

Dear Parent/Carer,

Planning after Year 11: KentChoices and Key options: –

As you may know, all young people must remain in education, work or training until age 18 after completing their GCSEs.

Medway Council are very excited to offer young people the opportunity to seek their post 16 options all in one place.

KentChoices is a one stop shop to find out about all their options after Year 11.

They can search and apply for sixth forms, colleges, training providers and apprenticeships.

If you have not received your log in from your school, please email the Post 16 Team at post16enquiries@medway.gov.uk, please include your child's full name, school name and personal email address.

KentChoices website

KentChoices is the main tool for exploring and applying to sixth forms and colleges, although some schools may still require applications through their internal systems. Your child will have their own login (given to them by their school in Year 11 or via The Post 16 Team if an email request is sent).

On KentChoices you can find: –

- Sixth forms, colleges (including grammar schools).
- Open evenings, deadlines, and local events.
- Apprenticeship information and opportunities
- Information on work experience, volunteering, and self-employment options
- In August a GCSE results-day clearing tool

All applications for young people with an Education, Health, and Care (EHC) Plan must be submitted through the Medway Council Special Educational Needs (SEN) Team. For further assistance or to initiate the process, please contact them via email at seneducationteam@medway.gov.uk.

Help making a decision

Your child's school is your first point of contact for independent careers advice, as they have a statutory duty to provide it. You can also contact the National Careers Service at **0800 100 900** or visit nationalcareers.service.gov.uk for additional support.

Staying in touch

Once a young person leaves Year 11, Medway Council must remain in contact with them for two years. This is to check if they need help finding education, employment or training and to report to the Department for Education on how Medway's young people are progressing. We do this on

behalf of KCC by keeping in touch with local schools, colleges, and training providers but from time to time we may contact you directly. If you would like support from our Information, Advice and guidance team (IAG) please contact them on either iag@medway.gov.uk or on **01634 335703** after Year 11.

We wish your child success with their next step.

Kind Regards

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