

CAREERS GUIDANCE SERVICES FOR SCHOOLS

Connexions Sandwell is an independent, impartial careers information, advice and guidance service that enables young people to progress into suitable learning in 6th form, college, training, apprenticeships and employment. Our fully qualified Careers Advisers (level 6 or above) provide quality innovative approaches to support the delivery of careers education programmes and can help you to achieve all of the Gatsby Benchmarks. The Gatsby Benchmarks outline good practice for careers education, information, advice and guidance in secondary schools

We offer:-

- a free service to young people in our target group
- a traded service in schools, colleges and training providers within/ outside the Sandwell Metropolitan Borough.

Sandwell Connexions offers a range of activities that can support the delivery of the Gatsby Benchmarks, providing advice and support and enabling schools to deliver a high-quality Careers Programme.

The 8 Gatsby Benchmarks of good careers guidance are:-

- A stable Careers Programme
- Learning from career and labour market information
- Addressing the needs of each pupil
- Linking curriculum Learning to careers
- Encounters with employers and employees
- Experience of workplace
- Encounters with further and Higher Education
- Personal Guidance

Personal Careers Guidance

Helps you meet these benchmarks

Individual Personal Careers Guidance Interviews for Students in Year 7—14	8,4,3,2
Individualised support package for Year 11 and Post 16 Labour Market entrants	8,4,3,2
Attendance at Parents events Years 7-13	8,4,3,2

Bespoke Group Work Sessions, including:-

Apprenticeships, employability skills and accessing the labour market	8,5,4,3,2
Labour Market Information, future trends and the changing world of work	8,4,3,2
Linking curriculum Learning to careers e.g. Linking subjects to careers	4,2
Career management skills, CV writing, completing application forms and interview techniques	8,4,3,2
Preparation for work experience	8,6,5,3,2
Higher Education- Getting ready for university, UCAS and student finance	8,7,4,3,2
Option choices (year 8/9, post 16/18)	8,4,3,2,1
Careers websites and social media	8,7,5,4,3,2,1
Morrisby psychometric profiling	8,4,3
Study skills, preparing and coping with exams	8,4,3

Careers Consultancy Services

Bespoke consultancy related to personal careers guidance and careers education	8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1
Convening accredited Careers Leader Training	8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1
Compilation of School Destination Data, reports and analysis	4,3,1
Preparation for collapsed timetable days	8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1
Inset training on IAG	8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1
Consultancy support for the quality in Careers Standard – National Quality Award for Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance	8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1
Observation/assessment and feedback of personal careers guidance interviews for school staff holding level 6 IAG	8,3,1
Training for Governors on IAG understanding roles and responsibilities	8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1
Careers Conferences and local Networking events	8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1