

-  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)



Southampton Local Colleges 2026 - 2027

Brockenhurst College	    
Richard Taunton Sixth Form	   
Totton College	  
Itchen College	   
Barton Peveril	 
Sparsholt College	   
Southampton College	   
Eastleigh College	   
Peter Symonds	   
St Anne's Sixth Form	 
Bitterne Park Sixth Form	 
Andover College	    

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