

Engage with... Education

Glossary

Employer
Resource Pack

Acronyms Used In Education

The aim of this glossary is to explain some of the more commonly used acronyms used in education.

Acronym	Education Term	Meaning
AtW	Access to Work - gov.uk/access-to-work	Government-backed scheme that provides grants for employers to support employees with a range of disabilities. Managed by the DWP.
CEIAG	Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance	It is a statutory requirement for schools and colleges to provide careers guidance and careers education to students.
CA	Careers Adviser	Careers advisers provide information, advice and guidance to help young people make realistic choices about their education, training and work. This normally takes place during 121 interviews.
CL	Careers Leader	The qualified person in a school or college responsible for managing careers guidance and education as per government careers guidance and measures (see Gatsby).
DBS	Disclosure and Barring Service	As part of the schools and college safe guarding produces you may be asked to produce your most recent DBS certificate. To find out more go to gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service/about
DFE	Department for Education	Government department responsible for the oversight of education.
DWP	Department of Work & Pensions	Government department responsible for welfare, pensions and child maintenance policy.

Acronym	Education Term	Meaning
EHCP	Education Health Care Plan	A legal document which is drawn up between the Local Education Authority, Health and Social Care and a child's family, or a young person between 16 and 25. It sets out annually reviewed progress outcomes relating to the young person's support needs, led by their education provision.
Gatsby Benchmarks	Gatsby Benchmarks (gatsby.org.uk)	A statutory framework of 8 benchmarks to help schools and colleges measure and improve their careers guidance and provision.
LA and LO	Local authority and Local Offer	All local authorities have a duty to provide information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents or carers about the services available to them in a single place. This is now generally an online directory.
LD LLDD	Learning Disability Learner with Learning Difficulties or Disabilities	A learning disability happens when a person's brain development is affected, either before they are born, during their birth or in early childhood.
LLD	Language Learning Disability	People who struggle finding the right words, speak very fast or have an unusual cadence.
NEET	Not in Employment, Education or Training	This refers to a person who is unemployed and not receiving an education or vocational training.
NC	National Curriculum	This is a prescribed programme of education for England that has to be taught in all local authority-maintained schools.
OfSTED	Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills.	Government directorate tasked with inspecting education providers of all ages. Establishments are usually rated Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement or Inadequate.

Acronym	Education Term	Meaning
PMLD	Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities	When a person has a severe learning disability and other disabilities that significantly affect their ability to communicate and be independent.
SILC	Specialist Inclusive Learning Centre	Schools dedicated to providing support for students with special educational needs.
SEN	Special Educational Needs	Generic term used to describe learning difficulties or disabilities that make it harder for children to learn than other children of the same age.
SEND	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities	A child or young person with a learning difficulty and/or a disability that means they need special health and education support. We shorten this to SEND.

Types of Qualification

Acronym	Qualification	Description
A AS	A Level or AS Level	Intended for learners who want a deeper knowledge of a specific subject and who have usually already completed their GCSEs.
ASDAN	Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network (UK)	This organisation provides flexible programmes and qualifications that help young people develop skills for learning, work and life. Students receive an ASDAN Award as their qualification.
BTEC	Business and Technology Education Council	BTECs are specialist work-related qualifications. They combine practical learning with subject and theory content. There are over 2,000 BTEC qualifications across 16 sectors – they are available from entry level through to professional qualifications at level 7 (equivalent to postgraduate study).
EL	Entry Level	First stage of qualifications available at 3 levels – 1, 2 and 3 with 3 being the most difficult. Usually result in an award, certificate or diploma.
FS	Functional Skills	Qualifications that are an alternative to GCSEs that focus on developing practical skills in areas such as English, Maths and ICT. Available at: Entry 1, Entry 2, Entry 3, Level 1 and Level 2. Entry Level 1, for instance, is comparable to a GCSE grade 1–3.
GCSE	General Certificate of Secondary Education	Formal qualifications taken by students aged 15–16. Now graded from 9–1 with 9 being the highest (equivalent to the old-style A*).
NVQ	National Vocational Qualification	This is a work-based qualification which recognises the skills and knowledge a person needs to do a job.

Work Experience Opportunities

Work Experience	Description
T Levels	<p>Levels are two-year technical programmes, designed with employers, to give young people the skills that industries need. The 'T' stands for technical and from 2020, T Levels will give 16 to 19 -year olds a technical alternative to A levels. One T Level is equivalent to 3 A levels.</p> <p>For more information go to futuregoals.co.uk/engage/parents-carers/qualifications-explained/</p>
Supported Internships	<p>Supported internships are structured study programmes based primarily at an employer. They are intended to enable young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities to achieve sustainable, paid employment by equipping them with the skills they need for work through learning in the workplace.</p>
Inclusive Apprenticeships	<p>Inclusive Apprenticeships are a flexible, bespoke earn while you learn apprenticeship programme designed for those with recognised learning difficulties and disabilities.</p>

FUTUREGOALS



In partnership with

