



# YR 11 Post-16 Options

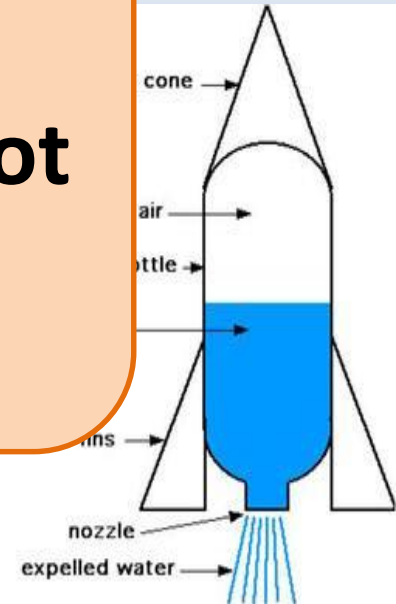
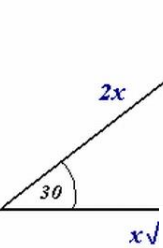
# **Careers Advice and Guidance for Students at Ramsey Academy – what do we do as a school?**

- Enable students to audit their personal skills and talents
- Take part in work experience (some organisations are running virtual work experience – advertised via Ramsey social media)
- Research careers, further education and training options
- Prepare CVs and covering letters
- Independent and impartial individual careers interviews with Directions
- Lunch time employer drop-in Q&A sessions (Covid allowing)
- Year 10 & 11 Apprenticeship Fair & Careers Fair
- Subject visits to professional settings
- Professional visiting speakers
- PSHE Curriculum – one lesson per week including careers

# Where are the students now?



Students start to consider their skills and qualifications  
Made GCSE choices – it **does not** always matter which ones – colleges look for a spread



# Preparing for the future – students need to keep building skills and evidence for their future applications – get involved!

- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Prefect
- Leadership roles
- Work Experience
- Extra-curricular activities
- Local clubs and hobbies
- Community involvement
- Ramsey Achievement Award
- “Character Building” – any activities

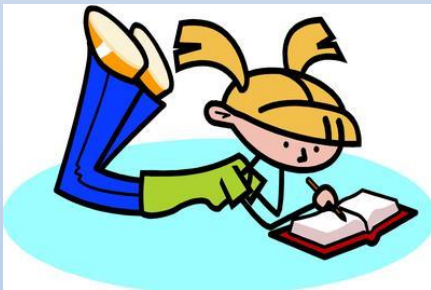
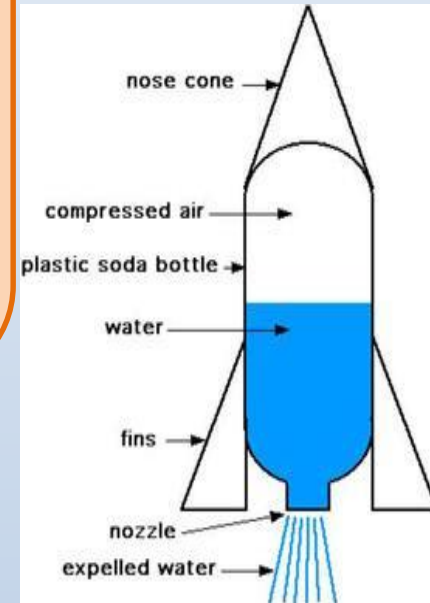
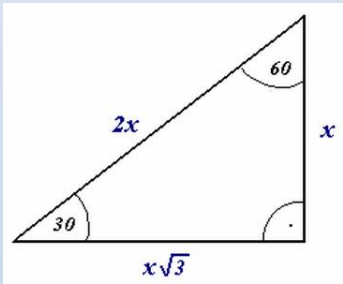
that make you stand out or build desirable skills:  
volunteering, arts, sports, babysitting, tech projects etc



# Where next?



**RESEARCH COLLEGES  
VISIT (ONLINE)  
APPLY  
ASPIRE!**



# Start talking! Mrs Eaves Impartial Careers Advisor

In School on Wednesdays drop in  
during break and lunch,  
located in meeting room

- Explore range of options
- Careers Guidance/widening choice
- Careers research
- Apprenticeships/Job Hunting
- Back-up Plans



# **Raising the Participation Age**

It is now a Government requirement for young people to stay in some form of education, employment or training until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.



# Range of Options

**Further Education  
College**

**BTEC Diplomas**

Entry Level and Levels 1, 2 & 3

**Sixth Form  
A Levels/IB  
Level 3**

**Apprenticeships  
Levels 2, 3 & 4**





# Levels of Study for All Abilities

## Level 1

You have GCSE's at Grade 1- 3

BTEC Diplomas level 1

## Level 2

If you have Grades 3 at GCSE or have successfully completed a Level 1 qualification

BTEC Diplomas L2  
Intermediate  
Apprenticeships

## Level 3

To start here you will need a minimum of 4 GCSE's at Grade 4/5 or a relevant Level 2 qualification.

Extended BTEC L3  
A Levels  
IB  
Advanced  
Apprenticeships

## Level 4+

This is equivalent to degree level and you will need to have successfully completed a Level 3 qualification to start here.

Degree  
HNC/ HND  
Foundation  
Degree



# SIXTH FORMS

- A levels or IB – demanding programmes
- Assessed via exams at end of two years
- Leaves options open- can study range of subjects
- Entry to University or degree level apprenticeships
- Awareness of subject choices -Facilitating subjects-  
Russell group

# VOCATIONAL COLLEGES

- Focus on JUST ONE subject/vocational area- linked to local employment needs
- Work related/can include work experience
- Assessed via project and coursework – some exams in technical qualifications
- Practical form of study – hands on tasks
- Level 3 **CAN** lead onto study at university level/degree level apprenticeships



Easton&OtleyCollege



# APPRENTICESHIPS

- Full time employment plus study
- Academic requirement needs to be met – not the ‘easy’ option
- Are you work ready?
- Can progress on to university or degree level apprenticeships
- Register online to search and apply
- Back up plan is vital – will be expected to apply for a full-time course as a back up!
- We will look at these in more detail next lesson



# How to Choose?

- What are you good at? Exams or coursework?
- What will you need for your career/university course? For some careers or HE courses you will need specific A levels!
- What will you enjoy?
- What is the college environment like?
- What are the facilities on offer?
- What travel arrangements will you make?

# Applications

- Apply online for most institutions- deadlines for applications in January 2021
- Student then invited for interviews e.g. Colchester Institute invite e-mail only
- Students will be made an aspirational offer
- Interview days and enrolment days MUST be attended- please don't book holidays on those dates

# **Apply for more than one option- have a back up plan!**

- Open Events starting in October – please register online before you go
- Applications to colleges/sixth forms have deadlines in December or January
- You can apply to more than one institution and accept more than offer, turning them down at a later date.