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CAREERWAVE BULLETIN

Career Guidance for Year 11s



On-going independent and impartial career guidance for Year 11s of The Link School

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I have worked for a number of years as the visiting independent Careers Adviser to The Link School Sunderland. On the 10 days I spend in the school I meet students one-to-one in Year 10 and 11, discussing the future and helping them plan what to do next. Straight after the Easter holidays, a couple more days were in my diary to follow up those Year 11s I had already met and to catch up with those who were educated at home or elsewhere. Obviously, it is now not possible to do this in person. However, I am able to offer a remote service to Year 11s and their parents and carers.

This newsletter is part of this continued service. You will see on this page and the next that I have provided some information and advice about the options after your son or daughter officially leaves school (the official school leaving date is always the last Friday in June. This year Friday 26th June). However, I am also available to talk to anyone who needs more than just this information. This is not a problem at all. Details about my company and how to contact me can be found in the panel on the right.

It is important to note that there is still plenty of time to get things sorted and, although face-to-face interviews can't happen, they can over the phone or by e-mail.

The CareerWave career guidance offer:

- *Career guidance by telephone*
- *Information and advice through e-mail*
- *Information and advice on the CareerWave blog;*

www.careerwave.co.uk/insights

*Contact us at
info@careerwave.co.uk*

*or contact The Link School at
linkschool@schools.sunderland.gov.uk*

or the school by phone;

07824 537934

07887 573961

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Options after Year 11

Everyone needs to be in learning until 18

- **College**- colleges, such as City of Sunderland College, offer **practical** courses covering most industries. All levels are available. There is an offer for everyone
- **Training Provider**- providers, such as Springboard, offer many of the same courses offered at colleges but they are **smaller** and specialise
- **Apprenticeship**- real jobs that you have to **compete for**. See below for more information about this option and the possible impact of Coronavirus
- **Sixth form**- if you want to continue to learn in a **school-like** way, be in a classroom and be assessed by big exams

The local offer in Sunderland

Colleges

- *City of Sunderland College* (www.sunderlandcollege.ac.uk)
- *East Durham College* (www.eastdurham.ac.uk)- includes Houghall College for land-based and animal care courses
- *South Tyneside College* (www.stc.ac.uk)- includes South Shields Marine School

Training Providers

- *Chameleon Training* (www.cvt-uk.co.uk)- motor vehicle training at Washington
- *Foundation of Light* (www.foundationoflight.co.uk/careers-training/)- football scholarships and the Back on Track study programme
- *Lead Education* (www.leadeducation.co.uk)- outdoor education and performing arts at Roker
- *Learning Curve* (www.learningcurvegroup.co.uk)- construction academy and travel & tourism at Pallion
- *Petal Training* (www.petaltraining.com)- fork-lift truck, warehouse, logistics at Pallion
- *Prince's Trust* (www.princes-trust.org.uk)- 12 week Team Programme runs from Farrington Fire Station
- *Resources North-East* (www.resourcesnortheast.co.uk)- construction, business administration, I.T. at Southwick
- *Springboard North-East* (www.springboard-ne.org.uk)- care, childcare, hairdressing, joinery, motor vehicle at Pallion
- *Sunderland Training & Education Farm* (www.sunderlandfarm.co.uk)- animal care and horticulture at Keelman's Way
- *YH Training* (www.yh-group.co.uk/centres/sunderland-mpc-2/)- military preparation and personal development at Army Reserve Centre, Dykelands Rd

A complete list can be found at www.careerwave.co.uk/post-16-learning-in-sunderland/

Apprenticeships are a popular choice but getting one is hard. Therefore we always advise that a back-up plan is sorted too. This is especially the case when there is so much uncertainty and companies are laying off staff.

If you have an apprenticeship arranged make sure you get in touch with the employer or the training provider, but also sort out the back-up just in case. 'Full-time' courses at colleges and training providers offer the same qualifications anyway. If you have applied to a college or a training provider for a course, your place will be safe.

**For more advice on apprenticeships see
www.careerwave.co.uk/choosing-an-apprenticeship/**