

Dear Parent or Carer

Next Steps 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.

Suffolk County Council (SCC) 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 information about options & support if they are not doing anything.

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

You may 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: **[Have we contacted you? \(and Raising the Participation Age\) - The Source](#)**

Young people have a choice about whether to continue studying at school, to attend a further education 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 individual school, college & training provider websites, attending open events, and researching websites such as the following:

www.thesource.me.uk, www.icanbea.org.uk, [Young People | Skills for Careers \(education.gov.uk\)](http://Young People | Skills for Careers (education.gov.uk)), www.apprenticeshipssuffolk.org, [Post-16 Travel - Suffolkonboard](#)

If your son/daughter/young person does not have a place in education, employment or training sorted for September 2025, 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.
- ❖ Youth Support Services 16-18 (made up of Suffolk County Council [SCC] and partners) are available for young people who have not found the right option by the time they leave school or have left early in Year 12 or 13. You can contact your local SCC office and also look at the Information leaflet for support services and opportunities by clicking this link: [I've left school/college and I'm stuck! - The Source](#)
- ❖ SCC may share basic information about young people with other local organisations that can help with their future (e.g. a college or training provider with courses that might be of interest or a youth employment or support service). We are careful about what we share and only authorised people will access the information when they need it to do their jobs. The only time we will share information without your permission is if the law requires us to do so.
- ❖ For anyone with Special Educational Needs, including an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) you might also want to look at the information held on the Suffolk Local Offer website: [Home - Suffolk SEND Local Offer \(suffolklocaloffer.org.uk\)](http://Home - Suffolk SEND Local Offer (suffolklocaloffer.org.uk))

If you have any further queries about our support for young people, please contact:

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Kind regards

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