

# Transitions to Post 16

## Next Steps

It's normal to feel nervous and anxious about change

There are lots of organisations, services and people ready to help you.

Make sure you think about the right choices for YOU!

You don't need to take a direct path to your future job, but it's important to have a plan, in fact have at least two so if something goes wrong you have a back up!

You can leave school at the end of the school year in which you turn 16, but you are expected to continue to receive some training and education until you reach the age of 18.



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Using the Digital Prospectus can you find the answers to the following questions?

Q1. Which page(s) can you find the list of Support Services for Stockport?

Q2. What is a Training Provider? What kind of courses do they run?

Q3. Where could you find help on being self employed or setting up your own business?

Q4. Where could you go to find work experience or volunteering?

**Q**

Whilst work experience and volunteering might not be popular amongst young people, it is very highly thought of by colleges and employers - why is this? How does doing something for free help you?



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## Making Plans

Start by identifying the things you will need such as Qualifications, skills and experience

What types of things do you enjoy doing/studying?  
Are there jobs that link to these?

What kind of environment do you like to be in? Noisy, quiet, indoors, outdoors, flexible, structured?

Everyone makes mistakes! It's also okay to change your mind- not everyone knows what they want to be straight away.

Talk to others- seek opinions and advice, talk to people who have experience, and tell people how you are feeling!



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Using the Digital Prospectus can you find the answers to the following questions?

Q1. Which page(s) explain what the different levels of qualifications are?

Q2. Why might you take a level 2 course after studying GCSEs?

Q3. Where could you find out which providers offer SEND provision?

Q4. What kind of financial help might be available to you?

**Q** What happens if you start at college and you don't like it?  
What happens if you don't get the grades you need?



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## Ready for Independence?

As you take steps to becoming an adult in legal terms you'll need:

A NI number

A bank account

ID

If you lose your NINO open a personal tax account on the gov.uk website and you can print off a confirmation letter with it on!

At 16, except in some rare cases, it's legally your own decision to change your name, you can use a statutory declaration or deed poll to do this.

**Q** How ready do you feel? How many of these things have you already organised? What might you need help with?



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## Support

Using the Digital Prospectus can you find the answers to the following questions?

Q1. Who are the **Education and Careers Advice Service** and what do they do?

Q2. Which Support Service can help you find out more about apprenticeships?

Q3. Where can you go for support with student finances?

Q4. If you have an EHCP is there any additional help available?



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# Consider

If you begin full time employment (e.g. an apprenticeship) and your household is receiving benefits or tax reductions based on your status as being in full time education this may be affected.

Financial help is available in many forms depending on eligibility. Your provider can talk you through options and refer you to external help if it will benefit you.

Your provider will have a department called “student support services” or similar. They will always have a designated safeguarder who can help with matters regarding your mental and physical safety and welfare.



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