



# FAQ's

Will interviews be held online or in person?

A combination of face to face and online interviews will take place. Social distancing guidelines will be adhered to for face to face interviews.

Who will the interviews be with?

A member of the P16 Leadership team, Year 11 College Leadership Team or Senior leadership team.

When will the application forms be handed to students?

The application forms are available on both Barr's Hill and President Kennedy websites. In addition, paper copies are available for students in school.

Is there a direct link to the right part of the website?

Barr's Hill website: <https://www.barrshill.coventry.sch.uk/post16select/>

President Kennedy website:  
<https://www.pks.coventry.sch.uk/news/?pid=36&nid=5&storyid=1600>

Where has travel and tourism gone?

This course is no longer offered at P16 Select

What pathways are available to me?

## LEVEL 3 ACADEMIC ADVANCED ROUTE

You may only select three subjects, one choice per block from Block A-E. The majority of students will study 3 A-Levels, although very academic students can opt for 4 subjects (to be discussed at interview).

## LEVEL 3 PROFESSIONAL ADVANCED ROUTE

You can pick one of the routes A-E. Each route is equivalent to 3 A-Levels.

## LEVEL 3 BLENDED PATHWAYS

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Blended pathways are made up of two A Level qualifications and one BTEC Certificate qualification or one BTEC Diploma qualification and one A Level (entry requirements are dependent on combinations chosen).

Will we know what subjects are available at which school?

Your offer is to study at Post 16 Select and you should be prepared to study at any of the school within Select. Decisions about schools and possible sites where the subjects you have chosen will be discussed in the interview and confirmed in a letter when the offer is made.

Are we allowed to do two BTEC subjects?

The combinations of BTEC available are the ones in routes A-E on the application form.

What do you need to get in your GCSEs to get in to post 16?

To study Level 3 Professional subjects you need five grade 4's or above including English and Maths

To study Level 3 Academic Advanced subjects you need five grade 5's or above, including English and Maths. In addition if you wish to study Maths A-Level you will need Maths grade 6 and for Science A-Levels you will need grades 6 in Maths and Science.

Do Home Language GCSEs count towards Post 16 applications?

Yes

Will I get chance to ask questions before applying?

You will have the opportunity to book on to the Eventbrite 'live' Opening Evenings to ask questions. In addition, you can talk to Subject Teachers in your school for more information about certain subjects. Further guidance and support will be given in your interview.

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## What is EPQ?

This stands for Extended Project Qualification. It is an independent project for which you'll earn a qualification. It involves writing an essay of about 5000 words, a pretty long piece of paperwork about your research and how you approached your project, and a final presentation where you'll talk through this essay and paperwork. Alternatively you can make an 'artefact' - this can be a piece of artwork, or something else you've physically made – and an accompanying shorter essay. The EPQ is awarded UCAS points worth 1/3 of an A-level and is recognised by many universities and employers.

## How does it work across different sites?

Close collaboration takes place between the schools through Post 16 Select. Timetables are coordinated across sites to avoid clashes and transport is made available where required to move during the school day. Mr Farrell (Director of P16 Select) oversees all aspects of Post 16 across the schools in the Select.

## What is the main difference between BTEC and A levels?

BTECs are vocational qualifications, rather than traditional academic courses. Typical subjects offered at BTEC level include Business Studies, Health Science, Health and Social Care and Information Technology. You can't study subjects like History or English at BTEC level.

One of the main differences between BTECs and A-Levels is the way they are assessed. A-Levels mainly involve two years of study geared towards examinations sat at the end of the course. BTECs are assessed throughout the two years via coursework, practical projects and external examinations.

## What is the dress code?

The dress code can be found on the Post 16 Select website.

