


## Careers Information and Help

- You can see a Personal Adviser in school or college.
- Check out careers information in school
- Detailed careers information for Year 11 students is in the **Get Organised** booklet. Ask your PA if you have not received one.
- Visit open evenings/events at colleges, schools and training providers.
- For further information and advice contact the

 learningline 0800 5 979 979  
(free to UK landlines)

Text: 07786 202 804 (start message with learn)

E: [learningline@ckcareers.org.uk](mailto:learningline@ckcareers.org.uk)

- Look at  [www.workabout.org.uk](http://www.workabout.org.uk) for careers information, advice, job and training vacancies
- Visit these websites for course or apprenticeship details:  
[www.kirkleesoptions.org.uk](http://www.kirkleesoptions.org.uk)  
[www.calderdaleprospectus.co.uk](http://www.calderdaleprospectus.co.uk)  
[www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)
- Visit one of our **Centres** - details from the Learningline, on Workabout and in Get Organised.

## Equal Opportunities

We are committed to promoting equality of opportunity for all. If you feel you have been discriminated against because of race, gender, disability, religion, age, ethnic origin or sexual orientation please speak to your Connexions Personal Adviser.

## Fast Guide to Options at 16+

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- This leaflet is to help you to decide on the best option for you.
- Overleaf are details of the main options:
  - **Full-time study**
  - **Apprenticeship/job with training**
  - **Work-based Foundation Learning**
  - **Pre-entry courses.**
- Apprentices are paid a minimum of £2.50 an hour - many are paid more.  
At school or college your family can continue to claim Child Benefit and other benefits for you. In 2011 a new **Learner Support Fund** will be introduced. This will be managed by schools and colleges aimed at students most in need, such as these in danger of leaving their course for financial reasons.
- You need to be sure the option you choose now will get you into the career you want.

**REMEMBER** - Everyone is different, and what is best for your best friend is not necessarily the best for you. What you do next has to be your choice. It is very helpful to talk to others about your options (teachers, friends, family, your Personal Adviser) and get their advice and thoughts; but the final decision should be yours.



### What will suit you?

- Starting training or learning for a specific job?
- Learning more about a broad vocational area?
- Starting a job?
- Starting advanced level courses and aiming for university?

**It's best to have a back-up plan so do look at all the options**

### Work-based Foundation Learning...

- help to progress to apprenticeships, higher level courses or jobs
- no qualifications needed
- gain work-related qualifications at Entry level and level 1
- develop skills in English, maths, ICT
- develop personal and social skills
- go on work placements

### Apprenticeship or Job with Training...

- lots of options - from IT to retail, hairdressing to building
- work and earn
- on and off-the-job training leads to qualifications at levels 2-3

**Getting a job without training is not advisable**

### Pre-Foundation Learning Programmes...

- not sure, not ready to make decisions
- last 10 weeks
- offer work sampling and other activities designed to help you make choices and move on
- your PA can refer you to these

### Self Employment...

- got an idea for a business?
- are you an entrepreneur?

### Full-time Study...

- one or two year courses
- courses to suit all ability levels – from Entry level to level 3
- could be work-related, job specific, non-vocational
- at schools, 6th form colleges or FE colleges

### What you need to think about and research now

- ↗ Long and short term career aims.
- ↗ Your strengths and weaknesses.
- ↗ Your own learning style: by doing, by studying or a combination of both - which way do you learn best?
- ↗ Your likes and dislikes.
- ↗ Expected exam results and what teachers think you will achieve.
- ↗ What is available to you, where you can do it.

Do have a back-up plan and apply for more than one option.

Full details of courses and training options at 16 are in **Get Organised**.