

Black Country Careers Hub

WELCOME to our Parents' Newsletter

Are you a Parent in Wolverhampton?

In these challenging times as your child considers sixth form, college, university or Apprenticeships this first edition looks at what advice, guidance and resources are available to better prepare for those next important steps after school.

Our second edition on 17 August will be looking at support for Results Day with the third edition looking at starting School/College or University in September.

Over the Summer months – [The Black Country Careers Hub](#) - are working throughout to give you access to up to date information and resources for the next steps ahead including Results Day, Careers Advice and Guidance – simply log onto the link above and register for a call back from one of our dedicated team.



Apprenticeships are still a fantastic choice for your child to earn while they learn. Check out the links below:

[A Parents' Guide to Apprenticeships](#)

[Find an Apprenticeship](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#) (for resources and parent packs)

For links to colleges, universities and local training providers, websites, contact numbers and emails [click here](#)

Find live Apprenticeships, courses and jobs on [Careermap](#) an online careers portal packed full of

resources to help your child make informed decisions about their careers and qualifications.



We are live! Monday, 3 August @ 10.00am

'My Choices' broadcast lots of hints and tips for young people to navigate their next steps in a variety of applications and selection settings. [View broadcast](#)



Wolverhampton's Parental Offer of Support

Connexions Wolverhampton is a free and impartial careers information, advice and guidance service for young people who live in Wolverhampton. We offer advice on:

- Choosing and exploring careers that will suit your skills and interests.
- Finding out key facts about different careers. What do I need to learn? How much does it pay? What does the job involve? How many jobs are there in this field?
- Your options; from 6 form to college and from training providers to apprenticeships. We will advise you on what you can do and how you can access it.
- Support with applying for courses, jobs and apprenticeships. From how to write an amazing application form, to how to present yourself as the best candidate at a job interview.
- Need help? Connexions can offer support and make referrals to other organisations if you are experiencing barriers to achieving. From financial support, to raising your confidence and self-esteem and support with your mental health and wellbeing.
- Anything else? We offer information on how to access social activities in your community, work experience opportunities, voluntary work, part-time work while you study and gap years.

We are a person-centred service, meaning we tailor our support to your needs. We want every young person to have access to equal opportunities and achieve their very best in life.

You can access the service if you are a resident of Wolverhampton and are aged between 13 – 19 (up to the age of 25 if you have special education needs and/or a disability). If you have left school and are not in learning, working or training you will have your own personal adviser to support you with your next steps. If you have an Educational Health Care Plan [EHCP] you will meet with your adviser at key points to help plan your next steps.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions our service is now offering support via telephone, e-mail and Facebook. You can find out more about how to access our service, [the latest career opportunities](#)

and useful resources.



Summer Activities

Your child may have missed out on their actual work experience, but we have a great virtual resource in 'My Week of Work'. It's a **FREE** programme, which includes 20 narrated and standalone lessons with content, employer videos and tasks for students.

The sectors represented in the programme are Engineering and Manufacturing, Healthcare, Creative and Digital, Renewables and Construction. Resources are made up of 3 features which gives insight into the skills the workplace look for and is packed with lots of hints for your child to upskill during the summer holidays.

The Department for Education has developed two 'choices' products, available for download which help to simplify the options available to young people after GCSEs.

- A 2-minute [animation video](#) showcasing and explaining each choice in a simple, dynamic and visual manner
- A [route comparison grid](#) showing all the routes available after GCSEs, along with additional information for each route such as the level of study, entry requirements, duration of the course and where it can lead



Adult courses

Looking to retrain or gain new employability skills? Check out our [website for details](#)



Jobs Board for Parents

Looking for a new challenge? Check out the latest jobs.

West Midlands Jobs: <https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/jobs/>

Reed: <https://www.reed.co.uk/>

Indeed: <https://www.indeed.co.uk/>

Useful websites

[FREE internet access](#) for 6 months from BT

www.icould.com real life job videos

www.ucas.com university information

[UCAS](#) job profiles & careers information

[Student finance](#) for university explained

[Time to Talk](#) reconnect over the summer with your child

We hope you find this first edition of interest. For further news and information check out our [Skills Factory/Careers Hub website](#)

Look out for the second edition 'Results Day' on August 17, and 'Back to school/college/university' on September 1.

Best wishes

The Black Country Careers Hub Team