## A Parents guide to Progression Routes:





Designed to help Parents and Carers navigate the different levels of education young people can progress onto, and what qualifications are within each of these routes into education.

Entry

Level

Entry level functional or essential skills Entry level certificates (ELCs) Skills for Life GCSE (grade 1-3)

Level

1

Level

Level 1 Functional or essential skills

Level 1 National Vocational Qualification (NVQ)

**Level 1 BTEC** 

Intermediate Apprenticeships

O level (grades A, B or C)

Level 2 functional skills

GCSE (grade 4-9)

Level 2 NVQ

Foundation degree
Higher national

Diploma of higher education (DipHE)

diploma (HND)

Level 5 NVQ

Higher Apprenticeships

**Level 4 NVQ** 

Higher National Certificate (HNC)

certificate of higher education (CertHE)

A Levels (grades A, B,C, D or E)

Level

Level

International Baccalaureate diploma

Advanced Apprenticeship

**NVQ** Level 3

Access to higher education diploma

Level 6 Bachelor's degree (with or without honours)

Level 6 NVQ

Degree apprenticeship

Level 7 Master's degree
Integrated master's degree
Postgraduate certificate in
education (PGCE)

Level 7 NVQ

Level 8

**Doctorate or PhD**