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T Levels: Information for Parents / Carers

I want to take the opportunity to write to you with some information about new T Level qualifications and why they may be a great choice for your child after their GCSEs. T Levels are at the forefront of technical education — and are a key pillar on the ladder of opportunity for young people, a framework which outlines how a skills system operates to support people from all backgrounds to reach to the top rung: well-paid, secure and sustainable employment.

I am passionate about the range of opportunities and experience that can be gained by choosing a technical education route. T Levels are rigorous technical qualifications that enable 16–19 year olds to move onto a job, a higher apprenticeship or further study at university.

T Levels have been designed with over 250 leading employers, so students can be confident that they will get the skills and knowledge that employers really want - and will be able to progress in their chosen career. All T Level students will complete a minimum of 45 days on an industry placement, spending at least 20% of the course getting on-the-job experience with a real employer.

T Levels also attract UCAS tariff points in line with three A levels and over <u>130 higher</u> education providers are currently accepting T Levels in their admissions criteria.

From September this year the following T Level subjects will be available:

- · Digital production, design and development
- Digital business services
- Digital support and services
- Education and early years
- Design and development for engineering and manufacturing
- Engineering, manufacturing, processing and control
- Maintenance, installation and repair for engineering and manufacturing
- Building services engineering for construction
- Design, surveying and planning for construction
- Onsite construction
- Health
- Science
- Healthcare science

- Management and administration
- Finance
- Accounting
- Agriculture, Land Management and Production
- Legal Services

Young people want guidance on all of the options available and how they compare. Clear and helpful information about all post-16 choices, including T Levels, can be found by searching Get the Jump, a new content hub which has been created on the National Career Service website. There is nothing more powerful than hearing from students themselves about their experience – so I would urge you to see what they think about T Levels here and here.

There is also more detailed information on T Levels available at tlevels.gov.uk/students, including a search function where you can use your postcode to search for T Levels available in your area.

I hope that you find this information useful, and that it will be helpful in guiding conversations with your child on their future choices.

Yours sincerely,

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