

Year 11/Post 16 Transition Guide

Transitioning to Post 16:

Year 11 is a really busy year, with GCSEs and decisions to make about your future. At the Virtual School, we are here to help you during this time. You will already have a dedicated Virtual School Caseworker, but the Virtual School also has two staff dedicated to Post 16.

Lou Aubrey – Education Adviser – Lou is an experienced teacher, who leads on Post 16 for the Virtual School.

Emily Lane – Education, Employment and Training Officer – Emily is experienced in re-engaging and working with young people within Year 11 and Post 16.

Post 16 Choices:

There are a variety of options for you to consider for Post 16 – these include education, employment or training.

Education:

If you wish to continue in education, there are lots of options available to you, including Colleges and Sixth Forms. You could study A-Levels, T Levels or Vocational Qualifications at Level 1, 2 or 3 in a range of subjects. You can usually also study Maths and English alongside Vocational Qualifications. Each College or Sixth Form will have their own entry requirements for each different course, so be sure to check these when applying.

Employment:

You might wish to enter employment, and find an apprenticeship. Apprenticeships are available in a wide range of industries, including Hair & Beauty, Construction, Customer Service, Administration, Retail, Sports and many more. Apprenticeships include the opportunity to earn money whilst gaining a recognised qualification, alongside completing your Maths and English Qualifications if necessary.

Training:

You might want to find a job but feel like you need more experience first, and to gain your Maths and English Qualifications. Training Providers offer a range of study programmes which might be suitable – giving you a significant amount of work experience in an industry of your choosing, whilst gaining employability skills and qualifications.

How can the Virtual School help?

We can help you prepare for Post 16 in a number of different ways. We can support you with course or college applications, arrange visits to colleges or training providers and support you to apply for apprenticeships. You will be able to discuss these in detail at your PEP meetings, however you can also get in touch with your Virtual School Caseworker to discuss any support you might need.

Careers Advice

All young people are entitled to Careers Guidance through their school.

If you live in Telford & Wrekin, you can access support from Future Focus. They provide impartial, confidential advice and can help you with your learning and career plans. Future

Focus operate in many schools around Telford, but they also run drop in sessions at Southwater 1 in Telford Town Centre. – you can book a session by calling 01952 388988 or emailing future.focus@telford.gov.uk.

If you don't live in Telford & Wrekin, we can help you find the local Careers Guidance Service for your area.

Getting in touch:

If you would like any help, advice or guidance at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your dedicated Virtual School Caseworker or the Post 16 Team:

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