Qualification	Description	Length of Time	Assessment	Level of Study	Award UCAS Points	Entry Requirements	Work Experience	What does it lead to?
Apprenticeships →	A real job with training and a salary	1 year minimum	Apprenticeship dependent (includes demonstrations, presentations and/or exams)	2/3 with the possibility to progress to higher and degree apprenticeships	No	Employer dependent Age 16+ Evidence of interest and ability to complete	Yes (paid job with at least 20% off the job training)	Higher level or degree Apprenticeship University/College Work
A Levels →	An academic qualification, similar in style to GCSEs that prepares you for further study	2 years	Mostly exams at the end of the course	3	Yes	For individual schools and colleges to decide (commonly 5 GCSEs at grade 4 and above)	No	Apprenticeship University/College Work
T Levels →	A technical study programme, equivalent to 3 A Levels, with an industry placement that makes up 20% of the course. T Levels are designed to give you the skills that employers need	2 years	Exams, projects and practical assignments	3	Yes	Set by each school / college	Yes (80% classroom, 20% work)	Apprenticeship University/College Work
Technical/ Vocational →	Qualifications that teach you how to do tasks specifically related to the industry and role you want to be in	Course dependent	Course dependent (coursework and exams)	1+	Yes	Course dependent (coursework and exams)	Course dependent	Apprenticeship University/College Work
Applied →	Qualifications that prepare you for further study by combining academic learning with practical skills to give you a broad overview of working in a sector	Course dependent	Course dependent (coursework and exams)	3	Some (course and award organisation dependent)	Set by each school / college	Course dependent	Apprenticeship University/College Work
Traineeships →	A work focused study programme that prepares you for an apprenticeship or work	6 weeks - 6 months	A formal job or exit interview with written feedback. Coursework and exams are course dependent	N/A	Yes	Have little to no work experience and qualifies below Level 3	Yes	Apprenticeships Work
Entrepreneurship →	Setting up your own business, as either a freelance service, a registered company, or a sole trader	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	Industry dependent	Recommended before setting up your own business	Self-employment Funded support for research and development Product or service development and collaborations

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