

The Smarter Step

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The alternative pathway to a
traditional degree...

Higher Technical Qualifications!

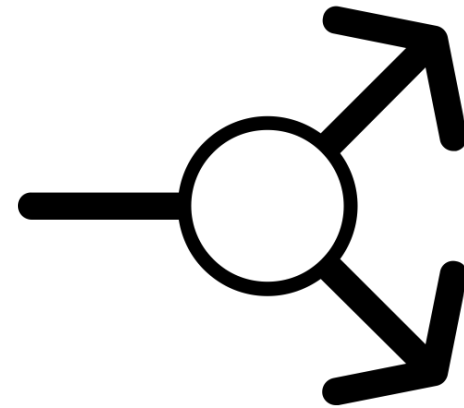


Options after College

University is the most popular option; however, there are other possibilities:

- + Higher Education Colleges
- + Apprenticeships

(a.k.a *the* alternative option!)



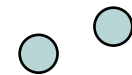
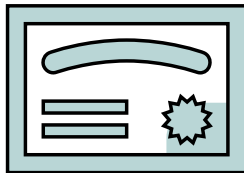
Higher Technical Pathway

If your young person chooses the *alternative option* to a traditional degree, they are likely to study the following types of courses...

FYI...

Higher Technical courses are designed to develop practical, skills-based knowledge aligned with employer needs, rather than solely theoretical knowledge

Higher Education options

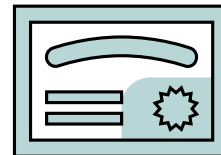


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-HNC / Cert HE / Higher App

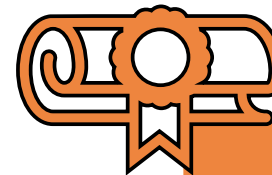
Your Higher Education options

FYI... These are not new courses!

- ✓ The 1999 push for more university study **reduced focus on technical education.**
- ✓ Since 2015, fewer students have taken Level 4 and 5 courses, while **many skilled workers are retiring.**
- ✓ **Level 4 and 5** courses offer a positive pathway to **fill skills gaps** and build strong careers



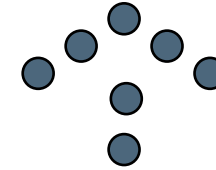
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LEVEL 5 (2 years):
-HND / DipHE / FdA / Higher App



LEVEL 6 (3 years):
-Degree / Degree Apprenticeship



What's so great?

Employment

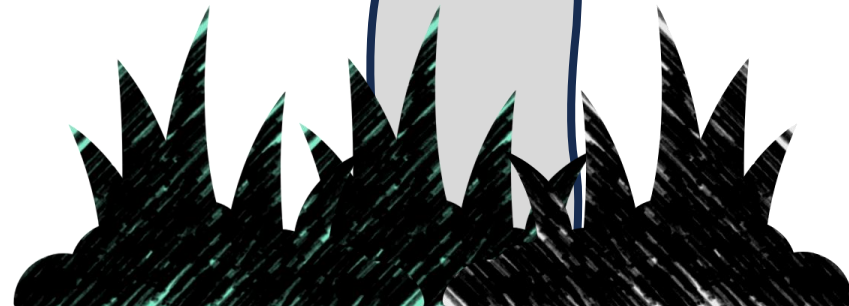
Top Up to L6+

Stepping Stone

Plan B

FYI...

High demand for L4 & L5
STEM-qualified
professionals



FYI....

Degree Apprenticeships are more competitive than Oxford & Cambridge

REMEMBER...

Highly competitive
University application = good Plan B.
L4/5 course = even better Plan B

Apprenticeships

- + Higher Apprenticeships (L4 & L5)
- + Degree Apprenticeships (L6)
- + Work based learning
- + Longer to complete
- + Industry relevant qualification

(Students must secure an employer,
the employer will choose the education provider)

But what about the GMIoT?

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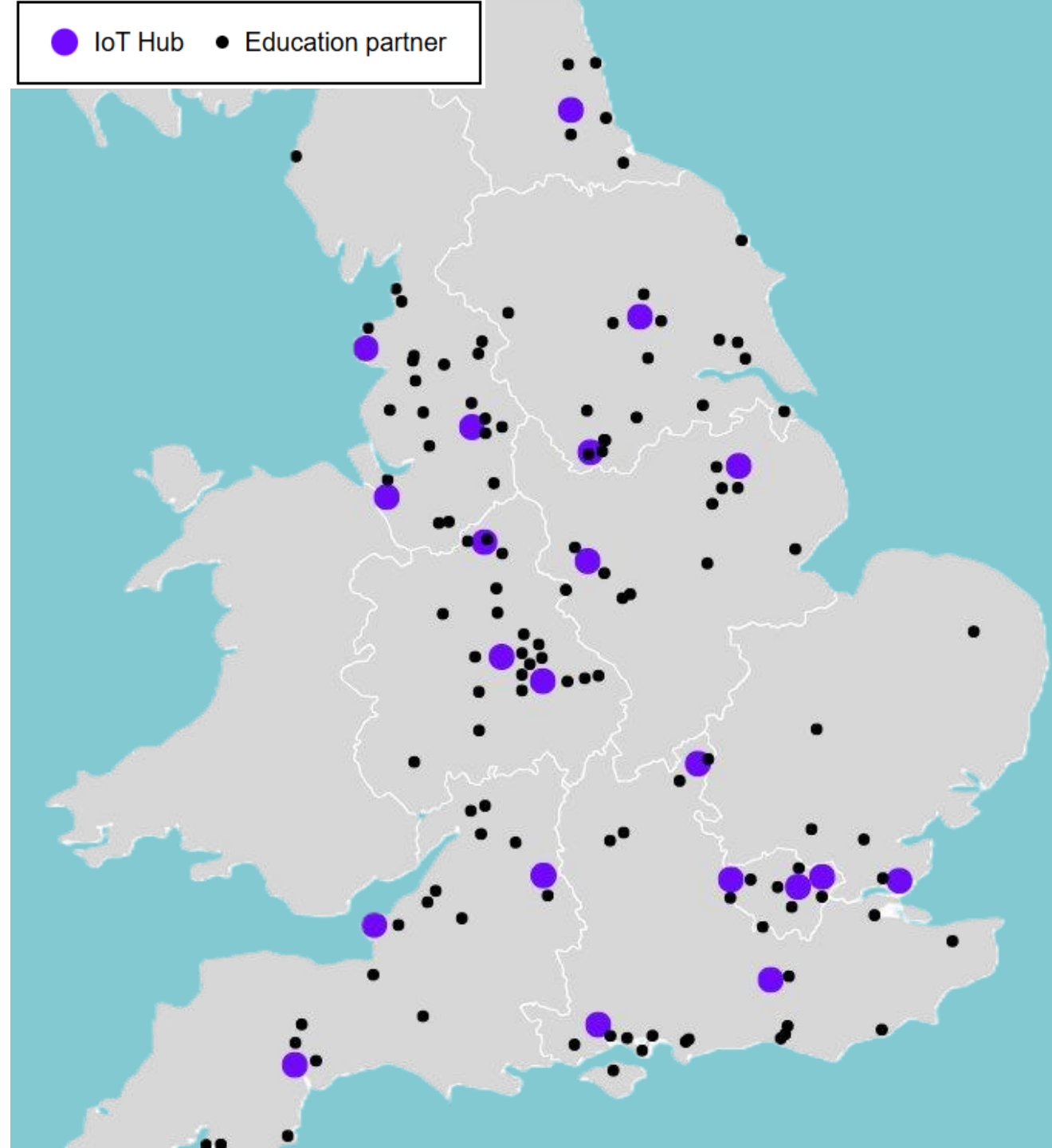
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What is an Institute of Technology (IoT)?

- + Network of colleges, universities and employers working together
- + World-class technical education & training in STEM-based subjects
- + Designed to fast-track you into local jobs
- + Specialising in:

construction, engineering, computing, creative media, business and health



GMIoT is a Greater Manchester Partnership

Education partners:



Key Employer partners:



National intelligence, security and cyber agency
Offices in central Manchester



Major engineering and construction organisation
Offices in South Manchester



World leaders in designing and manufacturing digital and technology solutions
Head office in South Manchester



A public service broadcaster that provides radio, television, online, and news services
Offices in Salford Quays



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Government Digital Service



What are the
benefits of
studying a
GMIoT course



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from Noun Project

Access to **state-of-the-art facilities**
e.g. simulation workplace facilities and equipment



Frequent **exposure to the workplace** and employers through:

-Visits, guest speakers, live industry briefs



ENERGY HOUSE TOUR



SIEMENS GUEST
SPEAKER



NERIC ROBOTICS
CENTRE TOUR

University study at college:

- + Accredited by a university
- + Cheaper
- + Smaller class sizes
- + Stay close to home
- + Condensed timetable
- + Lower Entry requirements
- + Still eligible for student finance



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Save
££££s

1-2 days
per week = Full time



Examples of courses...

+ Content Creation

+ Construction Management

+ Digital Technologies & A.I

+ Engineering

+ Esports Enterprise & Management

+ Graphic Design

+ Nursing Associate

+ Software Developer

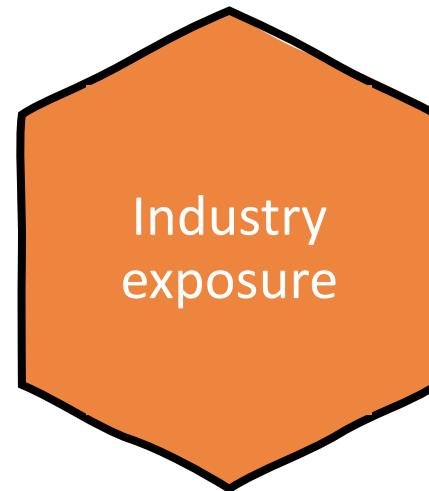
+ Sport & Exercise Science

+ Quantity Surveying



In summary...

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courses...



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