

Dear Families

## Post 16 Options

We are writing to let you know about the options for your young person and the type of support available over the next two years.

You will be aware that the government's current policy is that all young people in England are **required to continue in education or training until at least their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday** under the Raising the Participation Age agenda. Find out more here:

<https://www.thesource.me.uk/learning/faqs-raising-the-participation-age/>

Young people have a choice about whether to continue studying at school, to attend a college, sixth form college or smaller training centre, to start employment (combined with part-time education and training) or look for an apprenticeship, traineeship or supported internship. Information on these routes is available by looking at school or college websites, attending open events, researching websites and so on. The following websites might be useful:

[www.icanbea.org.uk](http://www.icanbea.org.uk),

[www.thesource.me.uk](http://www.thesource.me.uk),

[www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk);

[www.apprenticeshipsuffolk.org](http://www.apprenticeshipsuffolk.org),

<http://tgschool.net/careers>

**If your young person still does not have a place in education, employment or training sorted by Jan 2024, where can they get support?**

- Schools provide independent, impartial information, advice and guidance to Year 8 – 13 students, so they will be able to tell you about all the training and education options locally.
- You will find a great deal of information available on the websites mentioned above as well as the Careers page of the school website here:  
<https://tgschool.net/careers>
- Suffolk County Council's Youth Support Services are available for young people aged 16-18, who have not found the right option by the time they leave school or have dropped out in Year 12 or 13. You can contact your local office by looking [here](#)

## **Keeping in Touch**

**Suffolk County Council has a duty to follow up all young people in Suffolk to find out what education, employment or training they are in and offer them support if they are not doing anything.** We might contact you during Years 12 & 13 by email, phone call, letter or text or asking you to complete a questionnaire online.

SCC may share basic information about young people with local organisations that can help with their future (e.g. a college or training provider with courses that might interest them).

They are careful about what they share and only authorised people will access the information when they need it to do their jobs. The only time they will share information without your permission is if the law requires them to do so. If you have any further queries about their support for young people please contact:

[CYPPTTFollowUpSupport@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:CYPPTTFollowUpSupport@suffolk.gov.uk)

To help your young person make this important decision we are holding a **Post 16 options day during ARD day on Oct 5th in the Main Hall along with 30 min parent information talks in the Symphony Hall** (timings to be shared with you next week). Thomas Gainsborough 6th Form, Suffolk One, Suffolk New College, West Suffolk College/Abbeygate 6th Form, Colchester Institute and Colchester 6th Form, The Army and an Independent Training Provider (TCHC) will all be attending so students and parents can ask questions and gather information about their options after or before meeting with their tutors.. Students can also book 1:1 Careers Guidance before school, during lunch breaks and after school by appointment please email [kosborne@tgschool.net](mailto:kosborne@tgschool.net).

**Please note we will be posting open day dates and information for local colleges and 6th forms in the careers newsletter sent out every Friday. If you want to understand more about their four main options.**

Kind regards

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