

Hints & Tips

- Visit www.teesvalleycareers.com which contains a vast amount of information on jobs and career options
- Find out about entry requirements for college, university courses or apprenticeships by visiting local college websites, www.ucas.com or www.gov.uk/applyapprenticeship
- > Talk with adult relatives, friends, teachers and tutors about the kind of work that they do
- Use the National Careers Service website: https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/

Where you can find:

- Help to choose or change career
- Skills tests, course searches and job search advice
- Personalised help from careers advisers
 - contact them direct on 0800 100 900
- > Use the Tees Valley Learning Providers Network website where you can find out information on Learning local Training Providers, Colleges and Local Authorities that deliver apprenticeships, traineeships and study programmes www.tvwbl.net



Raising Participation

Your options until your 18th birthday are:

- Stay in your existing school if they have a Sixth Form/ Post 16
- > An Apprenticeship or Traineeship
- Other full-time education e.g. at a Sixth Form College, Further Education college or
- Local Authority learning and skills service
- Part-time education or training for 20 hours or more a week – as well as being employed, self-employed or volunteering.





Support with a suitable education and training place?

Your local authority is ultimately responsible for identifying and supporting young people who are not participating but you may also get help from the careers advice service in your school or college. Your local authority will get in touch once you leave school at 16 to offer the best support available for you.

If there is an Education Health and Care (EHC) plan, any planned move to a post 16 or post 19 education setting or training provider will be managed through the annual review of your EHC plan. All consideration of next steps will be personalised and will include preparing for adulthood outcomes to aid transition into adulthood

Your Local Authority team can be contacted on the following numbers and websites:

- Darlington Borough Council: 01325 405000 www.darlington.gov.uk/education-and-learning/learning-skills/about-us/
- Hartlepool Borough Council: 01429 266522 www.hartlepool.gov.uk/learningandskills
- Middlesbrough Borough Council: 01642 245432 www.mcls.ac.uk/

- Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council: 01642 774774 www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/resident/ jobs-and-recruitment/routes-to-employment/ Pages/FFJ.aspx
- Stockton Borough Council: 01642 677600 www.stockton.gov.uk/youthdirection

Progression routes available

Full-time education: A Levels, BTECs, NVQ and T-Level qualifications are delivered by Further Education colleges, sixth form colleges, schools that have a sixth form or through Local Authority learning and skills services.

More information on full time education can be found on the below websites:

- Askham Bryan College, Stewart Park, Middlesbrough – www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/the-college/centres/wwvw-campus
- The Northern School of Art, Hartlepool & Middlesbrough sites – www.northernart.ac.uk
- Darlington College of Further Education – www.darlington.ac.uk
- Hartlepool College of Further Education – www.hartlepoolfe.ac.uk
- Hartlepool Sixth Form College – www.hartlepoolsixth.ac.uk

- Middlesbrough College of Further Education – www.mbro.ac.uk
- Prior Pursglove College, Guisborough – www.pursglove.ac.uk
- Queen Elizabeth College, Darlington – www.qeliz.ac.uk
- Redcar & Cleveland College of Further Education – www.cleveland.ac.uk
- Stockton Riverside College of Further Education – www.stockton.ac.uk
- Stockton Sixth Form College – www.stocktonsfc.ac.uk

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are available across all industries. Apprenticeships are a great option for young people who want to get into the world of work and you will develop skills, gain experience and qualifications on the job whilst working for a real employer and earning a real salary. There are three levels of apprenticeships available:

Intermediate Apprenticeship

- Level 2
- 12 18 months
- Equivalent to GCSE

Advanced Apprenticeship

- Level 3
- 18 48 months
- Equivalent to A Levels

Higher & Degree Apprenticeship

- Level 4, 5, 6, 7
- 24 months+
- Equivalent to Bachelor's or master's Degree



Apprenticeships are advertised through the national Find an Apprenticeship website www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

Traineeships

Traineeships prepare young people for their future careers by helping them to become 'work ready'. They provide essential work preparation training, maths and English and work experience needed to compete successfully for jobs, including Apprenticeships, or to progress to further learning. To find a traineeship visit www.gov.uk/find-traineeship

Part-time education or training

A minimum of 20 hours' education or training can be an option at age 16, however since the introduction of Raising the Participation Age (see page 7), it must be combined with one of the following until they are 18:

- > Employment or self-employment
- > Volunteering

A study programme is a pathway to higher education and/or employment and is available to 16-19 year olds. Study programmes may be undertaken at a further education college, sixth form college and school sixth form or with a work-based learning provider.



Child Benefit

Child Benefit stops on 31st August on or after a child's 16th birthday if they leave education or training. It continues if they stay in approved education or training, but you must tell the Child Benefit Office. You'll be sent a letter in your child's last year at school asking you to confirm their plans.

Tell the Child Benefit Office if your child is:

- staying in approved education
- leaving approved education

To find out more information on Child Benefit please visit: www.gov.uk/child-benefit-16-19





