

Parents/Carers Year 11 Planner

September

During the year the Connexions Personal Adviser will work with the school to make sure that your son or daughter has regular opportunities to find out about the full range of options available to them along with support to help them make a decision about their next step

- Cnx2 Your Future booklet given to year 11 pupils in school
- Use the Tameside 14 to 19 Prospectus www.yourchoiceintameside.co.uk to learn more about local opportunities.

October

Many schools have Year 11 parent's evenings at this time of year which Connexions Personal Advisers will attend. This is an opportunity for you to ask about post 16 qualifications in your area.

Some colleges may hold open evenings in October.

November

Many schools start mock GCSEs. This is a trial run before the real exams. If results are very different to what was expected or hoped for it is time to think of a back up plan for post 16 options

College Open Evenings often held in this month.

December

If your son or daughter is still uncertain about what they want to do at the end of Year 11 it is important that they speak to their Personal Adviser.

Check that college applications have been made early.

January

Check out the variety of benefits and allowances available to students who study after 16, for example, Education maintenance Allowance (EMA) More information is available on <http://moneytolearn.direct.gov.uk/>

February

Recruitment for Apprenticeships and work based learning. If your son or daughter is interested in this route they should discuss their ideas with their Personal Adviser and apply as soon as possible. The National Apprenticeship website provides the opportunity to search online for vacancies

www.apprenticeships.org.uk

March

Your son or daughter may be called for interviews. If they haven't heard anything from the colleges that they have applied to it may be worth contacting them for an update.

April

Schools give support to students to put together revision plans. Encourage your son or daughter to stick to it!

May

Exams! A stressful time for all.

Make sure that your son or daughter knows that you are willing to listen if they need to talk.

June

The official school leaving date is the last Friday in June 2009. After this date your son or daughter can legally work full time. Check that they have received their National Insurance Number – but if they haven't then phone 08459157006. Job vacancies are advertised on www.cnx2jobs.com. If your son or daughter is staying in full time education, you can continue to receive Child benefit. You should receive information from the Child Benefit Centre - check that you have returned the letter or call **0845 302 1444**

July

If your son or daughter has decided not to continue with full time education then they should register at the Connexions Centre. Jobs and training opportunities are displayed in the centres and staff can arrange interviews with employers and work based learning providers.

August

GCSE results come out in August. If your son or daughter needs to re think their plans, contact your local Connexions Centre.

Connexions can help your son or daughter by providing:

- The opportunity a Personal Adviser who can give up to date information, advice and guidance
- impartial advice on learning and career options
- advice on a wide range of issues eg housing, health
- support to access other services eg leisure opportunities
- help with, applications forms, CV and interview preparation
- job and training vacancies

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