

Careers Advice

Careers advice is available from Connexions if you live in Leicester City, or Prospects if you live in the County. Both offer advice and guidance on finding a job, training courses or apprenticeship in Leicester.

If you live in Leicester City you can drop-in to the Connexions Centre at 2 Wellington Street Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm or call 0116 454 1770 for an appointment. If you live in the County, Prospects will offer you an appointment if you call 01455 632719.

www.leicesteremploymenthub.co.uk/job-seekers/services-for-16-24-year-olds

What if you start at College and need help?

If you need help once you have started college, Lynne Beet and Hospital School staff will always find time to help. Call the area of school that you attended:

Willow Bank School:
0116 2298137
Ward 3: 01530 467468
LRI: 0116 2585330

or you can email us:

post16support@childrenshospitalschool.leicester.sch.uk

Before You Start College...

INFORMATION

REMEMBER:

- Everyone is a little bit worried when they start somewhere new – it isn't just you.
- Teachers aren't going to do everything for you now, the work is your responsibility.
- Make sure you get a planner to help you stay organised.
- Review your notes from your lessons to commit them to memory.
- Use your free periods & break times to catch up on work or complete assignments.
- Think about bringing a packed lunch as food queues are long and it can be expensive to buy everyday.
- Things will build up very quickly; get tasks and essays done as soon as you can, particularly in your second year.
- Plan your bus routes and practice them before your first day.
- You are expected to do work at home in your own time too.
- College must come first, no matter how much money you are getting from your part time job.
- Lastly, enjoy your experience - college is exciting!

Children's Hospital School



When finish my GCSE's
– what are my options?

Information Booklet for Students



Study Full-Time



Schools, colleges and training providers offer a range of subjects and courses that you can study full-time. You can study:

Subjects: for example, A levels. These are good if there are subjects you like and want to study further or if you are planning to go to university. You normally need to have at least five GCSEs at grades 5 - 9 and may need at least a grade 6 in any specific subjects you want to study.

Work and job-related courses: For example NVQs and BTECs. These are good qualifications to take if you want to combine practical learning with studying subjects and technical skills. There are specialist courses which relate to particular jobs, sectors or subject areas. Depending on which qualifications you take, you can go on to further education, training or employment, or you can go to university.

Apprenticeships & Traineeships



You can also choose to train while you work by taking on an apprenticeship, traineeship or supported internship.

Apprenticeships: You work for an employer and train to do a specific job at the same time. There are over 280 types of apprenticeship for over 1,500 job roles - anything from engineering to boat-building or veterinary nursing to accountancy.

Traineeship: Gets you ready for work or for doing an apprenticeship. They last from six weeks to six months and provide essential work preparation training, literacy and numeracy skills and work experience to get an apprenticeship or other job.

Work or Volunteer while studying part-time



You can combine training or studying for a qualification and work at the same time.

Work/Volunteer: It doesn't have to be a paid job; you can volunteer on a project or with a charity or get a work-experience placement in a career or job area that interests you.

Part-Time Study: Colleges and training providers offer a wide range of training courses that are part-time, including A levels and work-related qualifications, like BTECs or NVQs.

Speak to the school, college or training provider to find out more.