

Year 11 Application Timetable for Hackney students

Leaving Year 11 is a big step so it is important to start early and do your research before deciding on your next steps.

Under Raising the Participation Age legislation all 16 to 18 year olds must be in education or employment with training but you don't need to stay at school or college. You can also become an apprentice or study with a small specialist provider.

You apply directly to the school, college or provider, not via the local authority. You can apply to as many places as you wish but 3 to 5 applications are recommended. [Find a sixth form or college in Hackney.](#)

Studying in your home borough allows shorter journeys so more time for homework, and easier access to any support services you might need. But you can apply anywhere and you may need to travel for places on specialist courses or apprenticeships.

All 16-19 study programmes in schools and colleges will include work experience and enrichment activities such as clubs, visits and talks alongside academic and vocational courses.

Make at least one application for a programme with slightly lower entry requirements than you expect to receive. This will give you somewhere to go if your exam results are not as good as you hoped. If you do really well in your mock exams consider making another application for a course with higher entry requirements.

You can generally hold all the offers until you receive your results and then confirm your chosen place.

Remember that if you do not gain at least a grade 4 in your maths and English GCSE, you will need to study these subjects alongside your 16-19 study programme or apprenticeship, so try to do as well as you can in these subjects.

School sixth forms and some colleges generally ask for higher grades at GCSE in the subjects you are applying for, so always check entry requirements before applying.

If you need more help, speak to the Careers Leader in your school or [get careers advice and additional support in Hackney.](#)

Year 11	Research	Where to Study	Progression
Autumn term	Think about what you want to study and try doing a careers quiz to help find out what careers might suit	Think about where you want to study and attend open days. Visit school sixth forms, colleges, and	Think about what you want to do at 18. If you want to start work, consider applying for apprenticeships or

	<p>you.</p> <p>Check if your chosen institution gives priority to early applicants. If so, apply as soon as you can.</p> <p>Consider what learning environment suits you best - large or small, general or specialist, vocational or academic.</p> <p>Look at the enrichment and work experience offered as part of the programme.</p>	<p>depending on the courses you are interested in, specialist providers.</p> <p>Submit your applications well before the deadlines and include any additional information required.</p>	<p>vocational qualifications.</p> <p>If you plan to go to university, look at degree course entry requirements before making A Level or vocational course choices.</p>
Spring Term	<p>Review your options after your mock exams. If you've done well, you could make some more ambitious applications.</p>	<p>Attend any interviews you are invited to, or you may lose your place.</p> <p>Review journey times to the places you are applying to and make sure journey times are manageable.</p>	<p>Revise, particularly maths and english and the subjects you want to study next year.</p> <p>If you are not offered a place at your first choice, look at alternatives. Colleges are often able to accept late applications than schools.</p>
Summer Term	<p>Create an exam timetable and turn up in good time to avoid last minute stress.</p>	<p>Review your 16-19 offers. It's not too late to apply for an apprenticeship, find an apprenticeship service, or change to a vocational course at college.</p>	<p>Check that your chosen study option will allow you to progress to further study/career, or will allow you to keep your options open.</p>
Summer holidays	<p>Relax.</p>	<p>Collect your exam results.</p>	<p>Accept your chosen offer and attend enrolment day if required.</p>