



How Parents / Carers can help

Whatever your child wants to do in life, a good standard of education and training can increase their chances of success. Gaining skills and qualifications helps them to make the most of their potential and opens doors to possible future employment where appropriate and other opportunities. Making career and life choices is an important part of growing up. It can be a challenge so your child will receive a variety of support to help them choose well.

For children with disabilities and/or learning difficulties, there may be extra help with decision-making and transition planning.

Useful websites:

www.gov.uk

The Education and Learning pages have information on young people's choices, financial support for learning and sources of help.

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

This has careers information, advice, practical tools, guides and a helpline. Young people and their parents/carers can speak to a qualified advisor via the helpline on 0800 100 900.

The Information, Advice and Support Services (IASS) Network at

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/information-advice-and-support-services-network>

This site gives details of local services that offer free impartial information and advice on a range of issues to parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs.

Interests and abilities

Your child is more likely to succeed if they choose options that fit their interests and abilities. Help them to identify these by encouraging them to discuss how they feel



about different lessons, hobbies and spare time activities. Encourage them to consider the consequences of their choices. If your child has a particular career in mind they may need specific experience, subjects, qualifications and skills to do it. Encourage them to find out. Help them to research the careers that interest them.

If you would like more information on any aspect of careers education, the Post 16 curriculum at Ridgeway School and Post 19 provision and opportunities then please contact:

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Do you work for a business that would like to get involved? We would love to hear from you.