

# Calderdale & Kirklees Careers

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## Press Release

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### GCSE Advice

Will you be picking up your GCSE results this Thursday or are you the parent /carer of a young person who has been taking their GSCEs this year? Hopefully you'll get the grades you want and you can move on to your planned next step, whether that be 6<sup>th</sup> Form, College, Apprenticeship or Work.

However if your grades aren't exactly what you'd hoped for, or if you haven't got any firm plans yet don't panic. Whatever your grades are there are still opportunities open to you.

On results day Careers Advisers from Calderdale & Kirklees Careers will be on hand in schools and at the Halifax Connexions Centre to provide support, advice and guidance to help students find the right option for them.

If you are looking for places in College or at a local 6th Form, they can help you explore courses that are still available and see which are right for you.

If you are interested in work or training opportunities there are currently over 400 apprenticeship vacancies in West Yorkshire with careers as varied as Digital Media, Hospitality & Catering, Business Administration, Hairdressing, IT, Child Care and Stable Work all being advertised in Calderdale this week.

To check out Apprenticeship opportunities visit [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)

Calderdale & Kirklees Careers also offer a vacancy matching service for school leavers which can be accessed via the C&K website [www.workabout.org.uk](http://www.workabout.org.uk) , you can receive vacancies via Twitter [www.twitter.com/ckcareers1](http://www.twitter.com/ckcareers1) , or visit the Connexions Centre on 16 Alexandra Street in Halifax for help with applications and writing CVs.

Connexions Personal Advisers are available to provide support to young people throughout the summer and this year we will be running a special event at Halifax Connexions Centre on **Thursday 1st September 2011 between 12pm – 3pm** You will be able to talk to:

- Specialist careers advisers about all the opportunities available, as well as pick up valuable job search hints and tips.
- Local Training providers about their apprenticeships and other course vacancies
- Calderdale College staff about their courses and apprenticeships.
- A local employer to find out what employers are really looking for.

If you don't feel quite ready to start work, training or college, or are struggling to find the right programme then ask us about Foundation Learning which is designed to help and support you improve your basic skills, build your confidence and prepare you for the next stage in your career.

Good luck for results day and with your future plans.

Remember you can see your Careers Adviser in school or visit the Connexions Centre, 16 Alexandra Street, Halifax open 12 to 5pm Monday & Tuesday, 10am to 5pm Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

Alternatively ring our Learningline on 0800 5 979 979 (free from UK landlines). Lines are open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday or you can email [learningline@ckcareers.org.uk](mailto:learningline@ckcareers.org.uk)

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Connexions Centres are located in Huddersfield, Dewsbury and Halifax,

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Huddersfield Connexions Centre | Dewsbury Connexions Centre | Halifax Connexions Centre |
| 24 High Street                 | Dewsbury Library           | 16 Alexandra Street       |
| Huddersfield                   | Railway Street             | Halifax                   |
| HD1 2LR                        | Dewsbury                   | HX1 1BS                   |
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