

Careers Planning Booklet



This booklet is designed to help you with your options at 16+. It contains information and advice to help you plan your future learning. There is a planning section for you to complete and a place for you to record relevant information. This booklet can be used to help you present your plans and ideas to your parents or carers. It may also be useful to refer to during a careers interview. Remember, planning and thinking ahead will give you a better chance of finding a suitable course, training placement or job for next year.

Name

Class

Options 16+

- > 6th Form or College to study AS/A levels, BTECs or NVQs
- > worked based learning courses
- > apprenticeships or Jobs Growth Wales opportunities with an employer

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• 6th Form / College

• A Levels

- Choose up to four subjects
- 5/6 GCSE entry requirement (A* - C) usually to include English & Maths
- Assessment is mainly by examination with some coursework
- Some degrees will require certain A Levels (Eg. Medicine, Maths)
- Consider facilitating subjects that will keep your options open

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• 6th Form / College

• BTEC's/NVQ's

- Mainly coursework and practical work.
- One subject linked to a vocation.
- Different Levels
 - Level 1 – May not ask for GCSE's (1 Year)
 - Level 2 – Usually 3 GCSE's (1 Year)
 - Level 3 – Usually 5 GCSE's (2 Years)
- Grades include Distinction, Merit or Pass

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• Work Based Learning

• Engagement

- Lasts up to 12 weeks
- Attend up to 21 hours a week
- Chance to sample up to 3 career ideas
- £30 per week
- Progression to Level 1

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• Work Based Learning

• Level 1

- Lasts up to 1 year
- Attend five days a week
- Level 1 qualification
- £50 per week
- Possible progression to Level 2 or employment

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• Jobs Growth Wales

- 6 months job opportunity for 16 -24 year olds
- Paid at least the national minimum wage which is currently £4.20p/h
- Will help if you are job ready and need to gain experience
- Advertised on www.careerswales.com

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• Apprenticeships

- Offered by local and national companies
- Advertised from December onwards
- Level 2
 - Usually requires 3/4 GCSEs
- Level 3
 - Usually requires 5 GCSEs
- Minimum apprentice wage is £3.70 p/h
- Can be found on www.careerswales.com or employer websites.

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Careers Information, Advice and Guidance

This is available in school for anyone who needs help. You can refer yourself for a careers interview with your school career adviser, by dropping in to the careers room outside of lessons. The Careers adviser is based in the old block at the far end of the corridor.

You can also visit the careers office at 7 Water Street Neath or phone 0800 028 4844.

The website www.careerswales.com has lots of information and features to help you, including a live webchat with a careers adviser.

USEFUL WEBSITES

RESEARCHING FURTHER EDUCATION COURSES

- St Joseph's School & 6th Form - www.stjosephscomp.co.uk
- Neath Port Talbot College Group - www.nptcgroup.ac.uk
- Swansea Gower College - www.gowercollegeswansea.ac.uk
- Bridgend College - www.bridgend.ac.uk
- A Level Explorer Tool – www.which.co.uk/alevelexplorer

JOB SEARCH

- www.careerswales.com
- www.gov.uk
- www.jobsinwales.com
- www.jobs.nhs.uk
- www.neath-portalbot.gov.uk

HIGHER EDUCATION

University Courses:-
www.ucas.com

APPRENTICESHIPS/JOB GROWTH WALES

- www.careerswales.com

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

- www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/EMA

SCHOOL EVENTS

November

Career Adviser presentation to Yr 11

January

NPT College Application Forms

February

NPT College Interviews

FURTHER EDUCATION OPEN EVENINGS 2018/19...also check college/6th form websites for more information

- NPTC Afan Campus – 26th September /16th January 4.30pm-7.30pm
- NPTC Neath Campus – 27th September /17th January 4.30pm-7.30pm
- Llandarcy Academy of Sport – (sport/public services) 15th Jan 4.30pm-7.30pm
- Pontardawe College (Motor vehicle) - 15th January 4.30-7.30pm
- Swansea Construction centre - 15th January 4.30pm-7.30pm
- Gower College, Gorseinon – 12th Nov /14th Jan/11 March 5.30pm-7.30pm
- Gower College Tycoch – 19th Nov/21st Jan/18th March 5.30pm-7.30pm
- Llwyn Y Bryn - 4th December/12th March 5pm-7pm
- Bridgend College – 14th Nov/14th Jan 4.30pm-7pm
- St Joseph's 6th Form – 3rd Oct(informal) /TBC

Remember to check the dates are correct before attending!

You can contact the colleges and 6th form schools direct if you have any queries.

Career Planning

Name:

Form:

Career Ideas / Goal

E.g. work in IT...

Next Step following Year 11 (Please tick one)

Further Education
College/6th form

Work Based Training
e.g. Apprenticeship

Job

Undecided

THINGS TO DO

Autumn Term 2018	BY WHEN	DONE THAT
Research my Career Ideas using Careerswales.com		
Let my Careers Adviser know if I am interested in work-based training and job vacancies and take a look at the vacancies on the Apprenticeship Matching Service on Careerswales.com		
Other things I need to do		
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Spring Term 2019	BY WHEN	DONE THAT
After mock exams discuss my grades with my teachers		
Think about a back-up plan in case I don't get the grades I need		
Complete college and training application forms (school will provide further information)		
If I am considering training and employment, I should keep a look out for vacancies on the Apprenticeship Matching Service/Jobs Growth Wales		
Attend interviews for college courses and training places		
Other things I need to do		
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