

Dear Parent or Carer

Next Steps after Year 11

We are reaching out to inform you about the choices available for your young person and the support they can access in the coming two years.

Suffolk County Council tracks young people's education, employment, or training in Suffolk and provides information or support if needed. We may contact you in Years 12 and 13 by email, phone, letter, text, or ask you to complete an online questionnaire.

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 can choose to stay in school, enrol at a further education college, sixth form college, or smaller training centre, begin working while continuing part-time education and training, or seek an apprenticeship or supported internship. Information about these options can be found on individual school, college, and training provider websites, at open events, or by researching resources such as the following websites:

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.apprenticeshipsuffolk.org, [Post-16 Travel - Suffolkonboard](#)

If your son/daughter/young person does not have a place in education, employment or training sorted for September 2026, where can they get support?

- ❖ Schools offer independent and unbiased information, advice, and guidance to students in Years 8 to 13, enabling them to share details about all local training and education opportunities.
- ❖ 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 a course or job during 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 provide basic details about young people to other local organisations that can support their future, such as colleges, training providers offering relevant courses, or youth employment and support services. We take care to share information responsibly, and only authorised staff will access it when needed for their work. Information will only be shared without your consent if required by law.
- ❖ 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))**. Any questions relating to post-16 placements for young people with an EHCP must be directed to the named officer listed on the EHC plan, who is responsible for coordinating support

and placement discussions. For support or queries relating to a young person with SEND, the following impartial service might be useful: [Home - Suffolk SENDIASS](#).

If you have any further queries about our support for young people, please contact: CYPPTTFollowUpSupport@suffolk.gov.uk

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Kind regards

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