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There are many websites devoted to and offering advice about elective home education. These are a selection of some of them. The websites were correct as of the date the above. Websites do change from time to time and it may be more appropriate to do a search via a search engine.

The inclusion of an organisation or a website **is not an endorsement**. You should talk with the individual organization or review the website to see if they will be able to provide the service / support you or your child needs.

If you find a website does not work please email ehe@camden.gov.uk

AS THEY GET OLDER

Experience has shown that when the young person gets towards Year 10 (15 years or older), families need to think to the future.

There is a growing tendency to wish for entry into formal education at either Sixth Form Level or Post 16 Colleges.

In Camden, entry for “A” level Courses without GCSE Grades seems difficult if not impossible. Entry for an NVQ may be slightly easier.

Experience has shown that obtaining a prospectus two years before entry (when the child is 14 years old) is good practice, as knowing what is required for entry at this point means the parent and the child can plan effectively.

Raising Participation Age:

Pupils are required to be employment education or training from when they cease to of statutory school age to they turn 18. All contact details for home-educated pupils in year 11 will be shared with the Connexions service in Camden who can help support them with post 16 options. This can include training, jobs, apprenticeships and or other education courses. Tel: 0207 974 7252 connexions@camden.gov.uk

Camden secondary schools also offer sixth forms. More information on these can be found on the schools website about the admission arrangements, entry requirements and deadlines to submit applications.

There is also information in the Camden Secondary school [guide](#)

The main further education colleges in Camden are:
Please click on the hyperlink to access their websites.

[Westminster Kingsway College](#)

[Working Men's College](#)

[City Lit](#)

[Mary Ward Centre](#)

[WAC arts](#)

Before applying for a place in a sixth form or post 16 college we recommend that the parent writes to the Principal or Head of Faculty to ask what the requirements are to allow their particular child to enrol. This is because there could be minimum qualification requirements. The Home Education Advisor may be able to provide a reference for the child, which may assist with their enrolment.

There are a number of private colleges that offer tuition and or exam only facilities (GCSE) for Home Educators. There is a cost for exams. Parents can search for these online using a key word search such as "colleges" and "private candidates". Camden has an exam centre where home education pupils can sit exams. Parents are responsible for any costs of exams including any late fees. If you are considering sitting an exam, please email ehe@camden.gov.uk with the name of the course, the exam board and when you would like to sit the exam. EWS will contact the exam centre to see if it is possible for them to allow the pupil to do this exam at their centre. Some courses may not be available, or there be additional costs for invigilation. EWS recommend that you speak with us at least a year before any exam to avoid late fees that can be costly. If we are unable to offer the exam centre within Camden, we can advise if it is possible to do this exam at another venue. See our Online resources pages.

There are Correspondence or Tutorial organisations that offer complete packages of courses leading to the sitting of GCSE's. These have a high success rate – but can be expensive. Parents can search for these online using a key word search such as "correspondence courses" and "tutorial colleges".

The [National Careers Service](#) is available to offer advice and support for pupils on education course, training courses, colleges and employment opportunities.

Other sources of advice

[Not going to University](#) – advice about alternatives to university courses

[Parent adviser](#) - Careers advice for parents

<https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/>

Offers a range of courses aimed at post 16 age group