

## **RESULTS LOOM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS LANCASHIRE**

As the countdown begins for young people across Lancashire nervously awaiting exam results, the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) in Lancashire is reminding young people not to panic – whatever their results!

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**Options exist for young people at all levels of ability – with opportunities out there for everyone to take the next step to a successful future.**

AS Level and A2 Level results will be announced on Thursday 16 August, with GCSE results following a week later on Thursday 23 August and thousands of young people across Lancashire will be making decisions and choices based on their results.

There are a range of routes for young people to consider and the LSC is encouraging them to take their time and look at all the options before they make their choices

Work-based learning options such as Apprenticeships and Entry to Employment (e2e) are popular vocational routes for young people aged 16-24 that want to get straight into the workplace after year 11.

Providing an opportunity to start real work, gain essential qualifications, learn new skills and get paid, these routes offer young people a clear career path. For some young people it comes as a surprise to learn that this route can also lead to a University place.

For those young people who prefer to remain in full-time education after GCSEs, Sixth Form or Further Education (FE) are the traditional route to A-levels and ultimately University.

However the LSC advises it is also worth investigating all provision at local FE Colleges as they offer much more than A-levels and have a wealth of courses available to suit the interests and career ambitions of most young people.

Ian Haworth, Director of Area for the LSC in Lancashire comments, “Once you have your results you’ll be making key decisions about your future. From staying on at school, to going to college or embarking on an Apprenticeship there are a number of ways to secure a bright future. Whatever the results, the key thing is not to worry – there are options open for you. No matter what happens, and whether your results are good or bad, it is important to know that there are plenty of learning and career options out there.”

The following organisations can provide valuable support and assistance at this crucial time:

Apprenticeships - [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk), 08000 150 600

Clearing - [www.ucas.ac.uk/clearing](http://www.ucas.ac.uk/clearing), 0870 112 2211

Learndirect - [www.learndirect.co.uk](http://www.learndirect.co.uk), 0800 101 901

Connexions - [www.connexions-direct.com](http://www.connexions-direct.com), 080 800 13 2 19

Nextstep – [www.nextstep.org.uk](http://www.nextstep.org.uk)

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The LSC exists to make England better skilled and more competitive. We are responsible for ensuring the availability of high-quality education and training for everyone. We have a single goal: to improve the skills of England’s young people and adults to world class standards. Our vision is that young people and adults in England have knowledge and skills matching the best in the world and are part of a truly competitive workforce. We work nationally, regionally and locally to deliver this ambition on behalf of learners and employers.

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