

Educational system in Great Britain

It falls into four stages:

- Pre-compulsory education (under 5 years of age)
- Compulsory education (5-16)
- Further education (16-18)
- Higher education (over 18 years of age)

Compulsory School has 4 parts

(key stages):

- The 1st from the age of 5 up to the age of 7
- The 2nd one from the age of 7 up to the age of 11
- The 3rd one from the age of 11 up to the age of 14
- The 4th from the age of 14 up to the age of 16

Primary School:

- 5 - 11
- two exams
- one at the end of each key stage
- exam helps parents to choose a future school
- A Nursery school - earlier, at the age of 3

Secondary School:

- 11 - 16
- compulsory is learning foreign languages
- French, German, Spanish, Italian or Russian
- in 14 they can opt for the General National Vocational Qualification-G.N.V.Q. - to learn a trade (a mechanic, a hairdresser, an electrician)
- instead of taking GCSE s at 16.the GNVQ helps to find a job

- G.C.S.E. (General Certificate of Secondary Education)
 - it is not a big exam
 - they can take from 5 to 10 GCSE.s
 - they must pass 7 GCSE.s to go to university
- when they have passed it, they can choose between Sixth Form College or a Tertiary College

Sixth Form Education:

- enable them to go to university
- they can spend here two years (lower sixth and upper sixth)
- in the end they must take exam which is called **ADVANCED Level (A-LEVEL)**
- they need only three A-levels to go to university

Tertiary College:

- further education in a Tertiary College enables them to learn a job and to get one

Grading System:

A = excellent

B = above average

C = average

D = passing but below average

E = failure - no credit

Universities:

- Birmingham University
- Glasgow University
- Oxford
- Cambridge





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