



CAREERS SERVICE

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR FUTURE CAREER PLANS



**GUIDANCE ON FUTURE
CAREER PLANS**



**WORK
EXPERIENCE**



**HELP WITH
SUBJECT
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A PARENTAL GUIDE

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The aim of Careers Service is:

“To deliver an effective, impartial and professional careers service to help people realise their career aspirations, enabling them to contribute positively to their community and to the Northern Ireland economy.”

The purpose of this guide is to assist parents or guardians with their child's future career plans and to provide information on the following:

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HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD WITH THEIR FUTURE CAREER PLANS?

As a parent there is a lot you can do to support your child and help them find the career that is right for them.

General Tips

Encourage them to:

- Talk about their career ideas and future plans
- Research a wide range of careers
- Think about their Year 10, 12, 13 and post 14 options in good time and be aware of application deadlines
- Prepare for and make the most of their careers guidance interview with the careers adviser in school
- Find out about entry requirements for school, college, university courses or jobs they are interested in
- Develop their skills through school activities and other interests. This will help them when they are applying for courses or jobs
- Find out more about work experience and its benefits go to the **Work Experience** page of the www.nidirect.gov.uk website.

- Use the **Careers Service** website
 - www.nidirect.gov.uk/careers where they can:
 - Match their interests and abilities to jobs
 - Use the A-Z of jobs database for information on over 1500 jobs
- Contact a careers adviser if they require further help with their career decision making (refer to page 20 for contact details)

In addition you can attend careers events at their school and talk to subject teachers at parents' evenings.

The support of parents is important when key decisions such as subject choices are being made. You may not always think it, but you greatly influence their decision making. However, keep in mind that your child's choices and decisions should be based on their aspirations, abilities and future employment opportunities. It should not just be what you as a parent may want for them.

For more information on ways you can help your child go to the **Give Your Child a Helping Hand** page on the www.nidirect.gov.uk website.

WHAT CAREERS ARE LIKELY TO BE IN DEMAND IN THE FUTURE?

In an ever changing economy, young people today face a number of challenges and decisions about their future. It is more important than ever that young people make their career choices wisely.

It is very difficult to accurately forecast the job requirements of the future; which sector these will be based in and what qualifications will be required. However, it is accepted that the essential skills needed for the workplace are a good standard of literacy, numeracy, basic computer skills and effective communication skills. Young people need to look for ways to develop these skills through their studies and school based activities, sport, voluntary work, and work experience.

While it is important for young people to study subjects that they enjoy, it is also advisable to consider the career opportunities which lie ahead.

The Skills Strategy for NI, Skills for 10x Economy identified the following clusters as being very important to the NI economy:

- Digital, ICT and Creative Industries (e.g. Cyber Security)
- Agri-Food
- Fintech/Financial Services
- Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering (e.g. Composites)
- Life and Health Sciences (e.g. Digital Medicine)

These sectors are expected to offer increasing opportunities for high quality employment. Many of these sectors require people with qualifications in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics, often known as STEM subjects. Of course these are not the only career options available. The important issue is that young people research information about future employment opportunities and trends. They should then consider these against their own abilities and aspirations.

Having access to up-to-date and accurate information is a critical part of career planning.

For more information go to:

- **Skills for a 10X Economy** webpage on www.economy-ni.gov.uk
- **Skills in Demand** webpage on www.nidirect.gov.uk
- **Careers Occupational Information** webpage on www.economy-ni.gov.uk
- **Monthly Job Posting Factsheet** webpage on www.economy-ni.gov.uk
- **Skills in Demand Barometer Infographic** webpage on www.economy-ni.gov.uk

SUBJECT CHOICES AT YEAR 10

During Year 10 your child will be asked to make a choice about some of the subjects or courses they will study in Years 11 and 12.

Schools must provide pupils with access to a mix of applied and general subjects.

For more information on the areas of learning at Key Stage 4 (Years 11 & 12) check the **Key Stage 4** webpage at www.ccea.org.uk.

The process of choosing subjects will be organised by the school your child is attending and varies from school to school. The **Entitlement Framework** page of the www.education-ni.gov.uk website, sets out the minimum number and range of courses a school should offer at Key Stage 4 and Post-16. Pupils have access to a much broader, more balanced range and choice of applied and general courses.

A general qualification is one where knowledge, understanding and skills are developed within a subject, e.g. GCSE Maths. An applied qualification is one where knowledge, understanding and skills can be developed through practical demonstration, e.g. GCSE Construction.

When choosing subjects at Key Stage 4 it is important for your child to be aware that some courses require specific subjects, e.g. Science is required to study Nursing.

In addition to the help from the careers teachers in schools, careers advisers provide careers information, advice and guidance to pupils. This is delivered through class talks, group work and individual interviews where appropriate.

To help your child decide what to study in Key Stage 4, they should start exploring what sort of person they are.

Get them to think about:

- Subjects they enjoy
- Subjects they are good at or find challenging
- Subjects that can link into career areas
- How they like to learn (through coursework, exams or a combination of both)
- Hobbies/interests they enjoy
- The type of job they would like to do
- Researching jobs through the Careers Service website
- Talking to the careers adviser
- Talking to their subject teacher

Information on subject choices at Year 10 can be found at the **Subject Choices at Year 10** webpage on the www.nidirect.gov.uk website.

Year 12 marks the end of compulsory education for your child and they will have to make a decision on what they want to do next. Making a choice about the future isn't easy as there are lots of options to choose from.

Options include:

- Full-time Education in their existing school or transferring to another school
- Further Education College
- On-the-job training through a Traineeship or Skills for Life and Work programme
- Employment opportunities
- Apprenticeships
- Self-employment

Full-time education in their existing school or transferring to another school

Before thinking about embarking on further study discuss the following with your child:

- Do they enjoy studying?
- Do they need to study further for the type of job they want to do?

Some young people prefer to stay at school. Others may be keen to have a change and study somewhere new. There may be competition for some popular subjects and/or courses so encourage your child to apply in plenty of time.

If your child decides to continue in full-time education within school they can choose either to stay in their current school or move to a different school for Years 13 and 14. Post Year 12 pupils have a greater choice of a broader range of subjects to meet their needs, interests and aptitudes. Ensure that you find out about the range of subjects/courses available within your Area Learning Community.

Further Education College

If your child decides to continue their studies at a further education college encourage them to attend Open Days to find out the subjects/courses on offer and the qualifications required. There may be competition for some popular subjects and/or courses so encourage your child to apply in plenty of time.

Northern Ireland currently has six Regional Colleges and an Agricultural College:

1. Belfast Metropolitan College
 2. Northern Regional College
 3. North West Regional College
 4. South Eastern Regional College
 5. Southern Regional College
 6. South West College
- Cafre (College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise)

Further information can be found at:

- The **Further Education Colleges** page on www.nidirect.gov.uk
- **CAFRE** website – www.cafre.ac.uk
Tel: **0800 028 4291**

Training-Skills for Life and Work

Skills for Life and Work is a programme for young people who need experience of work along with qualifications at Level 1 or Entry Level. The programme involves a significant amount of time spent in a workplace as well as training with a training organisation for the rest of the time.

Young people aged 16-17 years can join Skills for Life and Work and if they have a disability they can join up to 22 years of age or up to 24 years of age if they have an in-care background. While taking part in Skills for Life and Work they will qualify for an Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) of £40 per week (depending on attendance). They will need a Training Credit to join the programme and the Careers Service can provide full details on these and other eligibility requirements.

Further information on the programme is available at the **Skills for Life and Work** webpage on www.nidirect.gov.uk.

Traineeship

A traineeship gives a young person the opportunity to gain a L2 qualification whilst providing them with the skills and qualifications necessary to secure employment or to progress on to further learning or an apprenticeship. A range of subjects are available and delivered in Further Education Colleges throughout NI. Further information on the programme and the financial support available can be found at the **Traineeships** page on the www.nidirect.gov.uk website.

Inclusive Options

For those who may need individualised support to re-engage with skills, education and to access employment, there are other options that can be explored. The Step Up project is one that can help your child build confidence, explore career options, build on existing skills, gain qualifications and receive one-to-one mentoring. This Project is delivered within FE Colleges and in Universities. It may be suited to those individuals with a disability or special educational need; those from a care background; young people who are not in employment, education or training or those who currently may be economically inactive for a range of reasons. More information can be found on the **Step Up** page of the www.nidirect.gov.uk website. You can also speak to a Careers Adviser about Step Up and other programmes that may be available.

Employment opportunities

Your child may be keen to get out into the world of work when they leave school but remember that skills, experience and qualifications are important in a very competitive job market.

If your child is considering employment it is important to start looking before they leave school. They may be tempted to take a job where no training is provided - particularly if the wage is quite good, but training and qualifications are better for long-term success. It is therefore better to look for a job that includes training opportunities.

Where to look for job vacancies

- Online at **Job Apply NI** – www.jobapplyni.com
- Local and national press and social media
- Your local Jobs and Benefits office/ JobCentre
- Recruitment agencies
- Careers and job fairs

For more information on finding a job go to the **Finding a Job** page on www.nidirect.gov.uk

Apprenticeships

If your child has a good idea of where they want to go with their career and like the idea of earning while they learn, an apprenticeship could be for them.

Apprenticeships offer training across a wide range of occupational areas to employees who earn a wage while working with experienced staff to learn and develop their skills.

An apprentice also receives 'off-the-job' training to work towards achieving a competence based qualification, a knowledge-based qualification and essential skills.

For more information on Apprenticeship courses visit the **Apprenticeships** page of the www.nidirect.gov.uk website or speak with your local careers adviser.

Some employers, mainly large firms, offer their own apprenticeships such as British Telecom (BT), NI Water, PricewaterhouseCoopers, etc. Vacancies are advertised in local press, radio and websites.

Self-Employment

Your child may have a good idea for a business and could be thinking of self-employment. Although this is not a common option for the majority of young people, working for themselves may be the right choice for them particularly if they have the right financial backing. Even if this is the case it is a big step and they will need good advice.

The following organisations provide support to help young people turn their business idea into a reality and more information can be found at:

- **Regional Start Initiative** webpage on www.goforitni.com
- **Prince's Trust Enterprise programme** webpage on www.princes-trust.org.uk
- **NI Business Info** webpage on www.nibusinessinfo.co.uk

After Year 14 there are lots of different routes and options for your child to move forward in their personal career journey. From apprenticeships to higher education, employment and gap years there are many opportunities to choose from.

The choice your child makes will be affected by many things like their financial situation, interests, attitude to study, qualifications, the job market, etc.

Options include:

- Higher Education (HE) – full-time/ part-time courses at university or a Further Education College
- Further Education (FE) – full-time/ part-time
- Employment opportunities and Apprenticeships
- Self-employment
- Gap year
- Volunteering

Higher Education at university

If your child is thinking about going to university it is important to understand the application process and research fully the range of universities, courses and methods of study/assessment. Time and money could be another consideration as to whether full-time or part-time study would best suit their circumstances. For more information check out:

- **Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS)** - www.ucas.com

UCAS is the central organisation through which applications are processed for entry to higher education in the UK.

- **Central Applications Office (CAO)** - www.cao.ie

CAO is the central organisation through which applications are processed for entry to higher education institutions in the Republic of Ireland.

- **Open University** - www.open.ac.uk

The Open University's unique, world-leading style of distance learning enables you to study in your own time, at home or wherever you choose - reading, watching or listening to material supplied, doing course activities and assignments with regular support from your tutor.

- **Discoveruni website** - www.discoveruni.gov.uk

Discoveruni is the official website for comparing data and information on university and college courses from across the UK.

Higher Education at a Further Education College

Further Education Colleges accept direct applicants to higher education courses.

For more information check out:

- **Belfast Metropolitan College** - www.belfastmet.ac.uk
- **North West Regional College** - www.nwrc.ac.uk
- **Northern Regional College** - www.nrc.ac.uk
- **Southern Regional College** - www.src.ac.uk

- **South West College** - www.swc.ac.uk

- **South Eastern Regional College** - www.serc.ac.uk

- **College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise** - www.cafre.ac.uk

Higher Level Apprenticeship

A Higher Level Apprenticeship is an apprenticeship with a targeted qualification between Level 4 (HNC equivalent) to Level 8 (PhD equivalent). A Higher Level Apprenticeship can help you develop professional and technical skills, as well as gaining recognised higher qualifications while in paid employment.

Find out more information at the **Higher Level Apprenticeships** page of the www.nidirect.gov.uk website.

Assured Skills Academies

Assured Skills Academies offer pre-employment training to provide participants with the skills needed to compete for new employment opportunities in expanding companies. The Assured Skills Academies work with companies in Northern Ireland that have current job vacancies. Participants who complete an Academy are guaranteed a job interview and each Academy is open to anyone who is 18 or over and meets the eligibility criteria associated with each particular Academy. Training on the Academies is normally delivered over 6-8 weeks at one of our local Further Education Colleges. As well as free industry-focused training which equips participants with the transferable skills that companies are looking for, participants receive a weekly training allowance and support with travel and childminding costs.

To find out about current opportunities, check eligibility and register your interest to receive updates on academies, you can visit the **Assured Skills Academies** page on www.nidirect.gov.uk.

Gap year

Your child may choose to take a gap year after they leave school and before they start university or college. This year out can be a great opportunity for them to have a break from their studies, earn some money, gain valuable experience, meet new people, increase independence, and learn new skills. Universities, colleges and future employers support gap years as they see the value when students grow in confidence, and have a more mature outlook and greater focus when they return to their studies.

A gap year does take planning and for this reason it is important they have a goal, rather than just taking a year off without any real direction or purpose.

For more information go to the **Planning a Gap Year** page on the www.nidirect.gov.uk website.



HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD MAKE THE MOST OF WORK EXPERIENCE?

Most schools provide an opportunity for work experience. This is a good chance for your child to find out about the world of work and for them to understand the skills that are needed in the workplace.

It can also be an opportunity for them to find out more about a career that interests them. For some courses or jobs relevant work experience is essential.

Making the most of work experience:

- Encourage your child to plan ahead and think carefully about where they would like to go
- They should keep a diary or record of what they did on work experience - this may be useful later when they are applying for courses or jobs
- Even if they don't get their chosen placement they can still learn a lot about the world of work and the type of skills that employers look for
- Use the long summer break to explore what type of work friends and family do
- Parents can also talk to schools to find out when work experience is due to take place.

For more information go to the **Work Experience for Your Child** page on www.nidirect.gov.uk

Other activities to help your child find out about the world of work

Work experience isn't the only opportunity for your child to find out about the world of work. Other activities include:

- Attending careers fairs where students get the chance to talk to employers about work and training
- Talking with people who are doing the job they are interested in
- Visiting local companies
- Visiting your local Jobs and Benefits office/JobCentre
- Searching online at **Job Apply NI** - www.jobapplyni.com

WHAT IS THE CAREERS SERVICE AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

The Careers Service is an integral part of the Department for the Economy and provides a free and impartial careers information, advice and guidance service to clients of all ages and abilities throughout Northern Ireland.

This service is available to everyone whether they are employed, unemployed, in training or in education, including students in schools and further and higher education. The Careers Service employs careers advisers who are professionally qualified and are based throughout Northern Ireland in stand alone offices, JobCentres and Jobs and Benefits offices.

To contact the Careers Service:

- Log on to the **Chat With A Careers Adviser** page on the www.nidirect.gov.uk website or email a question by clicking the **Ask Questions** online link on our Careers Service website www.nidirect.gov.uk/careers.
- Phone **0300 200 7820** to speak with an adviser

Search **local careers office** details on the www.nidirect.gov.uk website.

The Careers Service assists young people and adults who are:

- Unsure what career might suit them

- Unsure of how to plan their next step
- Looking for information on a particular career
- Looking for education/training/employment opportunities
- Thinking of starting their own business
- Ready for a new career challenge

The Careers Service provides:

Information

- On up-to-date and accurate employment trends and future job opportunities
- On further and higher education, training and post graduate opportunities
- On working overseas and vacation/voluntary work

Advice

- On career options
- On CVs, interviews and application forms

Guidance

- Individual careers guidance interviews to help develop personalised career plans

HOW CAN THE CAREERS SERVICE HELP MY CHILD?

Whether your child is at school, college, in training, employed or looking for work the Careers Service can help with their career decision making and planning.

Careers adviser in school

While the Careers Service is separate and independent from schools, careers advisers work with post primary schools in Northern Ireland. The services they provide include:

- Individual career guidance interviews to help with choices from Year 10 onwards
- Class and group talks on careers options/topics
- Information about Further/Higher Education and Training Provision
- Advice on how to find out about different careers and the skills and qualifications needed
- Information about current and future job opportunities
- Advice on CVs, application form and interview techniques

Careers guidance helps young people to:

- Know more about their career options
- Become aware of the skills required to achieve their career goal and be better prepared to achieve them
- Feel more confident about making decisions regarding their career
- Understand the importance of considering current and future job opportunities in career decision making

Year 12 pupils are offered a guidance interview with a professionally qualified careers adviser. This is usually organised through your child's school but you can also arrange to speak to a careers adviser outside of school or via digital communication.

Further information is also available online at **Careers website** - www.nidirect.gov.uk/careers

WHAT IS A CAREERS GUIDANCE INTERVIEW?

A careers guidance interview is an impartial one-to-one meeting with a professionally qualified careers adviser. A guidance interview is available to all clients.

In school the guidance interview normally occurs during the course of Year 12 (or Year 10/11 if appropriate). Before your child starts making career decisions they need to know about themselves, their career choices and other opportunities available to them. Encourage your child to find out the name of the careers adviser for their school. You can also contact the school to find out when a careers adviser will be talking to your child. If your child would like you to attend the interview, this can be arranged with the school and the careers adviser.

The careers guidance interview can increase your child's awareness, enhance decision making skills and maximize their potential to achieve their personal career goals.

What can your child do to prepare for their interview?

Think about:

- Their skills and aptitudes e.g. good communicator, team player
- Their personal qualities e.g. friendly, outgoing, well organised
- Their likes and dislikes in terms of jobs, subjects and interests
- Their career ideas and plans
- Barriers they may have e.g. personal, financial
- Qualifications or experience they need for their chosen career

What will be discussed?

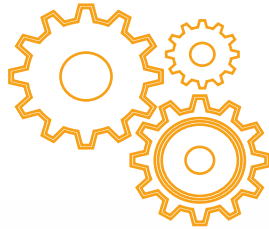
The careers adviser will help your child explore their interests, discuss how they are getting on in school, their likes and dislikes, family influences, barriers, work experience and any careers ideas they may already have. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. If your child is worried that they have no firm career ideas the careers adviser has a range of resources to help generate career ideas.

WHAT IS A CAREERS GUIDANCE INTERVIEW?

A careers action plan will be drawn up to help your child move towards a decision and will address the following issues:

- What stage your child is currently at
- Where your child wants to be
- How they will get there
- Who can help them achieve their goal
- Next steps

It is therefore important to ask your child about their action plan and encourage them to talk it through with you as it will help you see the type of support you will need to offer.



MY CHILD HAS A LEARNING AND/OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY – HOW CAN THE CAREERS SERVICE HELP?

The Careers Service aims to provide an impartial and professional careers service to clients of all ages and abilities.

Careers advisers are trained to tailor support to meet individual needs and abilities. If your child has a learning and/or physical disability the Careers Service can help you and your child plan for the future by outlining appropriate options for education, training and employment and reviewing progress regularly.

The careers adviser will provide you and your child with the information and guidance needed to help with the decision making process.

If your child has a Statement of Special Educational Need (SEN)

On or just after your child's 14th birthday your child's school will hold a transition plan meeting. This meeting is the first step to planning and preparing for your child's future and aims to ensure that they make a successful transition to adult life/ learning and work.

After this first transition plan meeting your child's Statement of Special Educational Need is reviewed on an annual basis, drawing together information from a range of individuals within and beyond school to discuss and review the progress of your child.

To help you and your child make the best choices for these important years ahead one of our professional careers advisers will be invited to participate in this process.

For further advice you can contact the Careers Service through the Special Education Needs Coordinator and/or careers teacher at the school and your local careers office.

After school

The Careers Service will continue to offer career services after your child has left school. You and your child can arrange to talk to a careers adviser by contacting **0300 200 7820**.

HOW CAN MY CHILD CONTACT A CAREERS ADVISER WHEN THEY HAVE LEFT SCHOOL?

Accessing our services

In addition to the services offered to young people in school, careers advisers are available all year round. You can get in touch in a number of ways:

- By telephone: **0300 200 7820**
- By webchat: **Chat With A Careers Adviser** page on the www.nidirect.gov.uk website.
- By email: Ask a question by clicking the **Ask Questions** online link on our Careers Service website www.nidirect.gov.uk/careers.
- Search **local careers office** details on the www.nidirect.gov.uk website.
- You can use resources available on the **Careers website** at www.nidirect.gov.uk/careers

The Careers Service recognises that parents are a key influence on the career decisions of young people. The support that you provide to your child at all stages of their education will be invaluable to their eventual academic achievements and their long-term outcomes.

We welcome contact from parents and can provide information and advice to help you support your child with their career decisions.

Would careers advice help you?

The Careers Service offers careers information, advice and guidance to people of all ages. So if you feel you need help with your own career plans contact one of our professionally qualified careers advisers.

WHAT FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE WHEN MY CHILD LEAVES SCHOOL?

Staying on at school or going to a Further Education College

Students aged 16 to 19 who are in full time education can apply for a means-tested Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA). Further information is available at the **EMA Explained** webpage on www.nidirect.gov.uk or contact EMA Customer Services Team on **0300 200 7089**.

Further Education Awards

Further Education awards may be available to students who need assistance with buying books, transport and child care costs. Check with your local college or Education Authority for more information on what is available.

Help with Training

Participants on a Traineeship programme may qualify for means tested EMA. For more info go to the **Traineeships** webpage on www.nidirect.gov.uk. Participants on a Skills for Life and

Work programme will receive non-means tested EMA. For more info go to **Skills for Life and Work** webpage on www.nidirect.gov.uk.

Going to university (Higher Education)

Getting a degree can be costly but support is available for fees and living expenses. Further information is available at:

- **Student Finance NI** website at www.studentfinancenl.co.uk
- The **Student Finance** webpage on www.nidirect.gov.uk.

Other sources of funding

These include grants, bursaries, hardship loans and sponsorships. Information on these is available from individual universities and colleges.

CHECKLIST

Helping your child with their future career plans

It is important to be aware of the influence you have on your child's career planning and to make that influence as positive as possible.

The most valuable things parents can do to help their child with career planning is keep informed, listen, don't judge, be open to ideas and encourage them to explore all their options.

Here are ten ways you can help prepare and support your child with their future career plans:

- ✓ Encourage your child to prepare for and make the most of their careers guidance interview with the Careers Service
- ✓ Encourage them to participate in appropriate out of school activities
- ✓ Support your child to explore a range of careers
- ✓ Help your child plan their career once they have some ideas
- ✓ Encourage them to check university websites for the most up-to-date information and be aware of application deadlines
- ✓ Be aware that your child may change their career interest as they become aware of more options
- ✓ Encourage them to find out about the world of work
- ✓ Encourage your child to talk with adult relatives and friends about the kind of work that they do
- ✓ Help and encourage them to attend careers events
- ✓ Remember that career choice is a personal decision. Do not try to steer your child to a particular career because you think it is something you might like

DID YOU KNOW...?

ALC – Area Learning Community is a partnership of schools who are working together to increase and develop curricular provision.

Apprenticeships – The Northern Ireland Apprenticeships programme offers training to 16 year olds and over, who are employed across a wide range of jobs. It provides recognised training and qualifications to new and existing employees to help meet the demands of local employers.

CAO – Central Applications Office is the central organisation through which applications are processed for entry to higher education institutions in the Republic of Ireland.

EA – The Education Authority is responsible for ensuring that efficient and effective primary and secondary education services are available to meet the needs of children and young people, and support for the provision of efficient and effective youth services.

EF – Entitlement Framework is a DE policy to encourage schools to enable pupils at Key Stage 4 and post 16 to access a broader range of courses. The emphasis is on providing access to applied (vocational) courses.

EMA – Education Maintenance Allowance is means-tested for 16 to 19 year olds who want to continue their education after school leaving age.

If your child begins a Skills for Life and Work training programme they will automatically qualify for EMA.

FE – Further Education is education which goes beyond what has been achieved in compulsory education, but which is not at degree level (Higher Education). Typically, further education includes A levels, AS levels and vocational qualifications.

HE – Higher Education is an advanced level of study normally after you turn 18 years old. Higher education courses are usually studied at universities, university colleges and higher education institutions.

DID YOU KNOW...?

JBO – Jobs and Benefits Office

provides services and programmes to help jobseekers, particularly people who are unemployed, individuals with disabilities and others who may need extra help in finding work.

NEET – is an acronym for people currently “not in education, employment or training”.

OU – Open University is a provider of distant learning distance learning which enables individuals to learn in their own time, at home or wherever they choose – reading, watching or listening to material supplied, doing course activities and assignments with regular support from tutors.

STEM – is an acronym of “science, technology, engineering and mathematics”.

UCAS – Universities and Colleges

Admission Service is the central organisation through which applications are processed for entry to higher education in the UK.

Discoveruni – is the official website for comparing data and information on university and college courses from across the UK.

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The information contained in this guide can be made available in other formats upon request.

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