

**IN YEAR 10 AND  
HAVE AN EHCP?**

**START  
PLANNING  
YOUR  
FUTURE  
NOW.**

**BIRMINGHAM  
CAREERS SERVICE**  
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# WHAT ARE YOUR POST 16 OPTIONS?

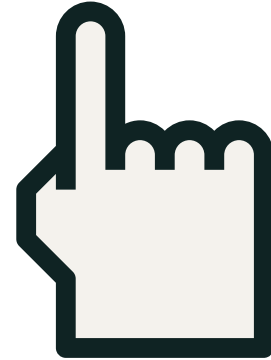
When you leave school, you have to remain in education until you are 18. You can:

Go to a school 6th form, college or 6th form college

Start an apprenticeship, traineeship or supported internship.

For more information visit the Birmingham Careers Service website for the 'Post-16 options' weblet. You will find this in the publications section.

[www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk](http://www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk)



## RESEARCH YOUR CAREER IDEAS!

There are many different careers out there, but you need to know if they will suit you. People who work with computers need to be good at maths, and to work with people or animals you need to be very caring and patient.

Visit the National Careers Service website:  
[www.nationalcareersservice.co.uk](http://www.nationalcareersservice.co.uk)

or watch people talking about their jobs:  
[www.icould.com](http://www.icould.com)



## NO CAREERS IDEAS? DON'T WORRY.

Your school might have Kudos or JED (Job Explorer Database) careers programmes and should be able to give you an access code. These ask a series of questions about your interests, skills and work preferences and then suggest jobs for you.

Or you could register at [www.startprofile.com](http://www.startprofile.com) which is similar and free.

# PREFERENCE FORMS

If you live in Birmingham, you and your family will be asked to fill in a preference form. On this form you will need to list your choices even if you want to stay at school after Year 11.

If you want to go to college, you will also need to apply to these as well:

Independent Specialist Colleges - you can apply now

General further education colleges - by Christmas 2022 or early in year 2023.

Other options, such as apprenticeships, can be applied for during Year 11.



Choices you make on the preference form should be for places you would like to go to, have a course you would like to do and offer the support you need.

Your ECHP (Education Care and Health Plan) shows the support you need to learn. When your preference form listing your choices is sent to SENAR (Special Educational Needs and Review), they will send a copy of your ECHP to the colleges/training providers that you have listed (and maybe some others) to make sure they can give you the support you need.

**Start looking at further education now by visiting college and school websites. Also try and find out if they are offering virtual tours or open days:**

Use the National Careers Service course directory:  
<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/find-a-course>

or Birmingham Careers Service College information:  
[www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/open-days/](http://www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/open-days/)

or <https://www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/marketplace/>

If you would like to start working and learning at the same time, through an apprenticeship, visit:  
[www.apprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk)

Interested in a traineeship visit?:  
[www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/traineeshipsearch](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/traineeshipsearch)



What about a supported internship? A few special schools, colleges and training providers are offering these. Do look at their websites through the links above.

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to look at what qualifications you may need to start on a course. You can do this by asking your Form Tutor or looking at your last school report. This will also be discussed in your careers guidance interview and EHCP review meeting. Application forms will ask if you have an EHCP - it is important that you tick this box.



# CAREERS GUIDANCE INTERVIEW

Your school will arrange for you to have an interview, but you can also request one by talking to your Form Tutor. The professionally qualified Careers Adviser will be able to offer impartial advice and guidance about your options after school and courses and levels that will suit you.

