

Focus on the Future!

Part Four:

Year 10 Guide to Post 16 options.

Spotlight on.....



Here you can find out about one of your many options when you leave school-
Stansted Airport College.



What is it Like?

- You can study a wide range of courses including aircraft engineering, hospitality and events, aviation and cabin crew and chefs training.
- This college is on the Stansted Airport site and opened in 2018
- You will study and focus solely on **one** subject
- You have access to work experience and strong employer links within the airport.
- Most courses are BTECs and are offered at levels 2 and 3
- Apprenticeships are also offered linking in with employers based at the airport.

Qualifications on offer

BTEC, Apprenticeships

The majority of courses are BTEC although some apprenticeships are also offered.

Your course will be about learning real skills you would need for a particular industry. Your course will be a mix of practical learning and theoretical work.

You are assessed through course work projects and also observations of your practical work. There are still some formal assessments.

English and Maths GCSE courses:

As with all options, if you have GCSE grades 9-4 you will build on those skills as part of your main course of study. If you haven't yet achieved GCSE grade 4 in English and/or maths, you'll work towards resitting your GCSE exams.

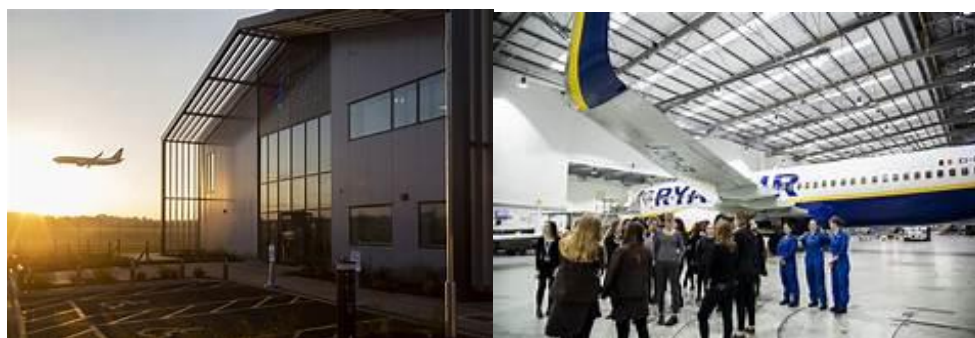
Entry Requirements



The entry requirements can vary depending on what course and what level you start at. As a typical guide, if you start at:

- level 2 you need to have at least 4 GCSEs grades 9-3 including English and Maths
- level 3 you need to have at least 5 GCSEs grades 9-4 including English and Maths

What could you do after this?



These types of qualifications are especially good to prepare you for the working world.

You will leave this college with real skills you can use in the work place. If you study here, you could progress into employment, a university course, a gap year or a higher or degree level apprenticeship course. This particular college will have particularly strong links with employers based at the airport. In

light of recent events however, I would advise seeking guidance from the college directly on how employment opportunities may have been affected.

You CAN go to university following one of these courses as long as you have achieved level 3!

How to Apply

1. I would recommend applying to this particular college early in the autumn term, around October time, but you can apply throughout year 11.
2. You normally have an opportunity to go and look around the college at an open event.
4. You can then **apply** using the online college application form. First select your chosen course and then click on apply.
5. You will attend an interview and hopefully be offered a place as long as you go on to achieve the GCSE grades needed.

You are not committing yourself by applying or by attending an interview!

You might change your mind about which course you end up studying and can tell the college of any changes you want to make as early as possible. You may end up going to a different college, but you must apply to give yourself these choices!

How to find out more

- A great place to start looking into this more is the College website:
<http://www.stanstedairportcollege.ac.uk/study-with-us>
- For more information on BTEC try these:

<https://www.ucas.com/further-education/post-16-qualifications/qualifications-you-can-take/btec-diplomas>

<https://www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk/school-leaver-options/college-courses/what-is-a-btec#!like-what-you-are-reading>

Quick Round Up:

- A good choice if you want to focus on one area of study.
- A good choice if you already know the industry you want to work in.
- A good choice if you like practical forms of study.
- A good choice if you learn through 'doing' something.
- A good choice if you are happy to travel a reasonable distance to get to college.

I hope you have found this helpful. Please email me if you have any questions.

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