

## Raising the Participation Age

### What it is and how you can take advantage of it

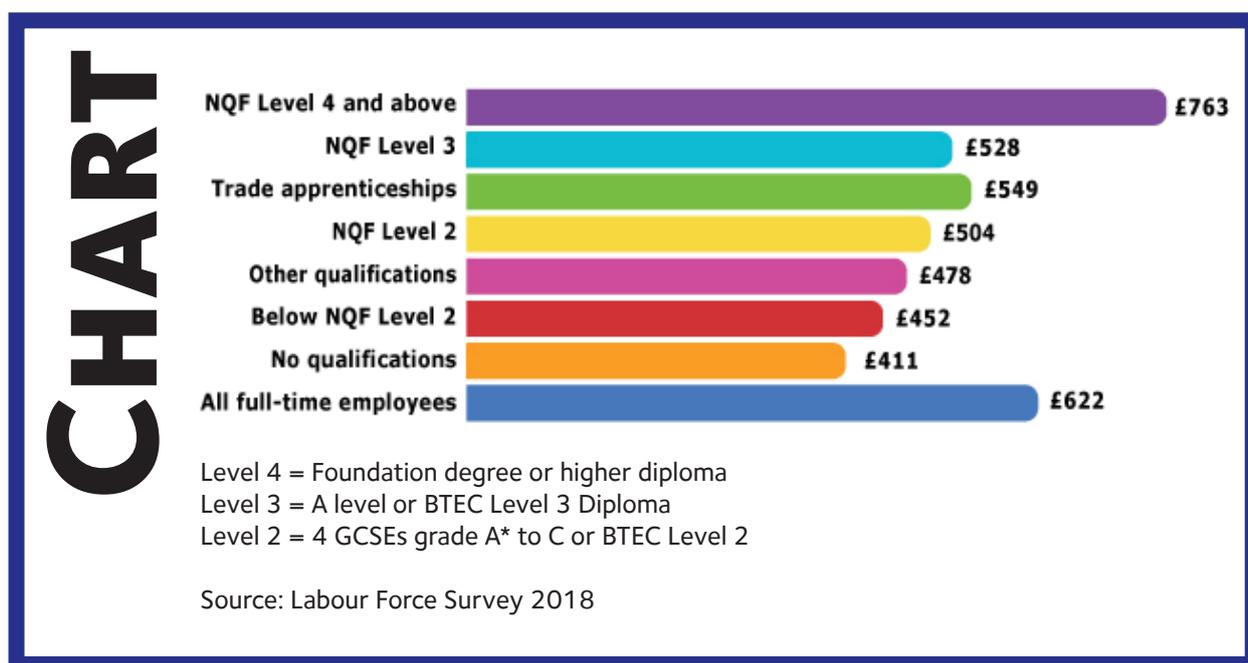
- RPA (Raising the Participation Age) increases the minimum age you can leave learning.
- After Year 11 you will have to stay in some form of education or training until at least your 18th birthday.
- In fact, most young people already choose to stay in learning between 16 and 18, gaining the skills and knowledge employers ask for and that will be required by jobs in the future.
- **RPA doesn't mean you must stay in school.** You can choose an option to suit you from the following choices:
  - work-based learning such as an apprenticeship or job with training. (Training has to be for at least 280 teaching hours a year and lead to an Ofqual accredited qualification)
  - part-time education or training if you are employed, self-employed or volunteering for more than 20 hours a week
  - a full-time course in school or college
- Details about all these options are on [www.izzy-info.com](http://www.izzy-info.com) and on [www.ucasprogress.com/search](http://www.ucasprogress.com/search)
- RPA begins from the last day of the summer term. However, if you have an offer of a place on a course with a September start date, you will not be expected to do any other learning before you start the course.
- More about [RPA@www.gov.uk](mailto:RPA@www.gov.uk)

### RPA - Raising the Participation Age

Helping more young people into education and training

# 6 great reasons for staying in learning and getting qualified

1. If you want a good choice of jobs you need good qualifications.
2. More and more jobs will require high level qualifications and skills - low skilled jobs are disappearing.
3. To increase your self-confidence and reach your full potential.
4. To show employers, teachers and tutors you can work hard, have the skills they need and that you are prepared to learn.
5. To improve your life chances. Missing out on learning 16+ could affect your whole future well-being, things such as your health, your life style, your friends.
6. So you earn more! It's true, the more you learn the more you earn!



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