

Connexions provides information advice and guidance relating to education, training and employment to help young people plan their future.

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
- ◆ information about further & higher education courses, institutions and how to apply
- ◆ guidelines for making decisions about career choice
- ◆ financial facts and how different decisions will affect income (benefits, wages, students loans etc).

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.

ENTITLEMENT

Young people are entitled to a one to one careers interview with a qualified Connexions Personal Adviser.

An offer of learning in Post 16 education, further education or training will be made through the September Guarantee.

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. Students in Year 11, can also make applications online.

In Year 11 your son or daughter has choices to make about what they will do at the end of compulsory education - "post-16 choices". 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 some detail on post-16 choices, AS and A levels, the new 14-19 Diploma, Apprenticeships and employment. It also looks at finance and there is information for parents of young people with special needs. You will also see how to order or download a free book called "It's Your Choice" that you can work through with your son/daughter.

One area where parents often want advice is about how post-16 choices may affect long-term career options and entry to higher education. For individual advice you can contact the Connexions Personal Adviser at your son/daughter's school or you can send 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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