



STOCKPORT
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Monday 8th September 2025

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Stockport Council is committed to ensuring every young person receives the right advice and support to make confident choices about their future. That's why we are once again hosting **Post-16 Careers Week 2025** – a week-long virtual careers fair designed to showcase the fantastic education, training and employment opportunities available in Stockport and beyond.

This year's event runs from Monday 29th September to Friday 3rd October 2025 and is completely free to access. Across the week, you'll be able to explore live online events, practical resources, and guidance to help you understand your next steps – whether that's choosing A-Levels, exploring vocational options, starting an apprenticeship, or planning ahead for higher education.



Last year, thousands of students took part, alongside teachers, parents and carers – and we're excited to make this year's programme even bigger and better.

Visit stockport-jobsmatch.co.uk/post-16-careers-week-2025 or scan the QR code now to explore the full programme and register for events.

Digital College & Sixth Form Prospectus 2026

If you're starting to think about your options after GCSEs, the **Digital Prospectus** is the perfect place to begin. Packed with details of local colleges, sixth forms, and training providers, it covers all your options – A-Levels, T-Levels, Apprenticeships, BTECs and more – with practical information on how and when to apply.

The prospectus is easy to use on mobile, tablet or desktop, and will be regularly updated with key dates, contacts and even virtual tours to help you make the best decision for your future.

Support for Students with SEND or an EHCP

Young people with an Education Health and Care (EHC) Plan can also access a dedicated **16+ Booklet for SEND students**, including guidance on supported internships, the Local Offer and specialist provision from local providers such as Stockport College and PURE College.

In addition, there is a **live lunchtime session on Thursday 2nd October (12.30–1.30pm)** for students with SEND or an EHCP, featuring input from PACT Stockport, PURE College, Stockport Council, Stockport College and other local partners.

Live Evening Q&A Events

Our popular evening webinars give you the chance to hear directly from local colleges, training providers, universities and employers. These interactive sessions are a fantastic way to ask questions and get expert advice about your next steps:

- **Choosing to Study A-Levels** – Monday 29th September, 7.00–8.00pm
Guest speakers include Aquinas, Loreto Sixth Form College, Hazel Grove Sixth Form, Marple Sixth Form College and Xaverian Sixth Form College.
 - **Studying T-Levels, BTECs and NVQs** – Tuesday 30th September, 7.00–8.00pm
Guest speakers include Stockport College, The Manchester College, The Growth Company and local employers.
 - **Apprenticeships at 16+ and 18+** – Wednesday 1st October, 7.00–8.00pm
Hear from Manchester Metropolitan University, Stockport College, The Growth Company and local employers including Nexperia and Stockport Homes Group.
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Free Resources

Throughout the week, you can also access a wide range of downloadable tools – from career pathway planners and college application guides, to budget worksheets, CV templates and interactive activities to help you feel fully prepared for the journey ahead.

To make the most of everything on offer, please visit the official webpage: stockport-jobsmatch.co.uk/post-16-careers-week-2025 where you can explore resources, book onto events, and start planning your future today.

If you have any questions about the events or resources available during Post-16 Careers Week, please contact: info@stockport-jobsmatch.co.uk.

We strongly encourage all students, parents and carers to take advantage of these opportunities – and to continue conversations at home and in school about the exciting pathways available beyond 16 and 18.

Kind regards,



Tim Bowman
Director of Education, Work and Skills