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INDEPENDENT AND IMPARTIAL, QUALITY PERSONAL CAREERS GUIDANCE

from Connexions Sandwell

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INTRODUCTION

Connexions Sandwell is passionate about making a difference to the lives of young people through high quality, impartial careers advice and guidance. We believe that face-to-face guidance better equips young people to make informed choices about the courses and options which best suit their academic needs and aspirations. Excellent careers advice and guidance prepares young people for the future, exploring appropriate pathways which will enable them to reach their full potential.



We are an outstanding provider of guidance services with a proven reputation for inspiring young people and assisting them in planning and achieving their progression.

Our guidance and assessment packages can be tailor-made to suit the specific requirements of your school.

WE WILL

- Promote aspirations and enable your students to leave school confident, motivated and with all the required knowledge to make informed decisions and positively progress.
- Work with your students to assess their abilities, interests and achievements and discuss them in the context of current and anticipated future opportunities to ensure informed choices are made.
- Maximise the number of your students progressing into education, employment or training by providing targeted support for students most at risk of non-participation.
- Work in partnership with your organisation to deliver a high quality service specific to both your needs and those of each individual student.



WHAT CAN WE OFFER?

We offer a range of services to complement your existing programmes

- Individual Careers Guidance interviews with Years 7-13
- Support package for Year 11 and Post 16 labour market entrants
- Attendance at parents' events, Years 7-13

Group work sessions

- Apprenticeships, employability skills and accessing the labour market
- Labour Market Information, future trends and how opportunities may change
- Career management skills, CV writing/building, application forms and interviews
- Preparation for work experience
- Higher Education – Getting ready for university, UCAS and student finance
- Option Choices (Year 8/9, Post 16/18)
- Careers websites and social media
- Morrisby psychometric profiling
- Study skills, preparing and coping with exams

School services

- Destination data
- Consultancy related to careers guidance and careers education
- Preparation for collapsed timetable days
- Inset training on IAG
- Consultancy support for the Quality in Careers Standard – National Quality Award for Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance (CIEAG)

WHY CHOOSE US?

Quality services and access to expert careers professionals

We are a member of the Careers Development Institute and hold Matrix accreditation which is the government's badge of quality for information, advice and learning about work. The standard demonstrates that we provide a high quality, independent and impartial service which is in accordance with current statutory requirements.

"Feedback from partners was exemplary and many stated the service is vital to their organisation and to the young people of Sandwell." **Matrix Assessment Report 2015**

- Our advisers are experienced at delivering 1:1 guidance interviews and group sessions to a range of audiences differentiating them to meet their needs.
- We promote aspirations and ensure students are well prepared to make informed decisions about the next stage of their education, training or employment.
- Our highly experienced specialist school advisers are professionally qualified to at least level 6 in careers advice and guidance. They have a range of experience, and prior to training as careers professionals they worked in a variety of occupational areas, including nursing, sports and leisure, construction, engineering, retail, marketing and financial services.
- Our expert advisers undertake continuous professional development and have specialist up to date knowledge.
- Our advisers are trained in Morrisby psychometric profiling which will enable students to identify how their strengths and interests can feed into a range of potentially suitable career ideas.
- Our advisers undergo monitoring and observations of their work in order to maintain high quality standards.
- Meetings are held to evaluate and review progress with each institution ensuring that your contract with us is delivered to your requirements and expectations. Evaluations regularly take place after 1:1 meetings and group works so that students can give feedback on the service they have received.
- Our packages can be delivered as part of a full programme of activities or on a stand-alone basis by DBS cleared staff.
- We can provide a comprehensive destination service for your school and are consistently high performing in maximising the number of students who positively progress into education, training or employment.

Ofsted

Statutory guidance from the DFE stipulates that governing bodies:

"must ensure that the independent advice provided is presented in an impartial manner, includes information on the range of education or training options, including apprenticeships and other vocational pathways" and promotes "the best interests of the pupils to whom it is given."

"Ofsted inspectors will take account of the quality of independent

careers guidance and of students' destinations in making judgement on the leadership and management of the school, and if applicable, a separate judgement on the sixth form."

The Statutory guidance recognises the value for students in gaining "...confidence and motivation from the opportunity to explore career ideas through individual, face-to-face discussion with a range of people" and highlights the value of discussion with:

"Careers advisers who can help pupils to locate ambitious education and career options, by identifying opportunities and assessing pupils' abilities, interests and achievements".



What our customers say about us

"The dedication and perseverance of the Connexions staff has enabled many of our Post 16 students to access their chosen pathway via apprenticeships, Higher Education or directly into employment." – **Clare Purnell, Assistant Principal CEIAG and Vocational Education**

"Very helpful, friendly Connexions staff, they had a good understanding of careers, not judgemental and helped me progress." **Young Person – supported by a Connexions Sandwell Personal Adviser**

"As part of their role the Connexions Sandwell advisers have been instrumental in helping to raise achievement at WGA. Their work has enabled students to realise their potential and also given them a greater focus to achieve." – **James Topham, Headteacher - Wood Green Academy**

WHAT NEXT?

We are able to work with you to tailor a bespoke service based on our daily rate and would welcome a conversation with you.

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