



# A PARENTS' GUIDE TO SEND TRANSITIONS

## TO POST-16

New Road Academy works closely with our local providers to provide support for SEND students during the transition period between Year 11 and Post-16 study.

This booklet will give you some idea of the options available for SEND students. For a breakdown of all the pathways available, please read the "Parents' Guide to Pathways".



# KS4 CAREERS TIMELINE

## September

- Y11 Guidance with Future Focus starts
- Y11 College visits (invite only)
- Y11 Open days start
- Drop-In sessions (Mon/Weds/Fri)
- KS4 SEND Careers Event at school



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## October

- Careers Fair for KS4 students and Y11 parents
- Y11 Parents' Evening
- Applications for Post-16 open

## Autumn Term

- A variety of KS4 trips offered. Students sign up in the Careers Office or via their tutor
- Mock Exams for Y11

## January / February

- Most A Level applications close around Feb half term - some are sooner, so check individual places
- Mock Exams
- Year 10 Mock Interviews

## March onwards

- Year 10 Work Experience
- All Y11 students should have applied for a Post-16 course by now
- Y11 Parents' Evening



# EHCP PATHWAY

If your child has an EHCP, Future Focus - the adviser from Telford and Wrekin Council - will attend the annual reviews from Year 9 alongside other key professionals. This adviser will continue to work with you throughout to ensure a smooth transition.

During Y11, they will complete a Careers and Transition action plan with your child, which reflects their aspirations, views and goals. This will be shared with all key professionals.

Preferences for a Post-16 provider must happen fairly quickly in Y11 as the local authority must consult with the preferred provider first, so it may be useful to start having conversations about next steps early.

Once this review is complete, the form will be sent to the local authority to start the transition process. The SEND and Careers departments will support throughout.

Support from Future Focus will continue until the student is 25 years old.

# SEND SUPPORT PATHWAY

If your child does not have an EHCP, they will be supported within school by tutors, careers staff and the careers advisers from Future Focus. They will have the opportunity to visit local post-16 providers with staff and attend a careers event with local providers offering SEND specific courses, as well as the mainstream careers fair.

Individual providers will have their own support systems, so it's best to go along to open events and talk to the staff there.

# OTHER SERVICES



The SEND Telford local offer is an online service which enables young people and families to access information they need and helps them to find local services and activities. It enables you to search within your local community and across Telford as a whole for information on:

- benefits and budgets
- EHCP's
- short breaks, health and care services
- leisure and fun
- transport



[telfordsend.org.uk](http://telfordsend.org.uk)



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Future Focus is the council run careers and advice service that is in school 3 times per week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Students can book an appointment with their tutor if they wish to speak to them. All Y11 students will receive an appointment over the course of year 11.

Future Focus can be contacted independently by students and parents via:



<https://www.telfordjobbox.co.uk/futurefocus>