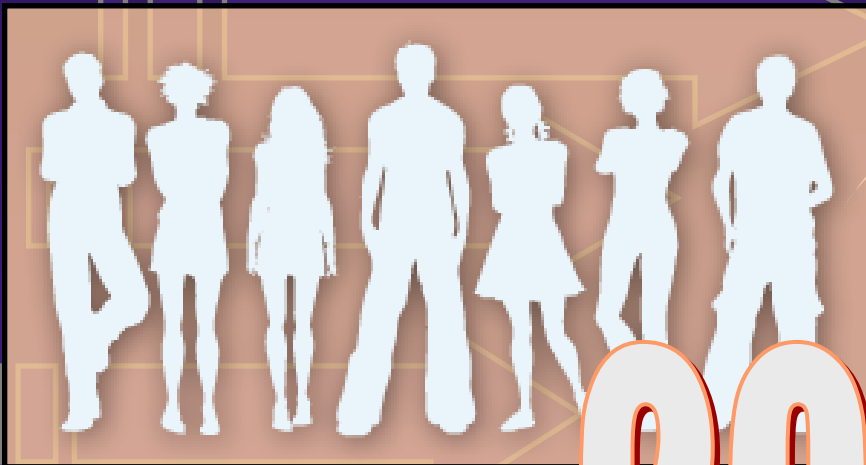


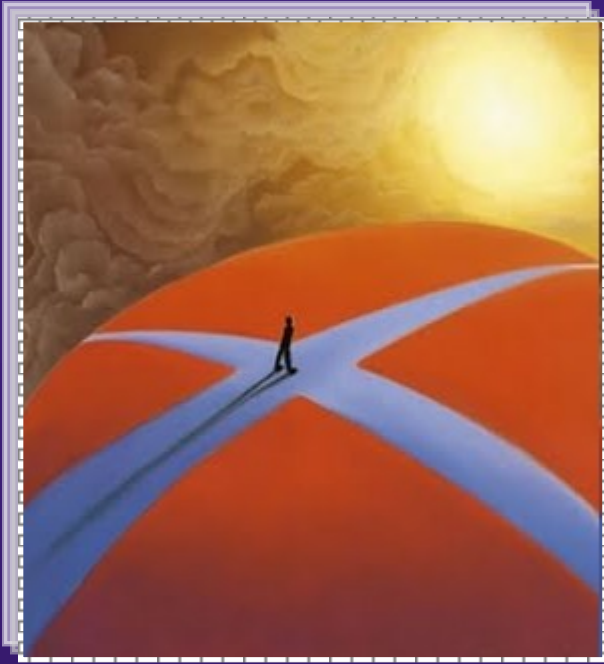
Parents and Carers of YEAR 11 Students



2011-12

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Choices and Decisions

In Year 11 your son/daughter is being asked to make decisions about their future.

This leaflet will help you as a parent/carer, understand more about their options, what support is available and how you can help them with their decisions.

Careers Education and Guidance

Each school delivers a Careers Education programme which helps prepare young people for decisions and choices about their future. Aspects of Work Related Learning and Enterprise are also incorporated across the curriculum under the title of Economic Well Being.

The Bailiwick of Guernsey Curriculum is designed to enable all students to learn and achieve whilst promoting their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development in preparation for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life.

Students need to become :

- Successful learners
- Confident individuals
- Responsible citizens
- Effective contributors

Each school has a Careers Teacher who helps deliver Careers Education lessons and co-ordinates aspects of learning across the curriculum. A Careers Adviser from the Careers Service is also attached to each school to support students with their choices and decisions.

Careers Advisers also come along to parent's evenings to help you with the choices and decisions faced by your son/daughter in their final year.

You can find a helpful list of Careers Teachers and Careers Advisers for each school in the back of this booklet.

Choices After Year 11



What are the options for my son/daughter?

At the end of Year 11 your son/daughter will decide on their next step and this will be one of the following:

- Continue in full time education
- Enter work based training i.e. Apprenticeship
- Full time employment

Continuing in full time education

Many students continue with their education full time after Year 11. The options for which course they want to do will depend on their predicted grades and what they want to get out of the course.

If your son/daughter is predicted A*-C grades then they can apply for a level 3 course to study either AS/A Levels qualifications or a BTEC Level 3 qualification.

AS/A levels—Level 3

AS (Advanced Subsidiary) and A (Advanced) Level qualifications are core modular courses. They normally take 2 years to complete and come in a range of academic and applied (work related) subjects. Students would normally choose to study 4 subjects in their first year. Students can study AS/A Level subjects at the Sixth Form Centre, Elizabeth College or Ladies College.

AS/A level subjects available (check the online prospectus for the range of subjects);

Art	Further Maths	Religious Studies
Biology	Geography	Spanish
Business Studies	German	Sports Studies
Chemistry	History	Theatre Studies
D & T- Product Design	ICT	
D & T—Resistant Materials	Maths	
Economics	Media Studies	
English Literature and Language	Music	
English Literature	Music Technology	
Environmental Studies	Photography	
Film Studies	Physics	
French	Psychology	

International Baccalaureate (IB) - *(awaiting confirmation for Sept 2012)*

The IB qualification is offered at the Sixth Form Centre and is for those students who enjoy learning a wide range of subjects. The students choose three subjects to study at a higher level and three subjects to study at a standard level. The students also study some curriculum core modules made up of an extended essay, theory of knowledge module and creativity, action and service module. The qualification is equivalent to 4.5 'A' levels.

BTEC Level 3 Qualifications

BTEC Level 3 qualifications are an alternative to AS/A level qualifications and are studied at the Guernsey College of Further Education.

These qualifications provide work related qualifications in a range of sectors.

They usually take 2 years to complete and students choose just one subject.

BTEC Level 3 subjects (check with Guernsey College of FE to ensure these courses are available);

Art & Design	Performing Arts
Beauty Therapy	Sports Development/Fitness
Business	Travel and Tourism
Childcare	Certificate in Financial Studies
Engineering	
Health & Social Care	
ICT	
Media Studies	



How do I help my son/daughter choose between AS/A levels and BTEC Level 3 qualifications?

AS/A Levels or BTEC Level 3 Qualifications?

They are the same level qualification and both lead to either University, Further Education or employment so how do you help your son/daughter decide which one is best for them?

Discuss the following with your child:

How do they like to learn and be assessed?

AS/A levels are similar to the way students studied at GCSE level, being primarily modular based and assessed through a mixture of exams and coursework. A BTEC course doesn't have assessed exams and students are assessed through coursework and/or practical observations. Some BTEC courses may involve some work placements relevant to that subject. A level students can choose to complete a work experience placement in an area they are interested in.

What subjects do they enjoy and where do they want their course to take them?

If your son/daughter wants to study one subject in-depth then a BTEC course would allow them to do that. This will give them specific skills in that subject area. Some young people don't know what career path they want to follow and enjoy many different subjects so take four AS/A levels allowing them to have a variety of knowledge and skills in different subject areas. Your son/daughter may already have a career idea. Research into this occupation to see if certain subjects are required.

My son/daughter isn't predicted A*-C grades—what are their options?

Don't worry if your son/daughter isn't predicted A*-C grades in their GCSE exams—this doesn't mean that they can't get to where they want to be.

Guernsey College of Further Education offers courses at:

Level 2—normally for those who achieve D grades at GCSE

Level 1—entry requirements vary on each course

Entry level—for those who have no formal qualifications

Please check with the College to see what subjects are available at these levels.

The above courses are normally one year and once your son/daughter has completed this they can move up to the next level if they want to further their qualifications.

Students apply for these courses in January through an application form given to them by their school.

Forms must be handed into school by 9th March 2012



My son/daughter doesn't know what they want to do...

If your son/daughter is struggling with their career decisions and are unsure of what to do next then it may be beneficial for them to speak with a Careers Adviser. Each school has a linked Careers Adviser from the Guernsey Careers Service who can see them in school, or during the school holidays at the Careers Office. See the back page for school contacts.

I don't understand these different types and levels of qualifications— which one is right for my child?

Entry Level	Entry Level Certificates Functional Skills at Entry Level	Awards, Certificates and Diplomas at Entry Level
Level 1	GCSE grades D-G	BTEC Awards, Certificates and Diplomas at Level 1
Level 2	GCSE grades A*-C	BTEC Awards, Certificates and Diplomas at Level 2 NVQ Level 2
Level 3	AS/A levels International Baccalaureate	BTEC Awards, Certificates and Diplomas At Level 3 BTEC National OCR Nationals NVQ Level 3



Apprenticeships

As employees, Apprentices earn a wage and work alongside experienced staff to gain job-specific skills. Training also involves spending time away from the workplace, usually on a day release course at the College of Further Education, to work towards nationally recognised qualifications.

Apprenticeships are available in the following vocational areas:

5 Year Apprenticeships

Architectural Technician	Engineering
Block laying and Plastering	Jewellery and Silversmithing
Boatbuilding	Stonemasonry
Carpentry & Joinery	Surveyor
Marine Trades	Telecoms Engineer
Motor Mechanic	Tool making
Painting and Decorating	Vehicle Paint Sprayer &
Plumbing and Heating	Panel Beating
Electrician	Welding

4 Year Apprenticeships

Aero Engineering	Landscape Gardening
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Gas Fitting

3 Year Apprenticeships

Chef/Catering	Hairdressing
Green Keeping	Horticulture

How can I help my son/daughter find an Apprenticeship?

If your son/daughter has decided that they would like to do an Apprenticeship then it will take a considerable amount of effort on their part to find one and you can help them with this.

They can get a list of employers who are registered to take Apprentices from their Careers Teacher and it is then their responsibility to make contact with the employers. This can be done by calling in, phoning or sending a CV and cover letter.

Your son/daughter must find an employer to take them on otherwise they can't do an Apprenticeship.

Please be aware that they are likely to receive a few rejections as not all of the employers will be recruiting.

To support your child:

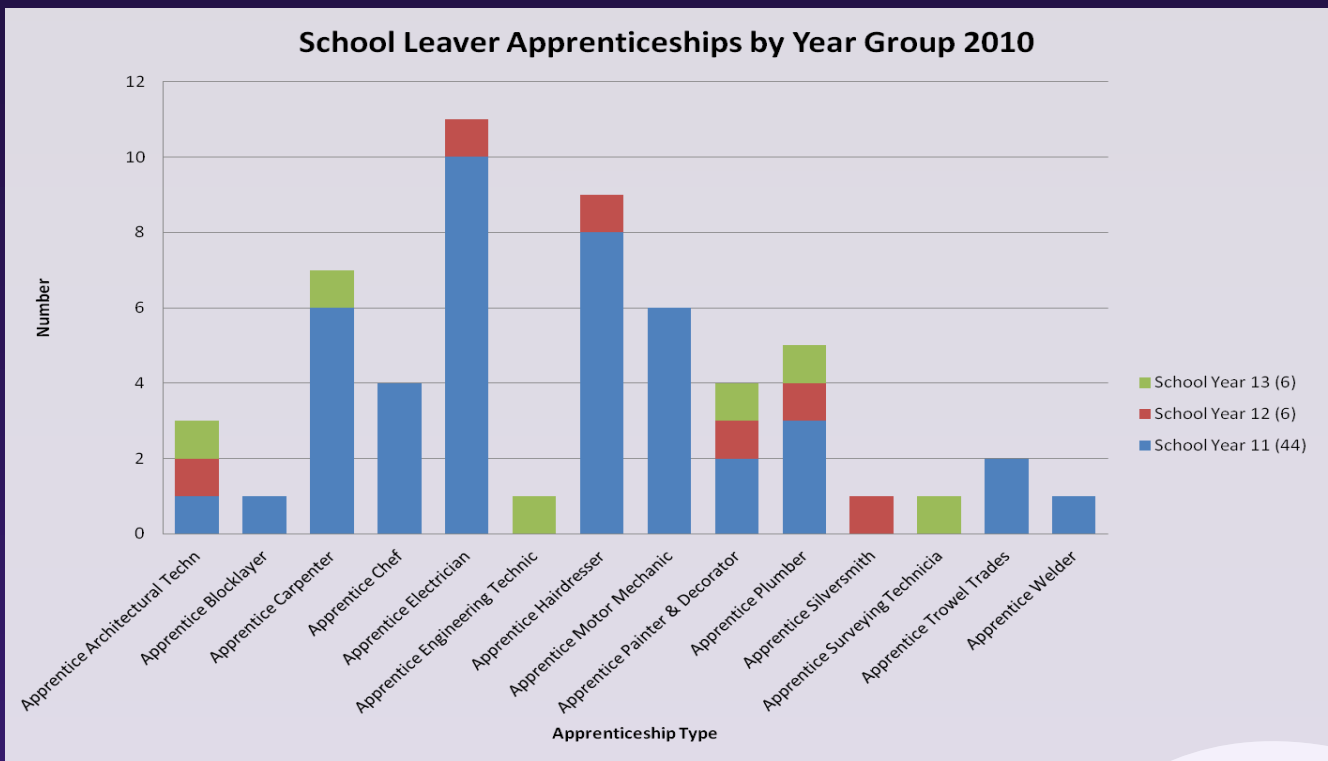
- Encourage them to keep trying
- Make sure they realise how competitive it is and help them to really sell themselves through their CV or if they get an interview
- Try to keep them motivated
- Make sure they have good knowledge of the occupation they are applying for
- Discuss a back up plan—just in case

You can find out detailed information on any job occupation on the CLIPS section of www.careers.gg - this will help give your son/daughter a good overview of the job he/she is considering



Apprenticeships Continued...

Of those who left Year 11 in 2010, 44 (9%) went on to an Apprenticeship



Employment

In 2010, 100 (22%) Year 11 students left education and joined employment.

Construction	33	Manufacturing	2
Retail	21	Transport	1
Hair and Beauty	10	Recreation	1
Hospitality and Catering	9	Public Service	1
Engineering	8	Public Admin	1
Finance	5	Health	1
Agriculture/ Horticulture	4	Education	1
Business Admin	2		

To help your son/daughter to find a job make sure they know what kind of job they want to secure. Help them to job search using www.careers.gg and approaching employers directly. Make sure they have a realistic view of what jobs are available to them and that they may have to start in a lower skilled role and work their way up.

Help them to create their CV or complete application forms and prepare them for interviews using the information on our website.

Communicating with Teenagers...



WHAT PARENTS HEAR...

'All my mates are going to 6th form so I'm going to apply for courses there.'

This is a risky decision to make without taking into account the entry requirements, courses on offer and your son/daughters commitment to learning and future career plans. Take some time to explore these with them to make sure they are choosing this option for the right reasons.

'I'm a bit worried about leaving school and not knowing what to do next. It's a big decision to make!'

It can be a worrying time for teenagers as they realise school is going to end. It also shows us that they feel it is an important decision. Lots of events and information is available to them so make sure they are using it and exploring all the options properly.

'I don't leave school for ages yet. What's the point of thinking about things now?'

It is surprising how fast decision-making time comes around in Year 11 so being prepared is important. Although teenagers may feel it is ages away, you can show them the calendar of events on the back of this leaflet to remind them!

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WHAT PARENTS SAY...

'You can do better than that! What do you want to do that job for?'

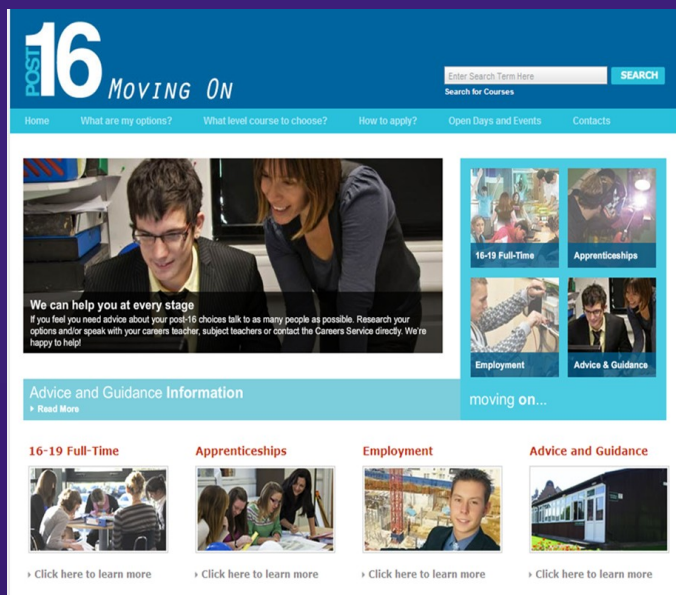
It is difficult as parents want the best for their son/daughter but they also want them to be happy. Find out more about the reasons why they are looking into a particular job and together find out about what they want from a job and what they can offer. Their reasons for choosing a job may well be different to yours.

'Stay on in learning and get more qualifications. That's what employers want these days.'

Although more and more jobs do ask for qualifications, employers are also looking for skills and qualities that make them a good employee with a good attitude to work and training. Stay up to date with what employers look for on www.careers.gg

'Make an appointment with a Careers Adviser. They will tell you what job to do.'

This is not what a Careers Adviser does! They will work with your son/daughter on how to plan, research, make decisions, consider alternative plans with up to date information and guide them through the process. The decision is theirs!



How to find out more?

The Post-16 website provides information about all the options after Year 11:

- 16-19 full time course
- Apprenticeships
- Employment

Go to www.careers.gg and click on



Your son/daughter will have seen, and been shown how to use this website during careers lessons at school

Careers Teachers

Les Beaucamps High: Doug Belford (Tel: 256477)

La Mare De Carteret High: Richard Sinkinson (Tel: 256588)

St Sampson's High: Rachel Kaufman (Tel: 244411)

Le Murier: Rob Tiplady (Tel: 246660)

Grammar School: Jim Banks (Tel: 256571)

Blanchelande College: Karen Higgs (Tel: 237200)

Ladies' College: Rachel Dovey (Tel: 721602)

Elizabeth College: Kate Garnett (Tel: 726544)

St Anne's School Alderney: Jo Madin (Tel: 822173)

Sixth Form Centre: Jim Banks (Tel: 256571)

College of Further Education: Sarah Lees (Tel: 750200)

Careers Advisers

The Careers Service is based at the Education Department and is responsible for providing impartial information, advice and guidance to young people. The Careers Advisers at the Careers Service work with each school to support the student.

La Mare de Carteret High, Grammar School, Le Murier, St Annes, Blanchelande College and Ladies College

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Timetable of Events for Year 11 2011-12

Autumn Term

Oct Post-16 talks in schools by the Sixth Form Centre and College of FE

Oct/Nov Post-16 parents talks by the Sixth Form Centre and College of FE

Nov Year 11 visits to the Sixth Form Centre and College of FE

30th Nov College of FE open day

Spring Term

26th Jan Sixth Form Centre Post-16 evening for parents

23rd Feb Sixth Form Centre Information Day for students

9th March Post-16 applications deadline for Sixth Form Centre and College of FE

Summer Term

29th April Offers sent to students for Post-16 places

23rd August GCSE results
Confirmation letters sent to students



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If you would like support from our service please contact us:

Visit www.careers.gg

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