

Moving On: Year 11 to 12

- A factsheet for young people with SEND



(Please see our separate factsheet if you have an EHCP)

Who is this factsheet for?

- This factsheet is for anyone in year 9 or above with Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability (known as SEND) and/or their parent/carers.
- If you have an EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan) please see our separate factsheet.

Planning

- Around year 9, start thinking about and planning for what to do when you finish year 11.
- Early (from year 9) planning is usually informal, e.g. a chat with your parent/carers, your form tutor and maybe the SENCO or a teaching assistant in your school.
- You can also visit college open events (usually in September or October).
- See our separate 'Choosing a Post-16 Setting' factsheet for more detailed information, which includes:
 - planning for year 12.
 - a list of post-16 settings.
 - types of settings.
 - applying for courses.
 - college interviews.
 - college enrolment.
 - what to do if you don't get the exam results you are hoping for.

Post 16 Support

- In this factsheet, we refer to all post-16 settings as 'college'. However, there are various post-16 options. For example:
 - - you might go to your school sixth form to study A levels or BTEC courses, or
 - - you might study A levels (or BTECs, or another course) at your local further education college (e.g. part of the Chichester College Group), or
 - - you might learn (online or in person) as part of a work-based learning programme, e.g. as part of an apprenticeship.

If you stay in full-time education:

- Support for young people with SEN (but no EHCP) is called SEN Support.
- If you had SEN Support at school (e.g. help from the school SENCO or teaching assistants, extra time or other help in your exams, or any other type of SEN support) you might need support at college, too.
- You can tell the college about your support needs when you attend your college interview in year 11.
- The support you get at college will be different to the support you had at school. SEN Support at college should help you to become more independent and to make good progress with your education. It can help you to prepare for employment and/or higher education, independent living, good health and participating in the community.
- SEN Support varies between courses and is always tailored to individual needs. The college's additional learning support department can tell you about the type of support that could be available to you at college.
- See 'other useful information' (below) for the contact details of the Additional Learning Support team at colleges in the Chichester College Group.

How to Get Help at Work:

- If you wish to leave full time education, you can get paid work when you are 16, if it includes some kind of training.
- For example, you could apply for an apprenticeship. An apprenticeship is a paid job for a fixed period of time. Apprenticeships are organised by training providers. When you apply for an apprenticeship, you can tell the training provider about your learning and support needs.
- If you get a job, the Equality Act (2010) gives you the right to ask your employer to make any 'reasonable adjustments' you need to do your job.
- Examples include adjusting working hours, providing specialised equipment, or modifying work tasks. There is no guarantee that an employer will agree to a request for reasonable adjustments, as it must be reasonable and not place an undue burden on the employer. However, most employers welcome the opportunity to help their staff to do their job efficiently.
- When you are 18 you can choose to get a job without training included.
- Access to Work is a government grant that helps eligible people to get and stay in work.

IMPORTANT POINTS for you and your parent/carers to consider

- **Not sure what to do when you leave school?** Your school might be able to arrange for you to speak to a careers advisor. If not, you can contact the [National Careers Service](#)
- **Ready for work?** You can [apply for an apprenticeship](#) from the age of 16. You will still need to study as part of an apprenticeship, but you will get paid, too.
- **English and Maths.** If you do not pass Maths and English in year 11, it's likely you will need to continue to study these in year 12. Your college can arrange for you to retake your GCSE English and Maths in year 12. Or they may offer you a Functional Skills qualification instead (this is similar to a GCSE but more practical). However, some jobs insist that you have GCSE English and Maths, so check this before you opt for Functional Skills instead of GCSE.
- **Need benefits advice?** Local charity [Reaching Families](#) offer free advice on benefits that you might be entitled to.
- **Travel:** Think about, plan and practise how you will get to college or work in year 12.
- Have a back-up plan in case you don't get the exam grades you need for your 1st choice of course.

Other useful information

- Chichester College Group are the main provider of Further Education in West Sussex. If you need additional support at college, you can contact their [Additional Learning Support](#) team.
- [Your Space](#) is West Sussex County Council's online hub for information on all types of local services for young people (e.g. health, work, places to go, education, youth voice).
- Need further advice? You can [contact SENDIAS](#) for impartial and confidential advice from one of our Young Person Advisors.

Service Statement

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