



PARENT/CARER NEWSLETTER

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Gyrfa Cymru
Careers Wales

For parents and carers of young people with additional learning needs

How we can help

Careers Wales are here to support you and your child to make the right decision about their future. We have a team of staff working in schools that includes a careers adviser, a business engagement adviser and a careers and work related education co-ordinator.

Supporting young people with Additional Learning Needs

The new Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal Act (ALNET) means that young people with Additional Learning Needs, who need additional learning provision, will have an Individual Development Plan (IDP) rather than a Statement of Special Education Needs or an Individual Education Plan. By September 2025 the Act will cover all age groups in school.

If your child has an Individual Development Plan (IDP) the careers adviser may be invited to their annual review to discuss their transition from school. The career adviser can provide information and advice about post school options and signpost you to other agencies that could also support you and your child as they move on from school.

Our careers advisers can:

- give impartial careers information, guidance and coaching
- help your child understand their strengths and reach their potential
- share information about various options, including work and further learning
- help your child set short-term and long-term goals related to their future options
- support your child if they face setbacks and challenges



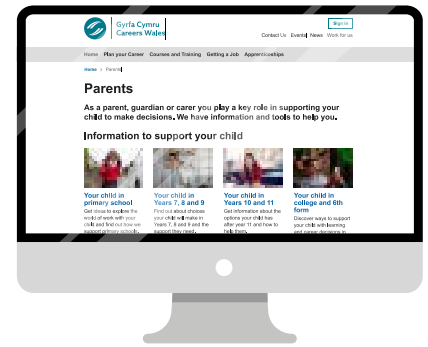
**Our careers advisers
tailor their approach depending
on your child's age and needs.**

Parent website pages

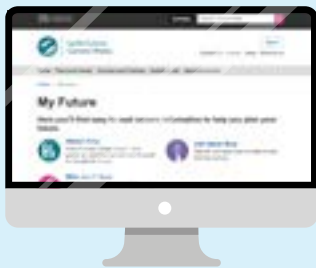
As well as a link careers adviser at your child's school, our website has information that can help you to support your child.



careerswales.gov.wales/parents



Online resources

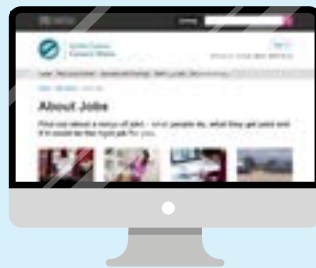


My Future



'My Future' is a section of our website that is easy to read with graphics, photos and videos.

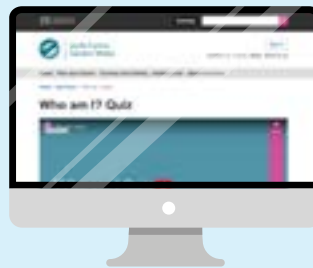
Have a look at some of our online tools to help your child think of their strengths or to learn about career options.



About Jobs



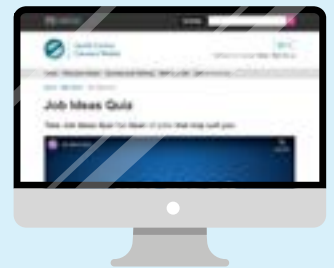
Find out about a range of jobs – what people do, what they get paid and if it could be an option for your child.



Who am I? Quiz



This quiz will help your child find out more about themselves and the types of work that might suit them.



Job Ideas Quiz



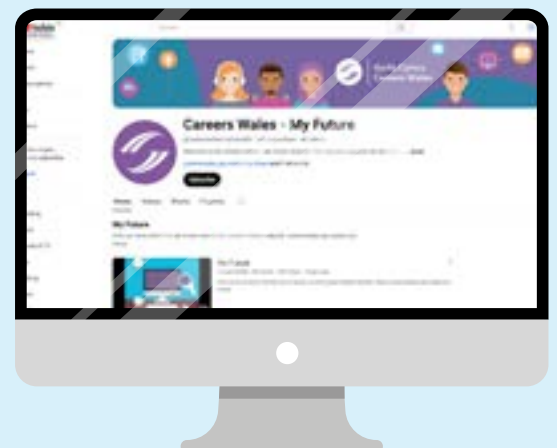
This quiz will give your child some ideas of jobs that may suit them.

YouTube



Short videos are also available to help you and your child.

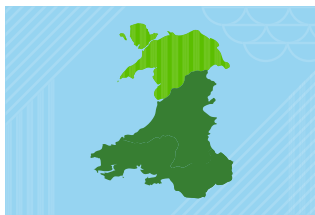
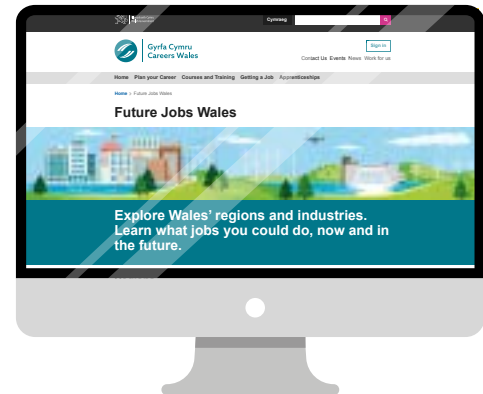
Visit: [Careers Wales](https://careerswales.gov.wales/parents) - [My Future - YouTube](https://careerswales.gov.wales/parents)



Future Jobs Wales

As a parent, you may have a keen interest in understanding the future career landscape that awaits your child.

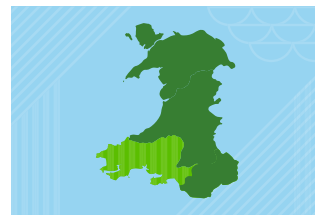
Our new interactive labour market information resource, **Future Jobs Wales**, provides up to date information on key industries and regions in Wales.



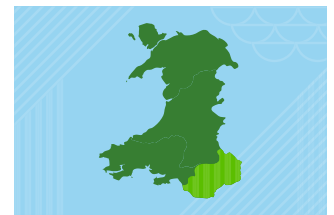
Jobs in North
Wales



Jobs in Mid
Wales



Jobs in South
West Wales



Jobs in South
East Wales



Jobs in
Construction



Jobs in Energy



Jobs in Health



Working Wales Job Bulletin

If as a parent you are looking to explore job opportunities, Working Wales can help. Our Job Bulletin can give you access to current live vacancies across Wales.

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Options

There are different options open to your child when they are 16 years old:

Stay in school

In some schools, students can stay until they are 19 years old. They could stay in the same school or move to another school.

Go to college

In college your child could learn new skills, try new lessons and gain a qualification.

Start work

If your child knows what they want to do, your child could apply for a job once they've finished school.

Be a trainee

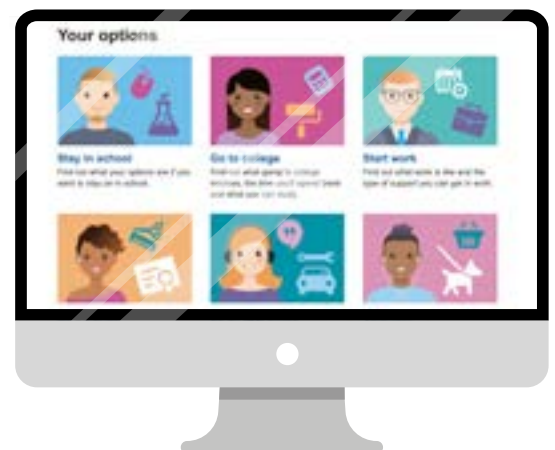
If your child wants to get a job but needs to learn more about work, Jobs Growth Wales+ could be an option.

Be an apprentice

Apprenticeships in Wales are jobs that let you work towards a qualification and get paid at the same time.

Volunteer

Your child could develop skills and experiences by volunteering.



For further details on all your child's options, please visit [My Future](#)

Working with employers

Did you know that we link schools with local employers?

St Christopher's school in Wrexham, which provides education to pupils with a range of additional learning needs, has been working in partnership with us to enhance pupils' careers education.

By partnering with us and local employers, the school have provided pupils with engaging careers events, including talks, site visits and carousel activity events.

The aim of these events has been to develop pupils' understanding of the different career opportunities open to them when they leave school. Learning about what the jobs involve and what training they might need.

All employers involved have opportunities that are suitable for the pupils at the school, and many are already employing past pupils of St Christopher's. This allows pupils to connect with the people they've met and the roles they've been learning about.

One particular event included a trip to Platt's Agriculture to learn about working with HGVs. After a classroom session learning about the journeys taken by the company's drivers, the pupils received a hands-on demonstration from one of their drivers on how to stay safe when working with the vehicles. They then went on to watch the machines in action in the production site and speak to the production shift supervisor.



Tesco Wrexham



Charles Owen Equestrian Hats



Platt's Agriculture

"It's fantastic to see the school and local businesses coming together to make a difference to the prospective futures of young people with additional learning needs in the area. It's important to introduce young people, whatever their learning needs, to the opportunities around them, helping them to expand their horizons and supporting them to make choices about their futures."

**Lesley Lloyd,
Business Engagement Adviser
at Careers Wales.**

Helping your child plan their future

You will be a big influence on your child's choices for the future.



Here are some of the ways that you can help:

- Discuss their future career ideas and encourage them to think about all the options available.
- Encourage them to develop their skills through education, hobbies, interests, work experience and part-time jobs.
- Encourage them to make full use of the help available to them in school, college and from Careers Wales.
- Make sure your knowledge is up to date. Use [Future Jobs Wales](#) to find out about the job market, skills employers are looking for and employment trends.
- Encourage them to use the [My Future](#) section of the website to help them find out more for themselves.
- Encourage them to explore careers and options related videos on the [My Future YouTube channel](#) (external website).
- Prepare for, and attend, [transition planning](#) review meetings.
- Support them to visit colleges or other provision that they may go on to from school. Letting them see different places will help them to decide.
- Talk to the careers adviser if you want any more information.
- Attend Careers Wales events or transition events put on at school.

Contact us:

- You can contact a careers adviser at school or by phoning [0800 028 4844](tel:0800 028 4844)
- Drop into one of our [careers centres](#)
- We have a Wales-wide live chat facility available via www.careerswales.gov.wales
- Email post@careerswales.gov.wales

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