

Connexions provides information and advice about education, training and employment to help young people plan for their future career.

We offer our services from Connexions Rooms in secondary schools and further education colleges and also work in “One Stop Shops” in town centres or local communities where we offer services alongside other organisations that work with young people.

To check location and opening times, see our website at www.iyss.org.uk or call 024 7660 7900.

Connexions is available to parents as well as young people and you are very welcome to contact us for advice and information.

INFORMATION

- ◆ up-to-date facts about hundreds of different careers
- ◆ details about local jobs and how to apply for them
- ◆ guidelines for making decisions about career choice

INDIVIDUAL HELP

Young people aged 13-19, get advice and guidance through careers education in school and an individual interview or a group session. Each pupil has their own Personal Adviser who will make sure they get all the help and information they are entitled to.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

When planning for the future, young people may come up against problems that affect career choice e.g. money, accommodation, health. Connexions is part of a network of organisations that ensure the right kind of help is available to tackle each problem.

GETTING INVOLVED

Young people have the right to say what they think should happen in the decisions that affect them and to have their opinions taken into account. (Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child). Young people up to the age of 19 can join the INVOLVE team, www.covinvolve.org.uk For more information call 024 7670 7679 or email team@covinvolve.org.uk

FINDING OUT ABOUT CAREERS

Information on different occupations including qualifications needed, what the job involves, pay and conditions, etc.

FINDING WORK/APPRENTICESHIPS

Details of local training vacancies and help with applying for work - letters, CVs, interviews, etc.

GOING TO COLLEGE /SIXTH FORM

Local college and sixth form courses and details of financial help available to fund courses.

GOING TO UNIVERSITY

Everything you need to know about higher education including courses, funding, student life, etc.

WORK STUDY ABROAD & IN THE UK AND VOLUNTARY WORK

All the information needed to help plan a GAP year, take up voluntary work or work abroad.

OTHER USEFUL/LIFESTYLE INFORMATION

Information on rights & benefits, housing, leisure & travel, health, justice & equality, etc.

WEBSITES

You will find two of our websites particularly useful:

www.cwworldofwork.org.uk This site looks at the local economy and where jobs are likely to be in the future.

www.route14-19.co.uk Gives detailed information on every course, on every subject, at every school, college or training provider anywhere in Coventry and Warwickshire.

In Year 9 your son or daughter has choices to make on some of the courses they will take at Key Stage 4, that's Years 10 and 11. Parents want to offer support but often don't know how. A good starting point is to go through the web pages at <http://www.connexions-direct.com/parentcarer/> This gives lots of detail on option choices, compulsory subjects, the new 14-19 Diploma, work related courses and Young Apprenticeships. It also explains how parents can help and lists extra sources of information. It has a section for parents of young people with special needs.

One area where parents often want advice is about how Key Stage 4 choices may affect future career options and higher education. You can contact the Connexions Personal Adviser at your son/daughter's school or you can send individual questions through our website.

MAKING CONTACT

Whether you are a young person, parent or carer, you will be made welcome at Connexions. There are Connexions offices in towns throughout Coventry and Warwickshire and most schools and colleges have their own Connexions room. For details of your nearest contact point phone 024 7660 7900 or visit our website www.iyss.org.uk

Information and advice is also available through Connexions Direct. It's available every day of the year, almost 24 hours a day (it's closed from 2 am - 8 am).

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