Qualification Routes post-16

8	Doctorate (eg PhD, DPhil, EdD, DClinPsy) NVQ's Level 5 Vocational Qualifications Level 8	
7	Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma Master's Degree (eg MA, MSc, MBA, MPhil) Integrated Master's Degree (eg MEng) Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) BTEC Advanced Professional Award, Certificate and Diploma Level 7 NVQ Level 5	Degree Apprenticeship Higher Apprenticeship
6	Degree with Honours (eg BA Hons, BSC Hons) Graduate Certificate/ Diploma Ordinary Degree (without Honours) BTEC Advanced Professional Award, Certificate and Diploma Level 6	Degree Apprenticeship Higher Apprenticeship
5	BTEC Professional Award, Certificate and Diploma Level 5 Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) Foundation Degree NVQ Level 4	Higher Apprenticeship
4	BTEC Professional Award, Certificate and Diploma Level 4 NVQ Level 4 Key Skills Level 4 Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE)	Higher Apprenticeship
3	A Levels (grades A – E), AS Levels Award, Certif cate and Diploma (City and Guilds, CACHE, OCR, BTEC/Edexcel/Pearson) NVQ Level 3 International Baccalaureate (IB) Key Skills Level 3	Advanced Apprenticeship
2	GCSEs (grades A*-C) (From 2017, Levels 9 – 4) Award, Certificate and Diploma (City and Guilds, CACHE, OCR, BYEC/Edexcel/Pearson) NVQ Level 2 Key Skills Level 2 Functional Skills Level 2 Skills for Life Level 2	Intermediate Apprenticeship
1	GCSEs (grades D-G) (From 2017, Levels 3 – 1) Award. Certificate and Diploma (City and Guilds, CACHE, OCR, BTEC/Edexcel/Pearson) NVQ Level 1 Key Skills Level 1 Foundation Learning Level 1 Functional Skills Level 1 Skills for Life Level 1	Traineeship
Entry Levels (1-3)	Entry Level Award, Certificate and Diploma Entry Level Foundation Learning Entry Level Functional Skills Entry Level Skills for Life	Traineeship
7		prospects