


How to support your child with decisions about education, employment and training



Information for Parents and Guardians

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Our services

We've listed the services that we provide to your child in school, sixth form or college. As part of this service, we may contact you or your child via email, text or phone to let you know more about activities, events or information that is relevant to your child's education and future career.

Year 9, 10 and 11



One to one guidance interviews (face to face or via Skype)

Employer engagement events

Keeping in touch to monitor and review career plans and progression



Support for pupils with Additional Learning Needs (ALN)

Digital Support via

Our website
Job Matching Quiz
Social Media
Web Chat Support
CW TV and other webcasts



Career fairs at schools or outside of schools (sometimes organised with our partners)

ESF projects TRAC, I2A, Cynnydd.

Interactive workshops



Information campaigns



Attendance at Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Transition Reviews

Year 9, 10 and 11



We will supply a Learning and Skills Plan for pupils with Additional Learning Needs (ALN) who are progressing to college, Higher Education or work based learning

We attend parent evenings and option evenings / events in schools

Labour Market Information (LMI)

Engage with pupils in Year 11 to ensure they are on track with their career plans

Young people in Post 16 Education



One to one support for students at risk of dropping out or not making a positive transition



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Careers Fairs in Sixth Form/College or at other venues supported by our partners

About us



Careers Wales provides free and impartial careers information and support for anyone making education or employment decisions.

We are here to help young people and adults make career plans and decisions, to move into the right training, further learning or employment opportunities.

Our services focus on supporting clients to develop awareness and aspirations to equip them to make effective career decisions throughout their lives.

Our services can be accessed via careerswales.com, telephone, webchat or by visiting a Careers Adviser at school.

Career Journey

Your child will make important decisions throughout their years in education. Careers Wales can support you and your child in making the right decisions to help them achieve their ambitions.

Year 9
Age: 13-14

What to think about: The choice of GCSE subjects will have some effect on what your child can do in the future. However, choosing subjects that suit your child and their abilities is most important. If they have a career in mind think about the subjects they might need. If not, go for a good balance. This will keep their career options open later on.

Education Choice: In year 9 your child will choose which subjects, courses and qualifications to study in years 10 and 11.

In school your child will be given the opportunity to try our Job Matching Quiz and explore:

- Subjects and the jobs they could lead to
- Job ideas to match interests and skills
- Job ideas to match personality

Why not try the quiz at home with your child? You can find it here:

careerswales.com/jobmatchingquiz



Career Journey Continued

Year 11 Age: 15-16

Education or Career choice: After GCSEs your child will face a number of choices. Your child could continue in full-time education in college or sixth form, consider further training such as Apprenticeships or Work Based Learning, or get a job.

What to think about: If your child has a career in mind, research the entry requirements, and find out if any specific subjects or courses are required. This will impact on their next steps. Speak to our Careers Advisers at parent evenings and parent events or visit careerswales.com for further support. Apprenticeships and other Work Based Learning offer fantastic opportunities to earn and learn.

Career Check: Pupils will be asked to complete a questionnaire called Career Check in year 10 or 11. This survey will show us how far your child has got with planning for the future and what support we need to offer.

Year 13 Age 17-18

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Education or Career choice: After Further Education your child could choose to study a Higher Education Course at University; get on the job training with an Apprenticeship or Higher Apprenticeship; take a gap year or do some voluntary work; get a job or consider self-employment.

What to think about: Your child's choice of career will decide their next steps. Research entry requirements and consider all the options. Apprenticeships are an excellent way to learn and earn. Gap years and voluntary work are also options to gain valuable life experience.

How can you help your child make career choices?

Parents influence young people's career choices so it's important to make that as positive as possible. You can:

- Discuss their future career ideas and encourage them to think about all the options available.
- Encourage them to develop their skills through education, hobbies, interests, work experience and part-time jobs.
- Encourage them to make full use of the help available to them in school, college and from Careers Wales.
- Encourage them to research and allow them to make their own choices.
- Use [Careerswales.com](https://www.careerswales.com) to look to the future by finding out about the job market, skills employers are looking for and employment trends.
- Show them the Job Matching Quiz and explore job ideas.
- Attend Careers Wales events and webinars – e.g. apprenticeship awareness events.



Support available for you and your child

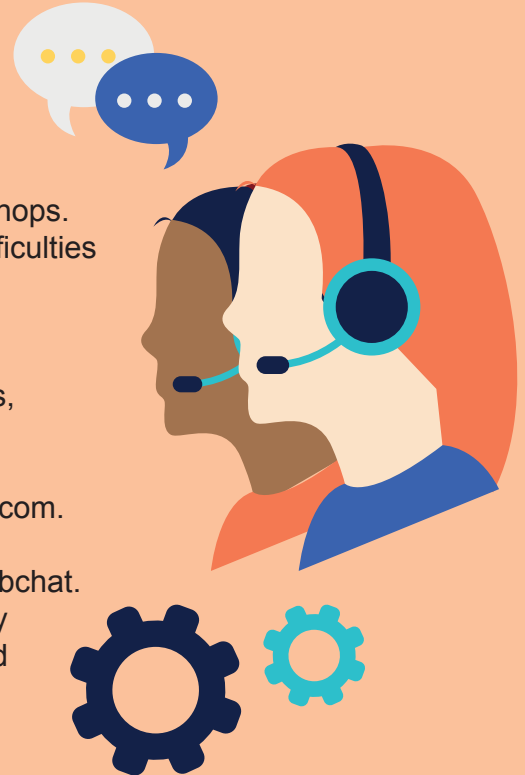
All schools have a careers education programme aimed at providing learners with information and experiences to help with future career ideas.

Careers Advisers are available at all schools to give career information, advice and guidance and to deliver group workshops. Extra help and support is available for those with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

Careers Advisers have access to the latest Labour Market Information (LMI) which includes information about job trends, growth sectors and skills shortages.

A Survival Guide for students can be found on careerswales.com.

Our Advisers are available on the telephone and through Webchat. We attend school parent evenings and run events specifically for parents. Follow us on social media for the latest news and events.



How can Careerswales.com help?

Our website is full of information, tools and resources to help you and your child:

- Find information about different careers and their links to subjects and qualifications.
- Learn about job trends and what employers want.
- Search and apply for Apprenticeship vacancies, Work Based Learning and job vacancies.
- Look at videos, case studies and articles.
- Use interactive tools and resources to give ideas and plan next steps.
- With Labour Market Information (LMI) on a range of sectors providing up to date trends, to help your child choose their careers.
- Get ready for jobs using our CV Builder and practice your interview skills with our Interview Trainer.

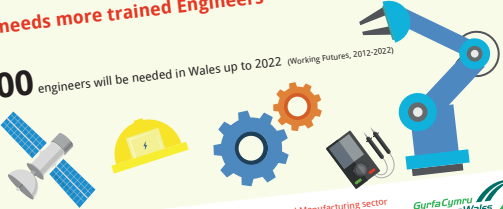


Job Trends and Labour Market Information (LMI)

Explore our 'Spotlight on' and 'Careers In' series on [Careerswales.com/jobtrends](https://careerswales.com/jobtrends) providing information into future and current job trends in many different sectors. Find out more about which industries are growing in Wales, where the jobs are, the pay and more.

Wales needs more trained Engineers

8,000 engineers will be needed in Wales up to 2022 (Working Futures, 2012-2022)



Take a look at the types of jobs and opportunities in the Advanced Materials and Manufacturing sector
www.careerswales.com/jobtrends

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A green light for the Energy and Environment sector

£1 billion a year is generated by the Welsh Energy and Environment sector (Welsh Government, 2014)



Work in the Energy and Environment sector and be part of producing energy for Wales
careerswales.com/en/spotlight-on-energy-and-environment/

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Hospitality needs you

11,000 new Chefs are needed in the UK by 2022
3,500 of those needed in Wales (Working Futures 2012-2022)



This data is taken from the Spotlight on **Tourism, Hospitality & Leisure**, part of the Job Trends section on
www.careerswales.com/jobtrends

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Manufacturing is thriving in North Wales


Over **5,000** people will be needed to work in Manufacturing in North Wales by 2022




Find out more about the jobs and future in our Spotlight on **NORTH WALES**
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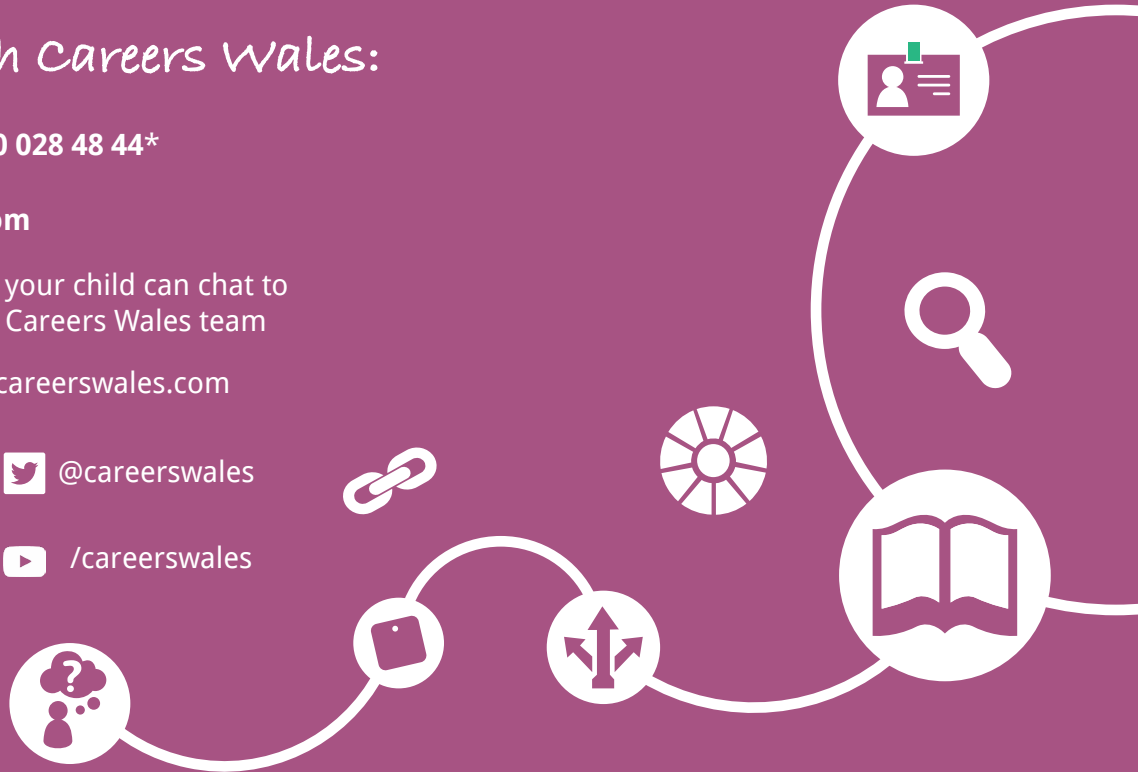
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