

What's happening 2017-18?

- ❖ Young people should stay in learning until age 18 but there are several ways of doing this. Opportunities for different types of learning are on: **www.ucasprogress.com**.
- ❖ Many applications have to be made by the **end of January 2018**.
- ❖ GCSEs are being reformed. The new GCSEs lead to grades 9-1 (with 9 as the top grade). Grade 4 is officially recognised as equivalent to the old grade C.
- ❖ Young people who don't achieve at least GCSE grade 4 in English and maths will have to continue these subjects as part of any studies beyond Year 11.
- ❖ Many apprenticeships seek young people with good English and maths who can fit into a workplace quickly. Other work based learning programmes can help build confidence and skills.
- ❖ There are now higher and degree apprenticeships: jobs with part time study for higher education or professional qualifications.
- ❖ Many qualifications, including GCSE, A Levels, AS Levels and some vocational qualifications have been reformed - more on: **www.gov.uk**.
- ❖ Our '*Options 2018*' guide has more details. If your school doesn't have copies, you can buy one (£2) from our centre at Star House.



What help is there?

Career decisions are complex and can require reliable, up-to-date information plus face-to-face advice and guidance.

Schools are now responsible for securing independent careers guidance for pupils in Years 8-13 so find out what support is available at your son or daughter's school.

Our careers advisers work in many secondary schools across the city.

Extra Support.

No matter how well prepared you are, things can still go wrong. Young people may change their plans or miss their predicted grades or sometimes just take longer than expected to find their feet. If that happens, we work with Community Youth Teams (Sheffield Futures, Sheffield City Council and South Yorkshire Police) to help them get back on track.

Some young people face additional barriers e.g. because of a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND). We have specialist advisers to help and you can meet them at Education, Health and Care Plan Meetings, parents' events and market place events.

We are currently running Future Shapers, a mentoring programme to support young people.



About us



Sheffield Futures is a local charity supporting young people and communities. All our careers advisers are professionally qualified and independent. Our only concern is to help your son or daughter make choices that are right for them.

Outside of and beyond school we offer youth work, positive activities plus opportunities for young people to get involved with their communities and have their say in issues that affect them.

We also support adults with careers advice and help with job hunting. To find out if we can help, please contact us at Star House.

Find out more

www.sheffieldfutures.org.uk

www.ucasprogress.com

www.apply-apprenticeship.gov.uk

www.skillsmadeeasy.org.uk

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