



CIASG

Year 11



Careers
Information
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Guidance



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Think!



- Think about the careers that interest you and find out as much about them as you can.
- Use the online 14-19 Area Prospectus to help you research local opportunities.
- Work out the advantages and disadvantages for you of staying in full-time education and entering training and work.
- If you don't have a firm career idea, think about how you can keep your future options open.
- Begin collecting information about places and courses that interest you, including course guides and prospectuses.

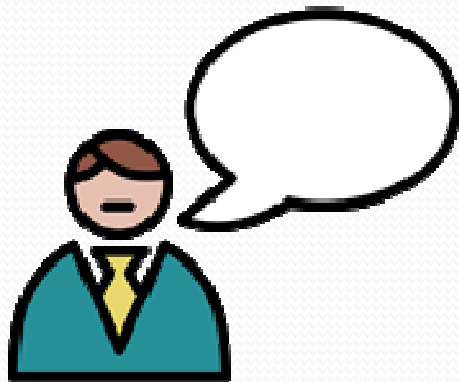
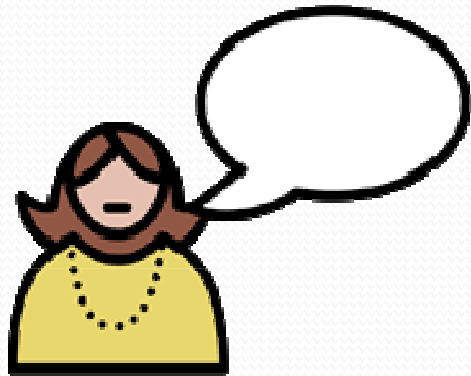
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- Use the common application process for post-16 courses.
- Get a list of school/college open days and attend the ones that interest you.
- Request information about Apprenticeships, including how to apply.
- Check application deadlines for the options that interest you – there may be some this term.



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Talk!



- Talk to your Connexions personal adviser about your plans and next steps.
- Discuss your ideas, feelings and plans with your family, friends and teachers.
- Update or create a portfolio of evidence to help with applications and interviews.

Spring Term 2010

Prioritise!

- Prioritise your choices.
- Apply for your chosen post-16 option, making sure that you have a back-up plan.
- Be prepared to rethink your plans if your predicted grades change because of mock exams and other assessment – they could go up as well as down.
- Create a revision plan that works for you and be prepared to stick to it.
- Prepare for interviews.



Spring Term 2010

Check!



- Check that you have completed coursework and other assignments.
- Find out if you are eligible for an Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and apply for one if you are.
- If you are still not sure what to do, speak to your Connexions personal adviser – remember you have a guarantee of an appropriate place in learning.

Summer Term 2010

- If you still have no plans, make an appointment to speak to your Connexions personal adviser.
- Speak to your Connexions personal adviser if you are looking for work with training.
- If you are not quite ready for work and you don't want to stay in education, ask your Connexions personal adviser about work preparation training programmes.
- Check that you have received and confirmed the offer of a place in education or training. You can still apply if you haven't done so yet.



Summer Term 2010



- Think about getting a job or work experience/voluntary work for the summer holidays.
- GCSE results are out on 28 August 2010 (online on 26 August).
- If your results are better or worse than you expected, visit your local Connexions centre as soon as possible.
- The school leaving date is the last Friday in June.