



YEAR 11 PARENTS' FACT SHEET

What I need to know, to help my Year 11 child post 16.



What options are available after GCSEs?

Is education compulsory after GCSEs (age 16+)?

Under the present law, the school leaving age from September 2015 raised to 18.

Pupils must then do one of the following until you are 18:

- ◆ stay in full-time education, for example at a college or 6th form (A levels, NVQs, BTECs, TechBacs and International Baccalaureate (IB))
- ◆ start an apprenticeship
- ◆ start a traineeship

What can I do to support my child?

- ◆ Listen to your child
- ◆ Help research further education options
- ◆ Help complete application forms
- ◆ Encourage applying for 3 Sixth forms/colleges by December 2018
- ◆ Accompany your child to open days and interviews and practice interview techniques, with them
- ◆ Give constant positive encouragement at all times
- ◆ Ensure your child has a calm environment to think and relax

Will there be any financial help?

There is a 16-19 Bursary Fund to help young people most in need entering education or training. Some schools, colleges and training providers will also have some extra funding. For more information

www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund

Useful websites:

<http://www.careerpilot.org.uk/>

www.apprenticeships.org.uk

<http://www.parentalguidance.org.uk/>

<http://www.careersbox.co.uk/>

<https://icould.com/>

Advocacy Matters – supports young people aged between 14-18 and their families with SEND .

<http://www.advocacymatters.co.uk/advocacyforyoungpeople/>

National Careers Service helpline :

Telephone: 0800 100 900, Text messages: 07766 413 219

Monday to Sunday, 8am to 10pm

You can also arrange for a National Careers Service adviser to call you - this won't cost you anything.

<http://nationalcareersservice.phoneme.net/>

Upcoming FREE events you can attend with your child

What Careers Live? (15-19 yr olds)

Saturday 13th Oct 2018 , at the Olympia, 9.30am - 4pm

<https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/>

Skills London 2017 (15-24 yr olds)

Saturday 24 November 2018, ExCeL LONDON, 9.30am - 4pm

<http://www.skillslondon.co.uk/>

Making the right choices for the future

Tuesday 9th October 2018 6:30-8:30pm Wandsworth Civic Centre

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/making-the-right-choices-for-the-future

Remember, the earlier your child applies to their further education choices, the more time they have to focus on their studies.