

tips
for parents and
carers
of year 11's



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TAMESIDE

Hi, my name is Sherry and I am the Connexions Personal Adviser for Alder Community High School.

During their final year at Alder your son or daughter will have to decide on their plans for after year 11 and make applications for college courses, apprenticeships, training or jobs.

This is a term by term guide to year 11 and a list of websites where you can find more information

Connexions can offer advice and guidance to support your son or daughter when deciding on their next steps. You can contact me by phone (details on the back page) or via email :

E mail me at sherry.chivers@careers-solutions.co.uk

And your son / daughter can arrange to see me in Alder—I'm based in G Block.



Autumn Term

- Work experience – ensure your child attends and is punctual and completes the Work Experience booklet given to them by school.
- Careers Education lessons – including talks from Connexions, Colleges, and Training Providers about all available options, and the qualifications/levels required.
- Individual Advice and Guidance – encourage your child to see me in school to talk about their future plans especially if unsure or interested in work based learning.
- Drop in – lunch and break times.
- Attend College Open evenings – info given in school or see website.
- Start to prepare for college applications. Popular courses such as Construction, Motor Vehicle or Childcare for example must be applied for early.

Spring Term

- Some colleges may have further open evenings – check college websites for dates/times.
- Help your child to apply for college courses as soon as possible if they haven't done so already.
- College interviews – has your child had one at school or at college ?
- Apprenticeships – if keen on this option speak to a Connexions Adviser for more information.
- Jobs for school leavers will be advertised in school—or use our website to browse for the latest vacancies.
- EMA (Education maintenance allowance) is a kind of funding for students after they leave school—application packs will be available in school this term.

Summer Term

- Talk to your child—if they have a place at college, do they have written confirmation ?
- Prepare for the exam results in August—do any family holidays clash with college enrolment or starting dates for jobs ?
- If your child has a college place—what conditions apply to their course choice ? Do they need to achieve certain GCSE grades, have they passed a practical assessment ?
- If the future is uncertain remember that you can talk to Connexions Tameside even after Year 11's Summer term has ended. Our offices in Ashton and Hyde are open throughout the Summer.

Helpful information for Parents and Carers of young people in Tameside :

Connexions Tameside :

Our website is a good starting point with links to impartial web pages and downloadable leaflets for parents as well as details on how to visit our offices in Ashton and Hyde for help and advice :

www.connexions-tameside.com/parents/

2 – 4 Clarence Arcade, Stamford Street
Ashton Under Lyne, OL6 7PT

Phone :0161 330 1528

Local Courses :

Tameside courses: www.yourchoiceintameside.co.uk/

Training and Work:

Cnx2jobs: www.cnx2jobs.com

Connexions Direct: www.connexions-direct.com/

Jobs 4 U: www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u/

University Courses : www.ucas.com

Keeping Safe:

Tameside Safeguarding : www.tamesidesafeguardingchildren.org.uk/

CEOP: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/

Finance:

Child Benefit: www.hmrc.gov.uk/childbenefit/index.htm

Child Tax Credits <http://taxcredits.hmrc.gov.uk/HomeNew.aspx>

EMA: ema.direct.gov.uk/

University Fees: www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/UniversityAndHigherEducation