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Pathways to Careers

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What is FutureFocus?

FutureFocus is a specialist Careers Service run by Telford and Wrekin Council, which provides impartial information, advice and guidance for young people, aged 13 - 19 years old (or up to 25 if they have an Education, Health & Care Plan or had a Statement of Special Educational Needs).

FutureFocus can also help when things get in the way of learning or future plans.

From September 2012, the statutory duty was placed on schools/colleges to provide access to independent and impartial careers guidance for their students, and they are free to make arrangements as they choose. Please contact FutureFocus to check if the school or college your child/young person attends buys in the FutureFocus Service to provide career guidance.

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FutureFocus Mission Statement

To engage and inspire young people to make positive transitions into education, employment and training.

We will do this by:

- Delivering professional, impartial, client-centred careers information, advice and guidance
- Delivering expert, up-to-date knowledge and information with an understanding of available opportunities
- Delivering a service that motivates and enables young people to make well-informed, realistic decisions

Careers guidance pathway
what happens and when?

Year 11

The aim in year 11 should be to support the child and their family to firm up their plans for their post-16 options and familiarise themselves with the expected new setting. This should include contingency planning and the child and their family should know what to do if plans change (because of exam results for example). FutureFocus will update the Careers and Transition report which documents the Careers Guidance provided and Transitional support required from school.

Year 14

All post 16 programmes of education should be focussed on progression to learning at the next level or to employment. In order to support this, learners will need access to high-quality support to make decisions about the next step that is right for them and to aspire to achieve their full potential.

What is a Careers and Transition Report?

A Careers and Transition Report is a document which reflects your child/young person's views and aspirations and how they might achieve them. The Careers and Transition Report will work towards looking at Education and/or employment pathways - exploring different education, training and employment.

A FutureFocus Careers Adviser will work with your child/young person in Year 11 and Year 14 and begin to collect and record their Education and Employment aspirations. FutureFocus will be involved in the Annual Review process, where this information will be shared with you and key professionals.

It is vital that the Careers and Transition Report reflects the child/young person's views and goals.

Before the meeting you might want to:

- Talk with your child/young person about their future goals/ambitions
- Think about what help your child/young person might need for the transition from school
- Think about what you want to discuss at the meeting
- Write down any questions you might like to ask

What Other Services Can Help?

The SEND Shropshire local offer is an online service which enables young people and families to access information they need and helps them to find local services and activities. It is intended to help you find information about services and provision that are available, how to access them or signpost you to someone who can help you find them.

The SEND local offer brings together information for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities and their families across education, health, social care and the voluntary and independent sectors. It enables you to search within your local community and across Shropshire as a whole for information on:

- Benefits
- Personal Budgets
- Independent Living
- Education Health and Care Plans
- Short Breaks
- Care Services
- Education and Training
- Health Services
- Leisure and Fun
- Transport including Independent Travel

  Shropshire County Council Post 16 Transport Policy: https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-transport/available-support/post-16/

How can I access SEND?

- Go to https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer

- Free, confidential, impartial and accessible advice through IASS. If you are a parent with a child at school, or a young person up to the age of 25, and you are looking for practical help with special educational needs procedures, information concerning health or social care or you just want someone to listen to your concerns. Information, Fletcher House, 15 College Hill, Shrewsbury SY1 1LY
  Tel: 01743 280019, email iass@cabshropshire.org.uk

  Website http://www.cabshropshire.org.uk/shropshire-iass/

- SENDirect is an online service making it easier for families (with children with additional needs) to understand their rights, get the information they need and find services and activities. Visit the SENDirect website: www.sendirect.org.uk

Education/Training Provider Learner Support

Post 16 learning support is available to all children/young people, regardless of the level of course or education provider.

Examples of support can include:

- Support for functional skills (English and Maths and ICT)

  Functional Skills Facts: www.functionalskills.com/Functional-Skills/Functional-Skills-faqs.php

- Arrangements for exam concessions
- Specialist support for those with dyslexia, sensory or mobility impairment
- Specialist equipment
- Individualised support may be provided as required and appropriate

Learner Support is assessed by the college when they receive a copy of the young persons Education, Health and Care Plan from their Local Authorities SEND Team, which outlines the level of provision required to meet their Special Educational Needs.

What are your local Post 16 provisions

There are many providers offering further educational provision including:

- Sixth form colleges
- Training providers
- 16-19 academies
- Further educational colleges
- School sixth form schools
- Specialist sixth form schools
- Specialist colleges

Important Information

Child Benefit: When your child turns 16

Your Child Benefit stops on 31st August on or after your child's 16th birthday if they leave education or training. It continues if they stay in approved education or training, but you must tell the Child Benefit Office. A letter will be sent to you in your child's last year at school asking you to confirm their plans.

Contact details

My FutureFocus Careers Adviser is called Catherine McCarthy:

My FutureFocus Careers Adviser's Office telephone number is:
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My FutureFocus Careers Adviser can be emailed using the below email address (Please address the email to your adviser and ensure you leave your name and date of birth):

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