ABOUT ME

Start your career planning here...

FILL ME IN

CAREER DREAMS AND GOALS FOR...

Name:

School: My Careers Adviser is:

WHAT TYPE OF COURSE DO I WANT TO DO?

FIND OUT MORE INFO ON PAGE 32.

- ☐ A Level
- ☐ Technical and Vocational
- ☐ Apprenticeships

WHAT LEVEL WOULD I LIKE TO TAKE?

FIND OUT MORE INFO ON PAGE 28.

- ☐ Level 3
- ☐ Level 2
- ☐ Level 1
- ☐ Foundation Studies
- ☐ HNC

WHICH COURSES AM I INTERESTED IN?

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WHAT COLLEGES AM I INTERESTED IN?

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FIRST CHOICE

CAREER DREAMS AND GOALS

YOU CAN FIND LOTS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CAREERS ON OUR WEBSITE
GO TO ANDOVER.AC.UK/CAREERS

COLLEGE CHECKLIST

ANDOVER COLLEGE

We have put together this helpful college visit checklist so that you can get the most out of the event. Take a copy and use it at all events you attend.

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COLLEGE DETAILS:

Name:

Location:

Travel time:

COURSES I AM INTERESTED IN:

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QUESTIONS I WANT TO ASK:

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WHAT I LIKED ABOUT THIS COLLEGE:

WHAT I DIDN'T LIKE ABOUT THIS COLLEGE:

OVERALL SCORE:

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NEXT STEPS:

CHOOSING THE RIGHT LEVEL FOR YOU

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The range of qualifications can be confusing. Here we explain what each level means. Some courses will have specific entry requirements so make sure you check before applying.

☐ LEVEL 3

1 – 2 YEAR COURSE

Qualifications: A Levels and BTECs.

Entry requirements: Five GCSEs at grade 4/5 or above, including English and Maths, or a Level 2 BTEC at pass or above.

Could lead to: University, an apprenticeship or employment.

☐ LEVEL 2

1 YEAR COURSE

Qualifications: Diploma, BTEC First Awards and GCSEs.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above or a Level 1 qualification. English and Maths at grade 3 or above.

Could lead to: Employment, a Level 3 course or apprenticeship.

☐ LEVEL 1

1 YEAR COURSE

Qualifications: Diploma.

Entry requirements: GCSEs at grade 2–1 or an Entry Level 3 course.

Could lead to: Employment, a Level 2 course or apprenticeship.

☐ FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAMME

These are specialist programmes designed for students aged 16–24 with special educational needs (SEN) who respond best within a smaller group and may require extra support or time to complete set work within a mainstream environment. **Find out more on page 36.**

☐ STAY NEAR – GO FAR! UNIVERSITY LEVEL COURSES ON YOUR DOORSTEP

HNCs are a great way to start on the degree level route without having to commit to the full three or four years. They are undergraduate qualifications but take less time and were created to prepare you for specific careers. **Find out more on page 42.**

GUIDE TO BTEC QUALIFICATIONS

BTEC qualifications are equivalent to A Levels and they carry UCAS points, meaning they can still take you to University if you wish.

There are different types of BTEC qualifications and they are all equivalent to a different number of A Levels. We know this can be confusing so we have put together a 'cheat sheet' to help make it simpler!

All BTEC qualifications will have (BTEC) in the course description.

If you are still unsure about which course to apply for then come along to an Open Event or email **inforegandover@sparsholt.ac.uk** and we will happily explain and ensure that you are put on the right course for you.

QUALIFICATION	EQUIVALENT
First Award	GCSE Level
National Certificate	1 AS Level
National Extended Certificate National Subsidiary Diploma	1 A Level
National Foundation Diploma 90 Credit Diploma	1½ A Levels
National Diploma	2 A Levels
National Extended Diploma	3 A Levels

UCAS POINTS

To go to University, you need UCAS points. Achieved grades are equivalent to different UCAS points, see the chart below to work out what you need to go to University.

DIPLOMAS	A LEVEL	UCAS
D*	A*	56
D	A	48
–	B	40
M	C	32
–	D	24
P	E	16

ACADEMIC, CREATIVE, PROFESSIONAL–

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THE CHOICE IS YOURS

Andover College offers the widest choice of courses in the region. With over 40 A Level or equivalent courses, over 70 vocational courses and 19 Apprenticeship Standards – there is an option for everyone. Take a look at the flow chart below and see what course is right for you!

I AM A SCHOOL LEAVER...

☐ **I PREFER**
to learn in the classroom.

→ ☐ **I PREFER**
studying and then taking exams.

→ **A LEVELS**

☐ **I PREFER**
to learn through a mixture of classroom learning as well as practical learning.

→ ☐ **I PREFER**
completing coursework or taking part in a practical assessment.

→ **VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL COURSES**

→ ☐ **I PREFER**
to apply my learning to the workplace.

→ **APPRENTICESHIPS**

I AM 19+...

☐ **I WANT**
to go to university but don't have the qualifications needed.

→ **ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION COURSE.**

☐ **I WANT**
to take a course to improve or gain new skills.

→ **TAKE A LOOK AT OUR PART TIME COURSES IN OUR PART TIME GUIDE.**

COLLEGE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

FILL ME IN

We have put together a checklist, which includes all of the steps you will need to complete before starting college in September!

☐ RESEARCH COURSES AND COLLEGES

Make sure to research multiple colleges and courses and see what options are out there.

☐ VISIT OPEN EVENTS

Visit Open Events for all colleges you are interested in. Open Events give you a chance to get a real feel for the college.

☐ APPLY

Apply online through our website: **andover.ac.uk/apply**

☐ INTERVIEW

Once we have received your application, we will consider your application and send you an invitation for an interview or an offer.

☐ RECEIVE OFFER

Once we have taken a look through your application and interview, we will send you an offer which you will then accept or decline.

☐ APPLY FOR TRAVEL AND FINANCE (IF NEEDED)

We will send our online registration forms for you to fill out, once you have accepted your offer. This is when you will be able to apply for travel passes and finance. Find out more on page 126.

☐ APPLICANT WELCOME DAYS

In the summer term, we will invite you in to experience the courses you have applied for and make sure they are right for you.

☐ RESULTS DAY

We wish you the best of luck. No matter what your results are, come and speak to us as we will be able to find the right courses and fit for you.

☐ ENROLMENT

Once you have your results, we will invite you in to come and enrol onto your chosen courses.

☐ START COLLEGE

Be ready to start your next stage of education with us in September.