



Social mobility:

Are post-16 qualification routes fair for all?


Academic route


Non-academic routes

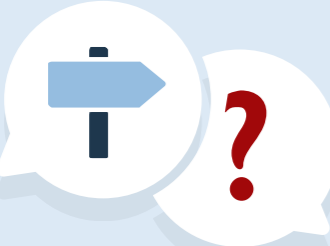


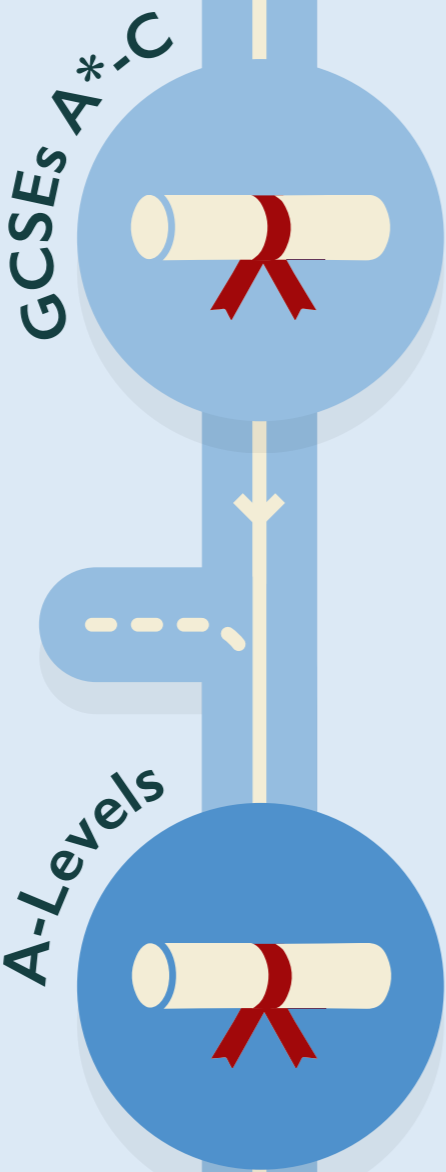
47% of 16 and 17 year olds start A-Levels

53% of 16 and 17 year olds do not start A-Levels

This route is clear

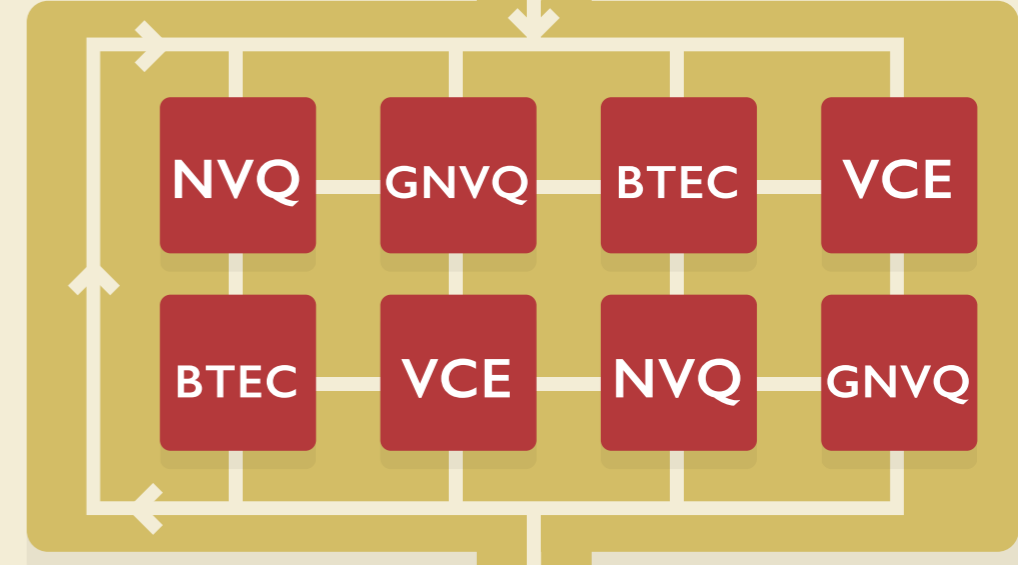
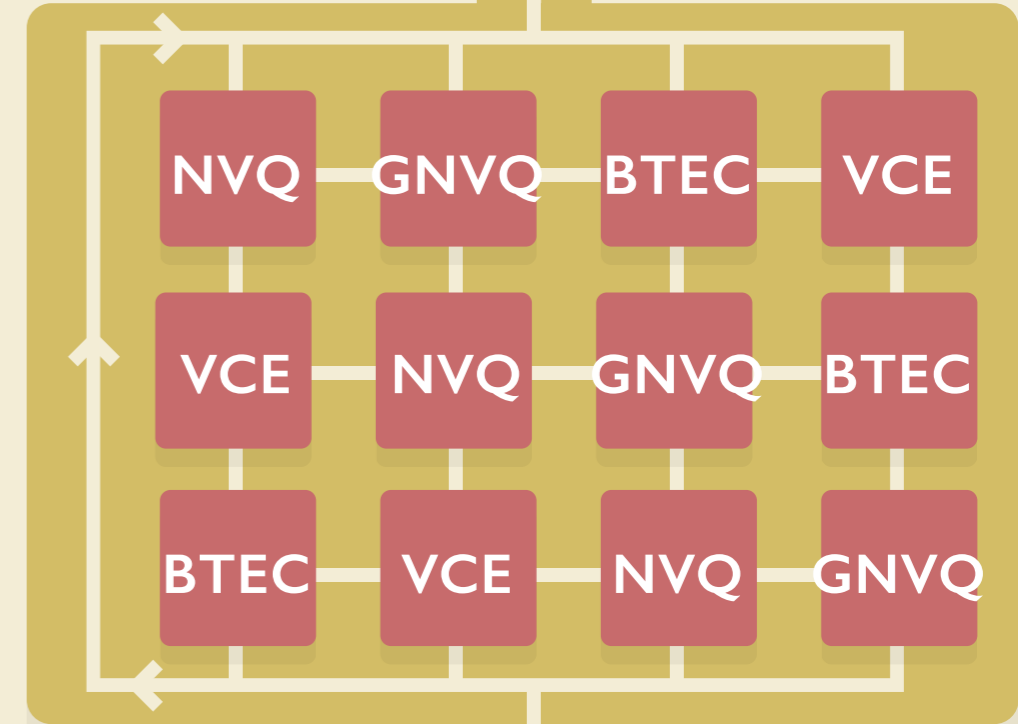
This route is confusing


Careers guidance is geared toward this path



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For every 1 **GCSE** course on offer there are 12 **Level 2** vocational courses

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For every 1 **AS or A-Level** course available there are 8 **Level 3** vocational courses




Students may end up taking **multiple** Level 2 or Level 3 qualifications before moving into the labour market



Job market



These qualifications are **well understood** by employers



These qualifications are **less understood** by employers and often don't lead to jobs

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