

Higher Education (Universities and Colleges)

Some young people with to go on to study for a degree or other advanced course at a university or college. Grants may be available to meet extra costs incurred due to disability.

Advice and information

Before making a decision a Connexions Personal Adviser will help you with information and advice on the latest opportunities, how and when to apply and information on finance and funding.

Help and Support Working Together

In order to help you choose the right option, Connexions Personal Advisers work in partnership with other professionals including:

- Teachers at your school or college
- Education Department representatives
- Education Welfare Officers

- Education Psychologists
- Social Workers
- Healthcare Workers
- Youth Workers
- Local Support Groups

Extra Support For Parents and Carers

Connexions Stockport will be in contact with your son/ daughter from Year 9 onwards. We offer support before and after they leave school. You can share your views and ideas about their future with their Connexions Personal Adviser who will provide impartial advice on the range of options available.

If you would like more information about the opportunities outlined in this leaflet please contact a Connexions Personal Adviser at:

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9.00am – 3.30pm Wed

Connexions Stockport also offers additional support to help you and your parents/ carers access our services. If you are deaf and want to contact us, call Typetalk by dialling 18001 followed by our full number (including the STD code). We can also arrange access to an interpreter, Braille and large print transcription services. Our Connexions centre is fully accessible.

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Information for young people with additional needs

Helping you to make the right choices

Connexions Stockport provides extra support to all young people with additional needs who are aged between 13 and 25. These may be a learning disability, a physical disability, a sensory impairment, a special educational need or any other kind of special requirement. It is vital to plan early in order to make the most of the opportunities available.

This guide tells you about the options and support available.

Full Support Always from Connexions Stockport

We support from Year 9 onwards by:

- Attending reviews in school/ college
- Attending parents' evenings to discuss a range of issues.

- Offering group discussions on a range of topics including life skills, decision-making and about choosing what to do next.
- Arranging individual careers interviews.
- Providing useful information.
- Arranging visits to schools, colleges, training providers and employers.
- Linking with other organisations and agencies on your behalf.
- Helping with applications (education, jobs, training and funding).
- Providing on-going support after leaving school until the age of 25.
- Supporting your right to equality of opportunity.

We want to provide the support that YOU need so please let us know what help you require.

The Future Options

Every young person has decisions to make about future options. Connexions Personal Advisers help young people and their parents

choose what is right for them. Here are some options:

Work based learning

Many young people would prefer to learn, earn and work at the same time. Opportunities available include:

- Foundation and Advanced Apprenticeships
- Work tasters
- Sheltered employment
- Jobs with training
- Supported employment
- Supported training

Entry to Employment (E2E)

An individual learning programme planned to enable you to successfully achieve employment and training.

Employment

Opportunities Post 18

The Connexions Service works closely with Disability Employment Advisers who are based at the Jobcentre Plus. If you need their help to access employment and training opportunities a Connexions Personal Adviser can introduce you.

Social Services Provision

A Connexions Personal Advisor can put you in touch with Social Services for details of Day Care opportunities and other specialist support services if required.

Staying on in School

Sometimes it is possible to stay on at the same school or move to a new one to study for a wide range of courses.

Going to College

A whole range of courses are available at local further education colleges. Extra support is available to enable young people to attend any course. There are also some courses specifically designed for young people with additional needs.

Residential Colleges

Where local colleges are unable to provide the necessary level of support, a placement at a residential specialist college may be more appropriate. Young people requiring such places may receive financial help. Your Connexions Personal Adviser can help with these applications.