

School Leaver Information Fact Sheet

Options for summer 2018

Academic Courses Apprenticeships

Full time work with training

Vocational Courses

Short course opportunities

Traineeships

Volunteering with training

Raising the Participation Age (RPA)

The Government has increased the age to which all young people in England must continue in education or training, requiring them to continue until their 18th birthday, for more information visit www.essex.gov.uk/futurelearning

Remember...it is always important to have a back-up plan, so consider other options and get an application completed for plan B.



Sixth Form/College options for summer 2018

For more information on the courses available, application procedures, open events and entry requirements, please contact the establishment directly.

Establishment	Location	Contact Details
Anglo European School	Ingatstone	Telephone: 01277 354018 Website: www.aesessex.co.uk
Basildon Academies	Basildon	Telephone: 01268 552536 Website: www.basildonacademy.org.uk
Beauchamps High School	Wickford	Telephone: 01268 735466 Website: www.beauchamp.org.uk
Becket Keys	Brentwood	Telephone: 01277 286600 Website: https://www.becketkeys.org/
Brentwood County High	Brentwood	Telephone: 01277 238900 Website: www.bchs.essex.sch.uk
Brentwood Ursuline Convent School	Brentwood	Telephone: 01277 277156 Website: www.buchs.co.uk
Greensward Academy	Hockley	Telephone: 01702 202571 Website: www.greenswardacademy.org
Mayflower High School	Billericay	Telephone: 01277 623171 Website: www.mayflowerhigh.essex.sch.uk
PROCAT Canvey Skills Centre	Basildon Canvey	Telephone: 0800 389 3589 Website: www.procat.ac.uk
SEEVIC	Benfleet	Telephone: 01268 756111 Website: www.seevic-college.ac.uk
Shenfield High School	Shenfield	Telephone: 01277 219131 Website: www.shenfield.essex.sch.uk
South Essex College	Basildon, Southend and Thurrock	Telephone: 0845 52 12345 Website: www.southessex.ac.uk
St Martins School	Hutton	Telephone: 01277 238300 Website: www.st-martins.essex.sch.uk
The Appleton School	Benfleet	Telephone: 01268 794215 Website: www.theappletonschool.org
The Billericay School	Billericay	Telephone: 01277 655191 Website: www.billericay.essex.sch.uk
The Bromfords School	Wickford	Telephone: 01268 471201 Website: www.bromfords.essex.sch.uk
The FitzWimarc School	Rayleigh	Telephone: 01268 743884 Website: www.fitzwimarc.essex.sch.uk
The King Edmund School	Rochford	Telephone: 01702 545771 Website: www.kes.essex.sch.uk
The King John School	Benfleet	Telephone: 01702 558284 Website: www.thekjs.essex.sch.uk
The Sweyne Park School	Rayleigh	Telephone: 01268 784721 Website: www.sweynepark.com
Other Colleges close to South Essex		
Barking and Dagenham College	Romford	Telephone: 020 8090 3020 Website: www.barkingdagenhamcollege.ac.uk
Chelmsford College	Chelmsford	Telephone: 01245 265611 or 01245 293031 Website: www.chelmsford-college.ac.uk
Havering College	Hornchurch	Telephone: 01708 455011 Website: www.havering-college.ac.uk
Havering Sixth Form College	Hornchurch	Telephone: 01708 514400 Website: www.havering-SFC.ac.uk
Palmers Sixth Form College	Grays	Telephone: 01375 370121 Website: www.palmers.ac.uk
Writtle University College	Chelmsford	Telephone: 01245 424200 Website: www.writtle.ac.uk

Are you still unsure about what college course to take? Speak to your school or call the Employability & Skills Team for some impartial advice on 03330 139842

Apprenticeships, Traineeships & Foundation Learning

- Apprenticeships give you a unique opportunity to gain a qualification, get work experience and earn a wage at the same time. Apprenticeships are now available from Level 2 (equivalent to GCSE A – C / 9 - 4) to Levels 4, 6 and 7 (equivalent to degree level) in some occupational areas.

For information on local apprenticeship opportunities please contact the Essex

Apprenticeship Hub & Brokerage Service on 03330 139858 or apprenticeships@essex.gov.uk

- Traineeships are work experience placements with employers (occasionally paid) lasting from six weeks to six months. You will gain employability skills, functional skills and experience and it could lead to an apprenticeship with an employer
- Both Apprenticeships and Traineeships are advertised on the National Government website www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
- Foundation Learning Providers offer vocational training, with English and maths qualifications to help improve your skills and get you ready to undertake an Apprenticeship opportunity

For further advice on these opportunities, please call 03330 139842 or email

esu.interventionsouth@essex.gov.uk or visit www.facebook.com/esuessex.

Essex County Council opportunities for young people

How well do you know Essex?

Essex is facing big changes, and you can be a part of it. With the following key sectors all currently growing in the Essex area, there are hundreds of thousands of exciting career opportunities available right on your doorstep.

Care

Top local employers: Essex County Council, the National Health Service and Forest Care Limited

Top advertised vacancies: Care workers and home careers, Social workers, Nursery nurses

Construction

Top local employers: Morgan Sindall, TRS Consulting, ARC Incorporated Limited, Cadman Group

Top advertised vacancies: Quantity Surveyors, Electrical and Electronic trades and Production Manager and Directors in Construction

Manufacturing and Engineering

Top local employers: BAE Systems, Teledyne e2v and Ford UK

Top advertised vacancies: Plant and machine operative, Engineering technicians, Design and development engineers

Logistics

Top local employers: DP World, Stobart Air, DSV and London Container Services

Top advertised vacancies: Large goods vehicle drivers, Van drivers, Elementary storage occupations, Fork-lift truck drivers and Importers and exporters

Finance

Top local employers: Alpine Insurance, DST Systems and MS AMLIN

Top advertised vacancies: Chartered and Certified Accountants, Estimators, Valuers and Assessors, Finance and Investment Analyst and Advisers

I.T, Digital and Creative

Top local employers: BT, Adphonic and Coast Digital

Top advertised vacancies: Programmers and software development professionals, Marketing associate professionals, IT user support technicians, IT business analysts

Health

Top local employers: National Health Service, BUPA, Care UK

Top advertised vacancies: Nurses, Medical practitioners, Health associate professionals, Physiotherapists and Nursing auxiliaries and assistants

These sectors have been identified by the Essex Employer and Skills Board which represents local employers and educational establishments.

What's Next?

Are you unsure about your next step?

Essex County Council has an **Employability and Skills Intervention Team** that can provide you with more information on all of your options including apprenticeships, college, employment, short courses and volunteering opportunities.

Our team of experienced and friendly advisers **have achieved over 4,000 placements in the past three years** into education, employment or training. We will help you to find the right opportunities in your area and will also support you with your applications, including creating your CV.

Please contact the **Employability and Skills Intervention Team** on **03330 139842** or email esu.interventionsouth@essex.gov.uk or visit www.facebook.com/esuessex to get your career on the move!

Child Benefit Extension

If you are a school leaver and unemployed and do not have a course or training programme to start in September 2018, your parent/carer may be entitled to claim Child Benefit Extension. There is a time limit in which you can register your claim. For more information contact the **Employability and Skills Intervention Team** on **03330 139842**

Parent Support

Parents and guardians of young people that are due to leave education often have many questions regarding the options that are available for their children, and the support that they can access. The **Employability and Skills Intervention Team** are happy to provide information, advice and guidance to parents / guardians to support the family with decision making for career options and next steps. For more information please call **03330 139842** or email esu.interventionsouth@essex.gov.uk

Useful Websites

- **Website:** www.essexesb.co.uk
Details: Keep up with current and future skills trends across Essex
- **Website:** www.essexesb.co.uk/careers/ultimate-careers-guide
Details: Advice and tips on applying for work and local labour market information
- **Website:** www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk
Details: Help, support and opportunities for young people finding their first job
- **Website:** www.notgoingtouni.co.uk
Details: Jobs, training and college options for those that may not go to university
- **Website:** www.ucas.com
Details: Organisation responsible for managing applications to Higher Education courses
- **Website:** www.ucasprogress.com
Details: information for all post 16 options with course search facility
- **Website:** <https://vinspired.com/>
Details: Connects 14- 25 year olds with volunteering opportunities in England
- **Website:** <https://www.gov.uk/jobsearch>
Details: The job search website for the Job Centre Plus

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