

Jobs for the future

Predicting what kinds of work will be available in the future is very hard. However, research does tell us that workers will need higher skills and qualifications than ever before, jobs using Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths will be important and workers will need to be adaptable, willing to change and learn. The following sectors have been identified as areas where jobs are predicted to grow in Suffolk.



For more information on future job trends
www.thesource.me.uk/wherewillwork

Information & advice

Speak to tutors, careers teachers or advisers in school or college or contact the National Careers Service
<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk> or telephone them on **0800 100 900**.

Use the library and school computer network for a wealth of information and useful websites, try looking at these:

Choices, financial support and sources of help:
www.gov.uk/browse/education

Higher Education courses: www.ucas.com

Lots of information about careers, learning and other lifestyle choices - Suffolk's website for young people:
www.thesource.me.uk

Search and apply for apprenticeships:
www.apprenticeships.org.uk

www.parentalguidance.org.uk

A national information site for parents/carers



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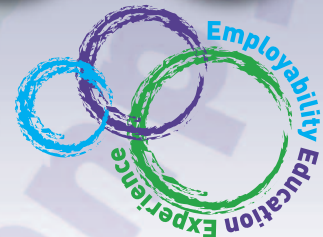
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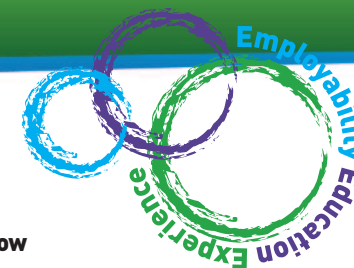
UCAS Progress makes things simple because it brings together all the options including academic courses such as A levels, vocational courses, BTECs and work-based training opportunities like apprenticeships and traineeships - in one place. www.ucas.com/progress

Options after Year 11



A guide for parents and carers in supporting young people in making their career decisions





What are the options?

Staying in “learning” after 16, gaining qualifications and skills is considered essential if young people are to progress and become successful in their careers.

It is considered so important that all students are required to stay in learning until they are 18 .

It’s important to remember that “learning” can take place in school, college or work with training – so there should be a route to suit all young people.

Whatever route they choose, it’s important to get a Level 2 qualification in Maths and English. This means that young people must continue to study these subjects if they don’t get a GCSE at Grade C or above.

Here’s an outline of the main routes and qualifications your teenager will be able to choose between.

Learning routes & Qualification levels

How many GCSEs have you got or will you be getting?	Type of learning	How long will it take?
At least 4 GCSE grades C or above or equivalent	LEVEL 3 AS/A level courses; BTEC National and other vocational Level 3 courses Apprenticeships	2 years
At least 4 GCSE grades at D/E or equivalent	LEVEL 2 Level 2 courses Apprenticeships	1 – 2 years
Some GCSE grades D/E/F or equivalent	LEVEL 1 Level 1 courses Traineeships	1 – 2 years
No GCSE passes	ENTRY LEVEL Personalised Study Programme Traineeships	1 – 3 years

Opportunities for progression are usually based on the previous level of qualifications. Sometimes if the course is mostly based on learning a new skill, young people may need to start at Level 1 and progress upwards.

The One Year Plan

By the end of Year 11 your teenager will have made decisions about their future .The calendar below shows what they need to do and the support available to help them make the right choices.

September - December

Explore the range of options in employment, training, sixth forms and further education colleges.

Consider pathways that fit around their skills, interests and predicted grades.

Weigh up all the pros and cons of different options.

Visit these websites to help with your research:

www.apprenticeships.org.uk

www.future4me.org.uk

www.thesource.me.uk

www.ucas.com/progress

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

Check out schools, colleges and training providers own websites and prospectus for more information.

Contact colleges/sixth forms if your teenager is likely to need additional support.

College and sixth form interviews begin. Recruitment for apprenticeships and other vocational training begins.

Encourage your teenager to ask tutors, school careers advisers or teachers for more information or advice.

Go to college and sixth form open days and events.

There are deadlines for making applications – ensure that your teenager is aware of these dates; don’t let them leave everything until the last minute!

Remember that some courses are very popular so avoid disappointment by submitting an early application.

January - March

Application forms need to be completed by the end of January.

If your teenager is looking for work with training or apprenticeships, they need to start contacting employers; they might also need a back up plan such as a full-time college course.

April - June

Exams start in May, some schools have study leave.

Check the costs of courses, books, field trips, uniforms and equipment for post 16 options.

Discuss with student advisers if any finance is available for travel or equipment.

Teenagers need to continue applying for jobs and work based learning, make sure they have an up to date CV ready.

If looking for training or work register with the Apprenticeship service, employment agencies and keep an eye on vacancies.

National Insurance numbers should have been issued by now but if not call 0845 915 7006.

July - August

Your teenager needs to enrol at college if they have applied for a course starting in September; there may be also be summer enrolments for those with unconditional offers.

If they are continuing into sixth form they may have to attend an induction.

Options might need to be considered once they have received exam results. Staff at Sixth forms, colleges, training providers and youth support services can all give help and advice.

If your teenager is looking for work they need to update their CV with exam results.

Child benefit should still be payable if your teenager is continuing in full time education, for more information visit www.hmrc.gov.uk or tel. 0845 302 1444.

For advice once they have left school, phone the National Careers Service on **0800 100 900**.