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Dear Families



Planning the two-year pathway after Year 11

We are writing to let you know about the options for your young person and the type of support available over the next two years.

You will be aware that the government's current policy is that all young people in England are required to continue in education or training until at least their 18th birthday under the Raising the Participation Age agenda. Find out more here:

<https://thesource.me.uk/?s=Raising+the+participation>

Young people have a choice about whether to continue studying at school, to attend a college, sixth form college or smaller training centre, to start employment (combined with part-time education and training) or look for an apprenticeship or supported internship. Information on these routes is available by looking at school or college websites, attending open events, researching websites such as the following:

www.icanbea.org.uk, www.thesource.me.uk, www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk;
www.apprenticeshipsuffolk.org

If your son/daughter/young person still does not have a place in education, employment or training sorted for September 2024, where can they get support?

- ❖ Schools provide independent, impartial information, advice and guidance to Year 8 – 13 students, so they will be able to tell you about all the training and education options locally.
- ❖ There is also a lot of information available on the websites mentioned above.
- ❖ Suffolk County Council's Youth Support Services 16-18 are available for young people who have not found the right option by the time they leave school or have dropped out in Year 12 or 13. They also work with schools during Year 11 to support students in working towards Education, employment and training where there are extra barriers. You can contact your local office by looking here:
<https://www.thesource.me.uk/home/where-to-get-help-and-support-in-suffolk>

Keeping in touch: Suffolk County Council has a duty to follow up all young people in Suffolk to find out what education, employment or training they are in and offer them support if they are not doing anything.

We might contact you during Years 12 & 13 by email, phone call, letter or text or asking you to complete a questionnaire online/through a link.

SCC may share basic information about young people with local organisations that can help with their future (e.g. a college or training provider with courses that might interest them). We



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Kind regards

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