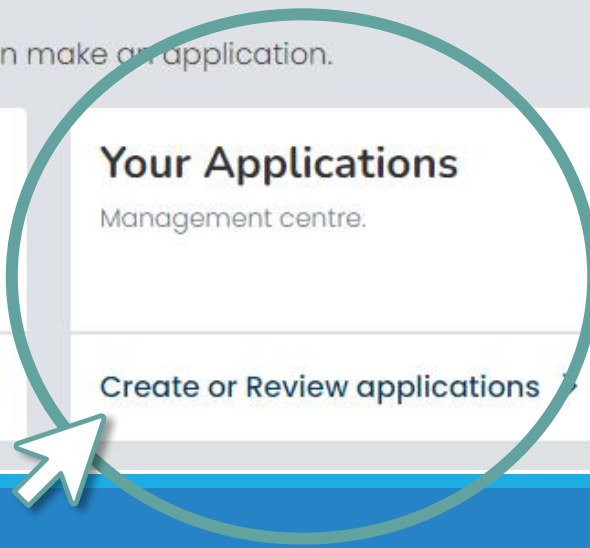
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2. Double-check your choice and order by preference.

Please note - any courses with a red background are no longer available and need to be removed from your application.

Loughborough College

1 A Level: Business Studies (Level 3)



2 A Level: Accounting (Level 3)



3 A Level: Law (Level 3)



3. Why have you chosen the course(s)?

For example, they will lead to a type of career, in an area that you are interested in etc. If you have chosen different types of courses, you should also explain why. Don't feel you have to write too much here.

I have chosen these A Levels as it is my plan to eventually study law at university. I would like to study at Loughborough College as I visited your open day and strongly believe the values of the college and the environment suit my learning style.

Save and continue

Cancel

Preference

Application Preference *

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Additional support

Will you need support at your College interview? *

If you answer yes to this question, the college may contact you for further information

No

Consent

Please note that if you do not consent your on-line application will not be shared and you will have to apply using a different format. Please contact the provider directly to find out more.

- I have read and give my explicit consent for the personal information about me that is saved on this site to be held by Leicester City Council, and for this information to be shared with my existing and other educational institutions This includes schools/acadamies, colleges and training providers to whom I apply, and for the purposes described in, and processed in accordance with, The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679 and the Data Protection Act 2018 [subject to Royal Assent], and outlined in the site's Privacy Notice. The information will only be processed for the purposes of training and education and the provision of grants and benefits.
- I have reviewed the application, I'm satisfied with the contents and wish to send it to the provider.

Send your application

Cancel

You can create a new application or review your existing applications.

Standard Application

This is **the most popular** application and can be used for any provider.

Create a new application

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Information

You are all up to date :)

Existing applications

Check back often to see any changes.

Set my final choice

Sent Pending Reference

Your application will be sent once a reference has been added by your tutor.

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Loughborough College (492142) 

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Add and remove saved courses.

[Manage your list \(5\)](#) >

Privacy & personalisation

Your data and preferences that help make our services more useful to you.

Account Settings

[View your options](#) >

Privacy Settings

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Set my final choice

Acknowledged

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WQE (710392)

Business : Level 1 Certificate in Employability

Withdraw

Change

PDF



3

Gateway Sixth Form College (710393)

Level 1 Business Administration

Withdraw

Change

PDF



Conditional Offer

An offer has been made by your provider, click the Your Offer button to find out more.

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Leicester College (710385)

Business Administration BTEC Diploma level 1

Your Offer

Withdraw

Change

PDF



Existing applications

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1 Leicester College (710385)
Business Administration BTEC Diploma level 1

Conditional Offer

This is your offer for **Leicester College**.
Subject to meeting the entry requirements as
stated on the College website and a satisfactory
reference/school report showing 90%
attendance. You will receive a formal letter
regarding your conditional offer from the

Accept

Reject

Cancel

Withdraw

Change

PDF



Withdraw

Change

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Your Offer

Withdraw

Change

PDF



Key reminders

- Any queries, please see a member of the careers team.
- Visit providers this evening and then attend their open events.
- Research providers, courses and entry requirements on PS16. (All PPTs on CMA website).
- Support scholars to complete the application process via PS16 and ensure that all information provided is accurate.
- Remind scholars to check PS16 account and emails every couple of days.