

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter has a feature on T levels and a spotlight on careers in cyber.

T levels

T levels are qualifications combining classroom learning, alongside an industry placement.

They are designed as an option following GCSEs and are taught in schools and colleges.

T Levels are perfect for students who know the broad career area they want to pursue, as they are designed in collaboration with employers.

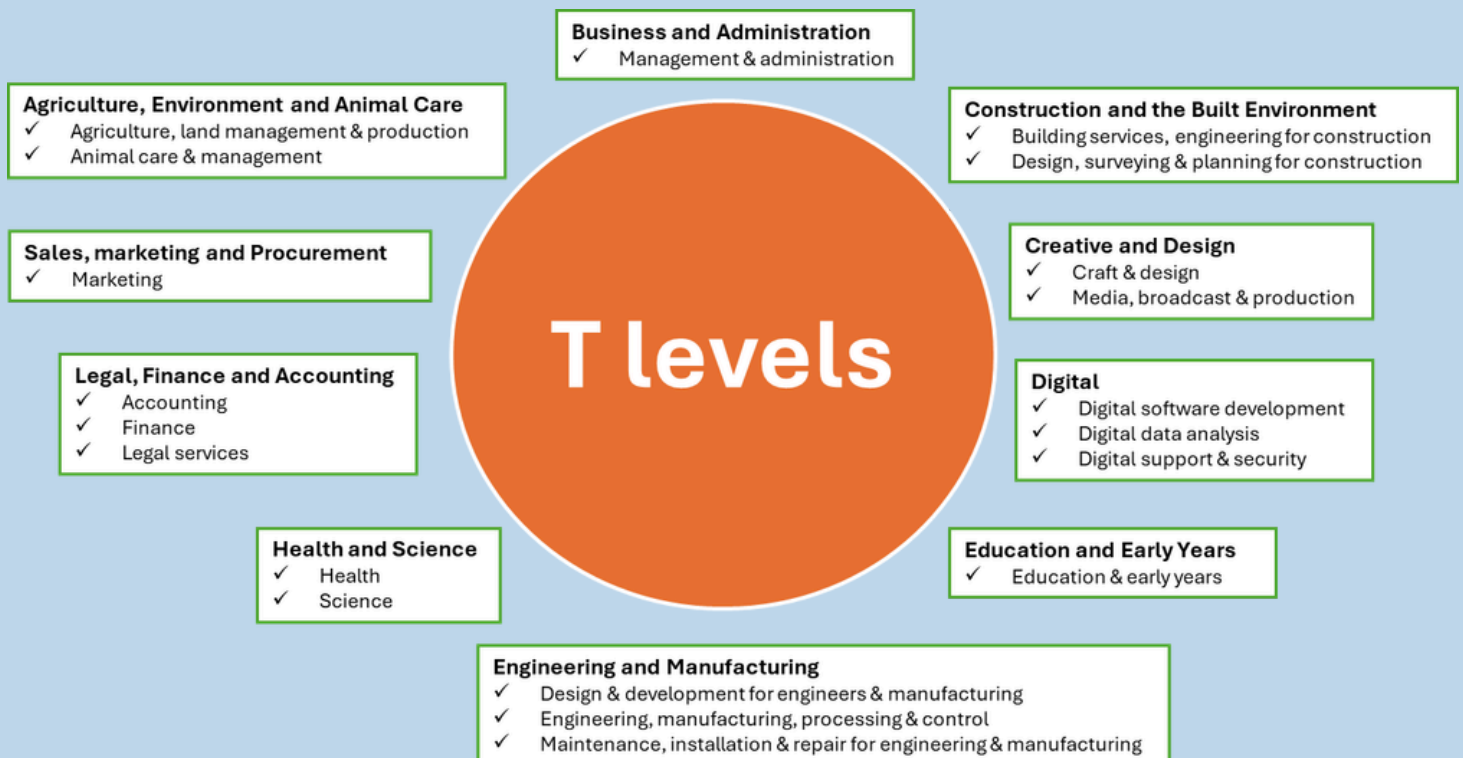
They suit students who want to study and also gain valuable skills through workplace experience.

Key facts:

- Available in 20 subjects
- Two-year course
- Created with employers
- Attract UCAS points
- Nationally recognised qualification
- One T level is equivalent to three A levels
- 80% classroom based, 20% in industry with an employer

T level	80% classroom	20% industry
Apprenticeship	20% classroom	80% employment
A level	100% classroom	

Subjects:



How can you find T Level providers?

Visit the government website tlevels.gov.uk/students/find and enter your postcode to find your local college or school offering T levels.

If you have any questions or need support, please email careers@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk

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Frequently asked questions:

FAQ

Q: What are the entry requirements?

A: Many providers require GCSEs including English and maths at grade 4 or above. Some T level providers offer a T level Foundation Year course to prepare students for a T level.

Q: What is a T level Foundation Course?

A: The T Level Foundation Year is a one-year Level 2 course for students who are not quite ready for a T Level but have the potential to progress. It helps build subject knowledge, practical and study skills, as well as English, maths and digital skills.

Check with your chosen provider to see if they offer this option.

Q: Who is responsible for finding the industry placement?

A: The training provider (school or college).

Q: How are T Levels graded?

A: Students who meet all of the requirements of their T level are awarded an overall grade of either Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction* and receive a nationally recognised certificate.

Q: What can my child do after a T level?

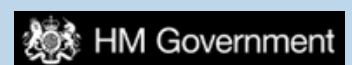
A: After a T level your child is equipped to:

- access entry-level employment.
- move on to a relevant apprenticeship or degree apprenticeship.
- continue their technical education at levels 4/5, for example HTQs.
- progress to higher education and study a relevant degree.

Over 160 universities accept T levels. If your child has a particular university in mind, it is worth checking their entry requirements.

Useful websites

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Upcoming Events

Year 9 Constructing Excellence - Tuesday 23rd June (PD - P2 & P3)

Year 10 Work Experience - Monday 6th to Friday 10th July



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Cheltenham - the UK's Cyber Capital?

Cyber security is about protecting computers, networks, systems and data from attacks, hacking and online crime. Every organisation – from schools and hospitals to banks and governments – needs cyber professionals to keep information safe.

With organisations such as GCHQ based in Cheltenham, and major developments like Golden Valley bringing new businesses and opportunities, the future job market for local young people looks strong.

Cyber careers are not just for “computer geniuses”. The industry needs a wide range of skills, including:

- Problem solving
- Communication
- Teamwork
- Creativity
- Logical thinking
- Attention to detail



There are technical roles such as ethical hacking and digital forensics, but also careers in project management, law, intelligence analysis, communications and business operations.

Post-16 Options

Young people can progress through:

- A Levels
- T Levels
- Apprenticeships
- College courses
- University degrees
- Degree apprenticeships



Organisations like GCHQ actively promote apprenticeships and early careers pathways.

How Parents Can Support Their Child

Parents do not need a technology background to support a young person interested in cyber.

- Encouraging problem-solving and curiosity
- Supporting safe and responsible technology use
- Attending careers fairs and employer talks
- Exploring apprenticeships as well as university
- Encouraging participation in coding or cyber clubs
- Helping pupils build resilience and communication skills



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