

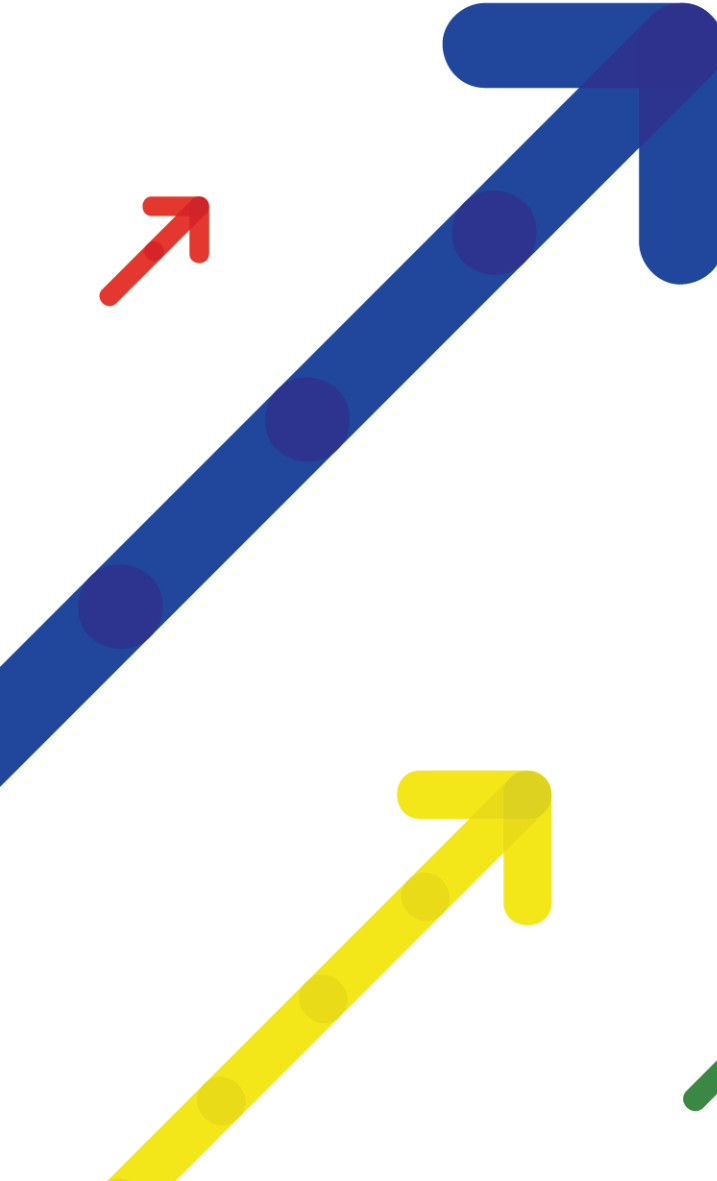


Who are LiNCHigher?



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We are a consortium partnership of higher education providers and regional partners supporting young people in schools, colleges and community groups across Lincolnshire.

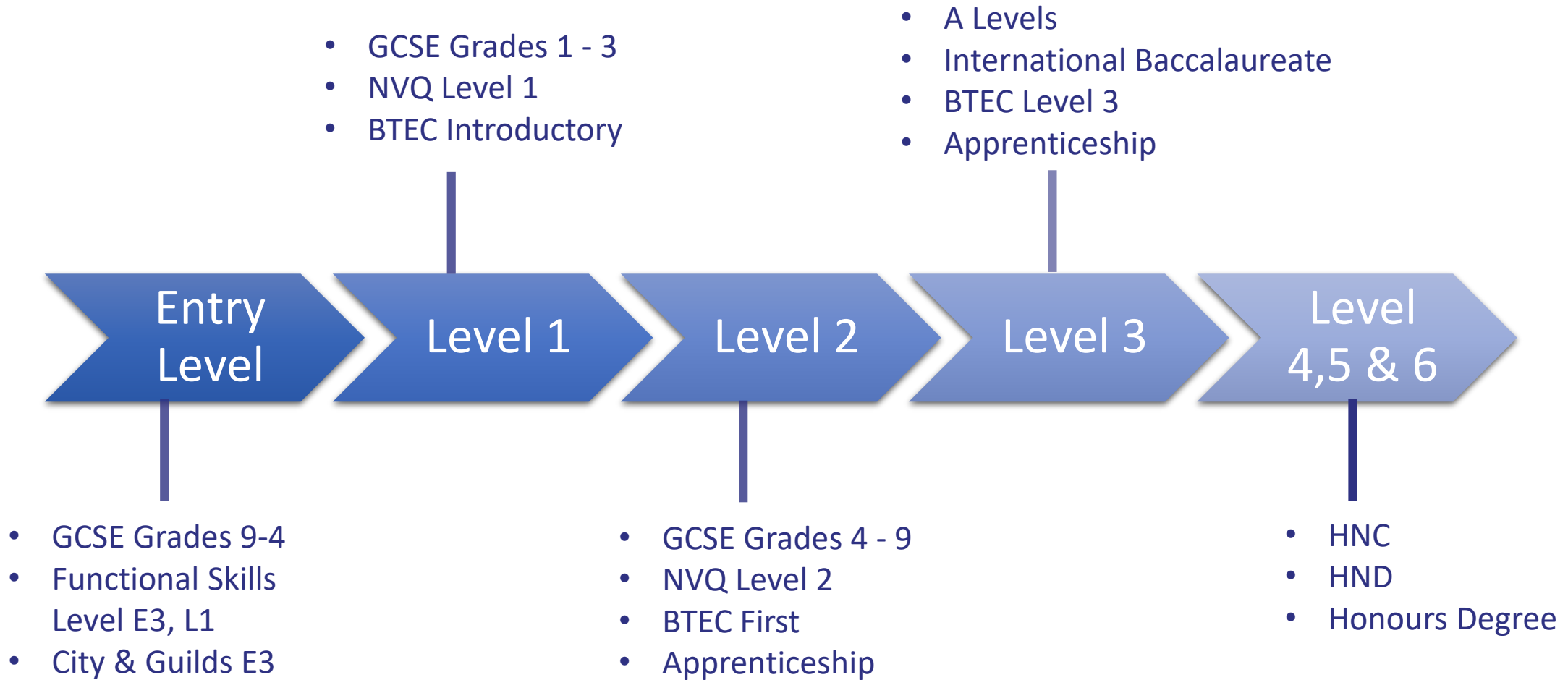
We are a central unbiased resource for young people, schools and parents providing the information and support they need to help make informed decisions about their future. Our aim is to break down barriers and obstacles for young people from under represented backgrounds in accessing Higher Education



What we do

- Support 45 secondary schools across Lincolnshire with Information, Advice & Guidance to Higher Education pathways.
- Outreach activities for students in Year 9 -13. Many focusing on key skills relating to
 - Confidence
 - Endurance & perseverance
 - Goal mapping
 - Self belief
- Specific focus on students from under represented backgrounds including BAME, WWC, FSM, Disability
- Community groups including GRT, Children in Care & Service families
- Growing number of special schools

Routes to Higher Education – Not prescriptive



The benefits of Higher Education

- Independence
- Spend time on something you enjoy
- Social life
- Broaden horizons
- Sense of achievement
- Career prospects and employability
- Developing a wider range of employability & life skills



Higher Education is a very real and viable pathway for SEND learners

Learners with a EHCP at HE continues to rise.

In 2018/19 **331,170** EHCP students were in HE, up from 239,415 in 2014/15 - a 38% increase.



Different establishments for different needs

- Size – Rural/Urban/Small/Large
- Facilities – Accessibility is a priority
- Culture – friendly and inclusive environment
- Specialist support – holistic services including
 - Mentors/ Study skills tutor
 - research assistants
 - Readers – Transcribing
 - extra time for exams/assessments
 - Specialist societies & groups
 - Software & IT Support
- Student Support Services
 - Chaplaincy & pastoral care/personal care
 - student support ambassadors & mentors.
 - Councillors
- Living options
 - on campus
 - private accommodation
 - living from home.



Need to know

- Preparation is key to a successful transition to HE
- Use our tool kit to facilitate conversations about HE early on with your child, so you understand the pathway and the local opportunities.
- Identify your young persons specific needs, and evaluate your higher education options and the individual provisions of each institution. – Not all are equal.
- Engage with the HE provider early on to effectively prepare i.e. visits or early start programmes
- If progressing to Level 4 or above, EHCP is discontinued. Apply for disabled students allowance (DSA)
- Identify applicable bursaries and financial support, national and University level.



Additional questions & resources

Parent/Carer Guide to Higher Education & Videos

- <https://linchigher.co.uk/admin/resources/linchigher-parent-and-carer-guide-new-v2-jan.pdf>
- <https://events.linchigher.co.uk/>

Higher Education guides for SEND students

- https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/field/at_tachemnt/Funding%20of%20Students%2016-25%20PfA.pdf
- <https://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/sites/default/files/pdf/IntoHE2019.pdf>
- <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/student-advice/applying-to-uni/disabled-students-university-guide#Coursepracticalities>
- <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/individual-needs/disabled-students>



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