



Thursday 23rd September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of the Government's careers strategy for schools and colleges, Stockport Council is committed to ensuring every young person receives high-quality career guidance to make informed decisions about their future.

Whilst in previous years we have held our Autumn careers fair at Stockport Town Hall, this year we will instead be hosting a Virtual Careers Fair and Exhibition for Post-16 Careers Week from 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October.

The event will feature employers, colleges, training providers, universities and support services to help students, parents and carers understand the choices available from 16+.

### **Post-16 Careers Week | Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

<https://stockport-jobsmatch.co.uk/post-16-careers-week>

Hosted on our dedicated careers hub, Stockport Jobs Match, we have provided a digital library of information to help you understand the choices available when leaving secondary school, college or completing an apprenticeship.

These include a range of videos, quizzes, factsheets and challenge activities, which will help your child to:

- Understand different career paths, job profiles and entry requirements
- Recognise their strengths, think about their goals and create a career pathway plan to achieve them
- Create a CV and personal profile highlighting their skills, knowledge and behaviours
- Know the difference between a range of different further and higher education pathways available post-16 and post-18 - and the colleges, sixth forms, training providers and employers locally who offer them
- Feel confident completing a college, university, apprentice or job application form
- Be aware of the support they might need and where to find it from local services
- Start preparing for adulthood with a range of skills – from decision making to budgeting

All resources are aimed at Years 10-13 students, parents and carers, teachers and careers advisors. Your child may also participate in live, interactive sessions during the school or college day.

## Evening Zoom Sessions – Ideal for Parents, Carers, Students and more

<https://stockport-jobsmatch.co.uk/post-16-careers-week-expert-qanda>

We would encourage you to start talking about your child's options for post-16 and post-18 study at the earliest opportunity. We will therefore be hosting Evening Zoom Sessions at 8:00pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October to help start conversations and spark ideas.

Please join us for these live Q&A sessions to learn about the careers and pathways available for young people and put your questions to our expert panellists from local businesses, colleges, universities and training providers.

You will need to book a free ticket on Eventbrite using the link above to reserve your place and a joining link will be sent to you in advance. You can also email your questions in advance to [info@stockport-jobsmatch.co.uk](mailto:info@stockport-jobsmatch.co.uk)

## Virtual Exhibition & Digital Event Prospectus

You'll find over 50+ Virtual Exhibitors in our Digital Event Prospectus.

<https://stockport-jobsmatch.co.uk/post-16-virtual-exhibition>

Here you'll be able to discover all colleges and sixth forms, local universities and HE providers, SEND and support services for young people. You'll also find out about training and providers offering apprenticeships, traineeships, study programmes and internships (as well as part-time jobs for students, work experience and volunteering opportunities too).

View our Virtual Floor Plan and click on the Exhibition Stands to watch videos, download digital prospectus', search training courses or jobs, find out about open days and access contact information for all providers in Stockport. All the information you need in one place.

## Telephone Helpline

0161 474 2300

We will also be providing a Telephone Helpline for you to speak to a qualified Careers Advisor from Stockport Council's Continuing Education and Careers Advice Service on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October between 5pm and 8pm.

Yours faithfully,



Richard Mortimer  
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