

READ AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

Sixteen - What now?

You're 16 and finally you can leave school! By now, you're probably sick of teachers, desks, tests and exams. But don't just run for the exit. You need to think carefully about what to do next.

If you want a professional career, you will need to go to university and get a degree. To do that, you need to stay at high school for another two years. But you needn't stay at the same place. There are several options in the district of Northacre.

St. Leopold's School has the best pass rate of all the high schools in the district. It offers a wide range of subjects in the humanities and sciences. St Leopold's is, of course, a private school, so may be too expensive for you. But don't worry, there are several other options if you want to follow the academic route. Knowle Grammar School is a state school, so there are no fees, and it has excellent tuition and facilities. It is a boys' school from the ages of 11-16, but from 16-18 it is co-educational. But it is selective, so you'll have to pass an exam to get in. If you're interested in going into Business, check out Wyle River Academy. This school specialises in subjects like Business Studies, Management and Economics. If you prefer the arts, look at the courses on offer at Northacre College. Here you can study woodwork, art, textiles and much more.

Northacre College also offers a wide range of vocational qualifications. You can do a 1-year certificate or a 2-year diploma in subjects like electrics, plumbing, roofing and hairdressing. If you'd prefer to work outdoors, look at Milldown College, where there are courses in Farm Mechanics, Land Management, Animal Management and much more.

A final option is to get an apprenticeship with a local or national company. You will get on-the-job training, gain certificates or diplomas and start earning straight away. But be warned - places are limited! Find out more at the Jobs Fair on 26th May at Northacre College.

1 The aim of the article is to...

- a. advise young people about how to get to university.
- b. tell young people about the options available.
- c. advise young people to stay in education.

2. The article advises reader who want a professional career to...

- a. go to university immediately.
- b. stay at the same school for two more years.
- c. go to high school for two more years, then get a degree.

3. St Leopold's is the best school for...

- a. good exam results.
- b. humanities and sciences.
- c. facilities.

4. You can only attend St Leopold's school if you...

- a. pay tuition fees.
- b. pass an exam.
- c. study both humanities and sciences.

5. You can only attend Knowle Grammar School if you...

- a. pass an exam.
- b. are a boy.
- c. can afford the tuition fees.

6. Anna wants to work with horses. Where is the best place for her to study?

- a. Wyle River Academy
- b. Northacre College
- c. Milldown College

7. Harry wants to be a builder. Where is the best place for him to study?

- a. Wyle River Academy
- b. Northacre College
- c. Milldown College

8. Kevin wants to be a fashion designer. Where is the best place for him to study?

- a. Wyle River Academy
- b. Northacre College
- c. Milldown College

9. Caroline wants to run her own company. Where is the best place for him to study?

- a. Wyle River Academy
- b. Northacre College
- c. Milldown College

10. What is the problem with apprenticeships?

- a. Wyle River Academy
- b. Northacre College
- c. Milldown College

Choose the correct meaning for the following signs

1

High speed trains pass platform without stopping
Please stand behind the yellow line

The notice tells passengers...

- a) where to catch the fast train.
- b) to stay away from fast trains.
- c) about a change to the train service.

2

↑ Way Out & Lifts
← Waiting Room & Toilets
Left Luggage →

Turn right if you...

- a) want to leave the station.
- b) are waiting for a train.
- c) want to store your bag.

3

When ticket office is closed please use ticket machine.
Passengers travelling without a ticket may receive a fine.

The sign tells passengers...

- a) where to find the ticket office.
- b) to buy a ticket before travelling.
- c) that the ticket machine is not working.

4

Taxis over bridge
Please cross road for buses to Weston town centre and bus station.
Use this stop for buses to Belgrave and Dorstone.

Stay here if you want to...

- a) get a taxi.
- b) go to the town centre.
- c) go to Dorstone.

5

Delays and cancellations possible because of snow
Please check timetable for updates to your service

The notice tells passengers that...

- a) train services may change.
- b) the next train is delayed.
- c) it will snow soon.

6

↑ Gates 1-19
All other gates →

The sign tells passengers...

- a) where to catch a train.
- b) where to board a plane.
- c) where to collect luggage.

7

Fasten seatbelt while in your seat.
Life vest is under your seat.

You will see this sign...

- a) in a plane.
- b) in a train.
- c) in a hire car.

8

NOTICE

Because of road works, this stop will move to Fountain Road
between 5th and 25th March

The notice tells passengers that...

- a) the bus route will change.
- b) buses will leave from a different place.
- c) buses will run late in March.

9

Buses leave from this stop at 0530, then every 15 minutes until
1800, then hourly until 2200.

There is NOT a bus at...

- a) 0545
- b) 1830
- c) 2100

10

Maximum Capacity
30 passengers seated
14 passengers standing

The notice describes...

- a) how many people can ride the bus.
- b) the cost of a bus ticket.
- c) how many buses there are per day.