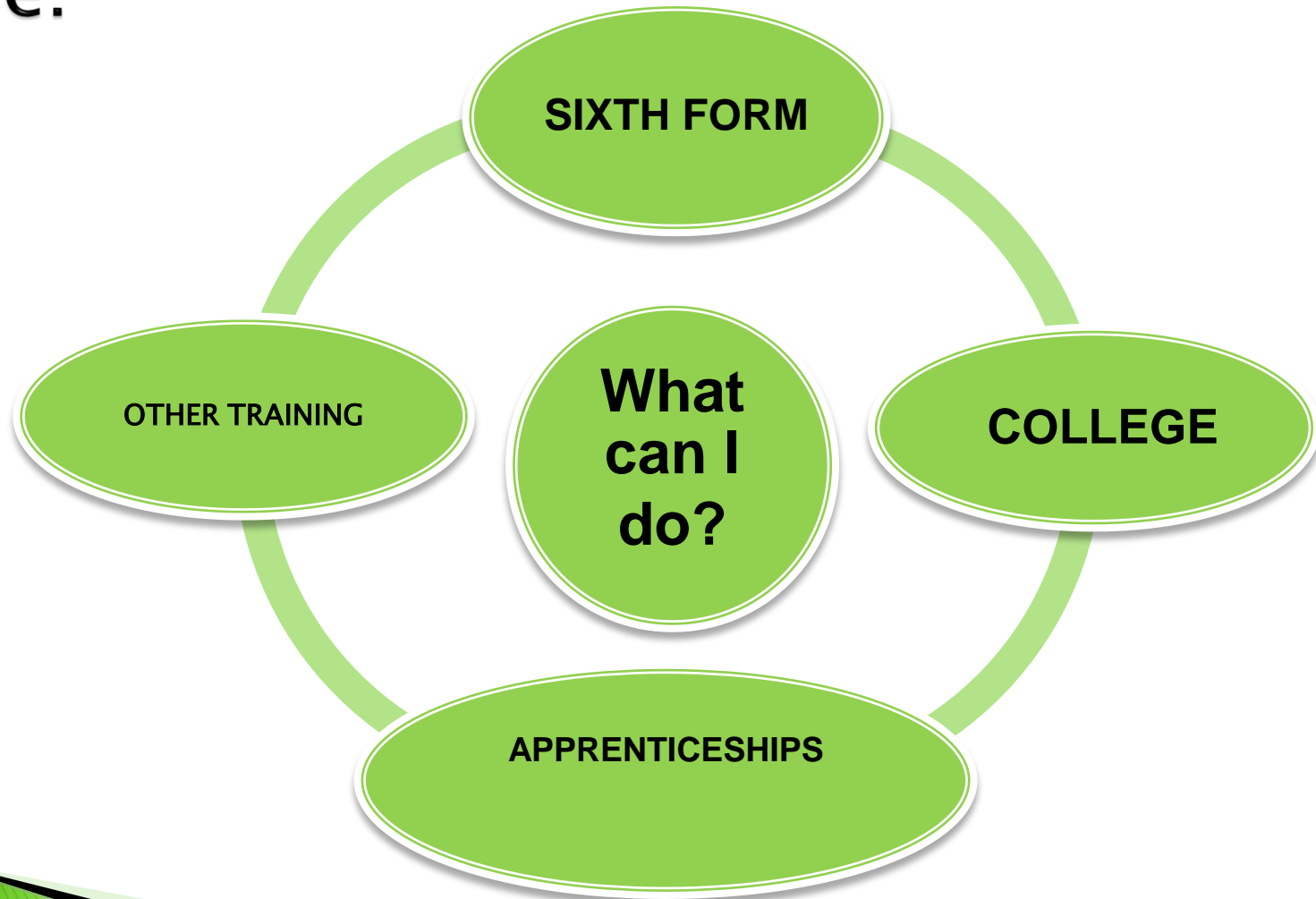


The main opportunities open to you which involve some kind of LEARNING are:



# What can I study?


There are different kinds of courses with different entry requirements:

- ▶ **General Qualifications** – A/S and A Levels
- ▶ **Vocational Qualifications** – BTEC, OCR Nationals, City and Guilds etc.

All can lead to University as well as higher level work or training such as an advanced apprenticeship



# Vocational Qualifications taught at SCHOOLS AND COLLEGE

- ▶ Vocational courses relate to a particular career area so choose carefully. In college you will ONLY study that subject and perhaps English and Maths
  - ▶ Wide range of subjects;  
Construction, Sport, Engineering, Social Care, Hair & Beauty, Catering, Science, Business, Arts & Media, Computing, Travel & Tourism, Public Services, Music, Motor Vehicle, Agriculture
  - ▶ There are different levels of entry depending on your GCSE results
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# Entry Qualifications – A Levels

- ▶ You can choose subjects similar to those you have done before : **English, Maths, Biology, History, French** etc
- ▶ Or choose subjects that may be new to you:  
e.g. **Psychology, Law, Economics**

BUT you may not need to study A levels for a career in that area.

- ▶ You may need a grade B in the subject you are selecting for example:–maths, english and the sciences
- ▶ Check the entry requirements for individual subjects
- ▶ Check if you need a specific subject for your chosen career e.g. Veterinary work requires sciences

# Advantage of your Sixth Form

- ▶ Familiar – You already know the ropes!
  - Surroundings
  - Staff
  - Structure
  - Friends
- ▶ Entry Requirements
  - Minimum of five GCSEs and a grade B is required in some subjects

# Colleges

Staying at school is NOT the right option for all Some students;

- ▶ Are ready to move on
- ▶ Need a fresh start
- ▶ Looking for a vocational pathway
- ▶ May NOT achieve the grades to go back to the sixth form

BUT you can achieve success

Tresham > Vocational courses

Moulton > Vocational and some A levels,

Northampton > Vocational courses and some A levels

Bedford > Vocational and some A levels

Shuttleworth > Specialist courses + above

# Apprenticeships

Work + Learn + Earn



- ▶ On the job training
- ▶ You can gain qualifications by training for a specific job
- ▶ Often involves day or block release to college
- ▶ Entry requirements can vary depending upon the apprenticeship and the level
- ▶ The time it takes to complete will depend upon the qualification
- ▶ Available at Entry, Intermediate and Higher level



So which route will YOU take?





# What help is available?

- ▶ Information Evenings at schools and Colleges
- ▶ Careers interviews to discuss your ideas and plans offered to students
- ▶ Action Plan to make sure you get where you want to be
- ▶ Help with applications to college and for apprenticeships

Need help quickly ?

- ▶ Support and advice available throughout the year from TimelyAdvice

# BACK up PLAN

- ▶ If you are considering the apprenticeship route local vacancies will normally appear from February for July. Large national companies advertise throughout the year.
- ▶ If you are thinking of the sixth form – results may not be what you expect
- ▶ If you are considering a vocational route in College you may not get onto the level 3 course

**Everyone needs a back up plan**

**Based on information**

**BE INFORMED**

Remember  
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here to help  
Right Advice at the  
Right Time

