

-  A-Levels
-  Vocational courses
-  T-Level
-  Foundation course and/or Level 1-2 courses
-  Apprenticeships
-  Foundation Apprenticeships
-  Alternative Academic Qualifications (AAQs)
-  Technical Occupation Qualifications (TOQs)



Portsmouth Local Colleges 2026 - 2027

HSDC						
City of Portsmouth						
St Vincent College						
Chichester College						
Brinsbury College						
Fareham College						
Itchen College						
Barton Peveril						
Sparsholt College						
UTC Portsmouth						
Eastleigh College						
Peter Symonds						
Bay House Sixth						
Military Mentors						
Totton College						
Bitterne Park Sixth Form						
St Anne's Sixth Form						
Richard Taunton Sixth Form College						
Southampton College						
Eastleigh College						
Worthing College						
Bishop Luffa						
Oaklands Sixth Form						

Considerations

-  How will I travel to college each day?
-  Which courses suit me best?
-  How do I prefer to be assessed?
-  What enrichment activities or clubs are available?
-  When do I need to apply? Applications usually open from September. Apply early and check college websites for deadlines.

Tips for college:

-  Research colleges. Visit colleges on their open days, attend taster sessions, and check out college websites. Make a short-list of courses and colleges you like.
-  Check entry requirements. Course entry requirements can differ from college to college - be sure to double check these.
-  Apply to a few colleges. Aim for at least 2 and be sure to accept your offers. This gives you flexibility and options should you change your mind. You will usually not need to make a final decision about your first choice of college until you get your GCSE results in August.
-  Even if an apprenticeship is your first choice it is a good idea to apply to a full time college course that interests you.
-  Apprenticeships are competitive - be sure to prepare a 'plan b'.
-  If you are eligible for free school meals or your family receives extra support (e.g. benefits) you will likely be eligible for financial support at college under the Discretionary Bursary. All college websites will have a finance section and your parent or guardian will have to fill in a form.

 Please check with the college of interest