

# KENT CHOICES

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## Planning for after year 11: KentChoices and key options

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may know, all young people must remain in education or training until age 18 after completing their GCSEs. This letter provides details on how the [KentChoices website](#) and an upcoming **Parent/Carer podcast** will support you and your child in exploring their post-Year 11 options.

### KentChoices parent/carers podcast

We understand that making decisions after Year 11 can be overwhelming. Join our free podcast to learn about the available options, how to navigate the KentChoices website, and important deadlines. You'll also have the chance to ask any questions.

**Date:** Tuesday 22 October 2024**Time:** 6pm to 7pm (Free to Attend)**To register:** Scan **QR Code 1**, click [here](#), or call KentChoices on **03301 651 120**.

### KentChoices website

[KentChoices](#) provides comprehensive information on post-16 options, advice and guidance on how and when to apply. Your child has a personal account to access this platform, and schools typically share login details in Year 10 or terms 1 or 2 this year. Some schools may still require applications through their internal systems.

To visit the website: Scan **QR Code 2**.

### Key features:

#### a) Sixth Forms & Colleges (Including Grammar Schools)

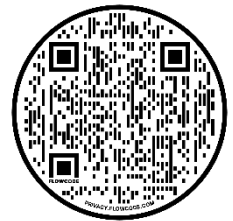
Access information on all Kent sixth form and further education college (FE) courses. Use KentChoices to research, apply, and track applications.

#### b) Open Evenings

Find details on upcoming open evenings at schools and colleges on KentChoices. If attending an East Kent College event, ensure your child has their KentChoices login.

#### c) Apprenticeships

Learn more about apprenticeship opportunities and how to apply.



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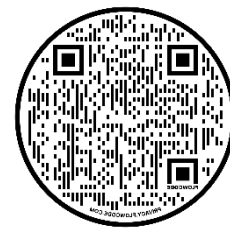


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#### d) Self-Employment, Work Experience, and Volunteering

Explore how these options, combined with part-time study, can work for your child.

For those with children who have an **Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP)**, there is a separate process called the Phased Transfer. Emails have been sent to Parent/Carers giving them information and a link to the application form. If you have not received this, please email [SENDDataCoordination@kent.gov.uk](mailto:SENDDataCoordination@kent.gov.uk)



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#### Help making a decision

Your child's school is your first point of contact for independent careers advice, as they have a statutory duty to provide it. You can also contact the National Careers Service at **0800 100 900** or visit [National Careers Service](https://www.nationalcareersservice.org.uk) for additional support.

#### Staying in touch

Once a young person leaves Year 11, Kent County Council (KCC) must remain in contact with them for two years. This is to check if they need help finding education, employment or training and to report to the Department for Education on how Kent young people are progressing. We do this on behalf of KCC by keeping in touch with local schools, colleges, and training providers but from time to time we may contact you directly.

**If you do not have access to the internet, you can call us on 03301 651 120.**

We wish your child success with their next step.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Williamson', written over a faint background of a document.

**Rob Williamson**

Service Lead Skills and Employability  
The Education People

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[KentChoices.info/Privacy](https://kentchoices.info/Privacy)

Further details on how we stay in touch with young people and store data is available at  
[KentChoices.info/StayinginTouch](https://kentchoices.info/StayinginTouch)