

Useful Careers & Transition Links

National Careers Service

The National careers Service provides information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work. For more info click [here](#).

Sussex Council Of Training Providers

The Sussex Council of Training Providers is a community of training providers that offers apprenticeships, work-based learning or pre-employment training in Sussex. For more info click [here](#).

Amazing Apprenticeships and ASK Programme

The Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge Programme for schools and colleges programme (ASK) is a free service to support apprenticeship IAG. For more info click [here](#).

Find an Apprenticeship

This link enables you to search for the latest Apprenticeship vacancies by sector and level in your local area. For more info click [here](#).

Access to Work

Access to Work (AtW) is a publicly funded employment support programme that aims to help more disabled people start or stay in work. It can provide practical and financial support for people who have a dis-

ability or long term physical or mental health condition. For more info click [here](#).

Work Aid

The Work Aid scheme aims to match adults with learning disabilities and/or autism with suitable work placements and includes help for employers to get the most from their valuable and productive new employee. For more info click [here](#).

Traineeships

A traineeship is an education and training programme which incorporates work experience, preparing young people for their future careers by helping them to become 'work ready'. Designed for people aged 16 to 24 who don't yet have the appropriate skills or experience, traineeships provide the essential work preparation training, English, maths and work experience needed to secure an apprenticeship or employment. For more info click [here](#).

Local Offer

The West Sussex Local Offer helps you find information about local services, support and events for children and young people aged 0 - 25 years who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND). For more info click [here](#).



Aldingbourne Trust

Support Change · Live Life · Change Lives

Have you heard about Aldingbourne Trust and the amazing

support they can offer young people (+16) with Lifelong Disability from West Sussex? No? Aldingbourne has kindly offered to run an online session specifically for our parents. Please email careers@woodlandsmeed.co.uk if you would be interested in attending a session.

MJC News

At the end of last term we submitted evidence to the CSW and took our first step to achieving the Quality in Careers Standard. The Quality in Careers standard is fully aligned with the [Gatsby Benchmarks](#) and has been recommended by the Department of Education that schools work towards, achieve and maintain this national standard.

We successfully achieved the commitment stage in December and are now working towards the Organisation, Delivery and Evaluation elements.



INCLUSIVE BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



Mecoco is a social enterprise based in North Ayrshire, Scotland. Their ethos is that everyone, regardless of their disability can make a meaningful contribution and has the right to experience the workplace in their own community should they wish to. Mecoco specialises in handmade wax melts, candles, soaps and gift boxes. The name Mecoco stands for **MEANingful Contribution in your COMMunity**. What makes us different is that we offer experience to individuals regardless of their level of ability. We adapt equipment, processes and even our products to make the job as accessible as possible.



Visit Mecoco at www.mecoco.org



Supported Employment West Sussex

WorkAid & Workability

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Contact us



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01903 730044



workaid@aldingbourne.org



workability@impact-initiatives.org.uk



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[Open Days!](#)



Northbrook Campuses: West Durrington, Broadwater and Shoreham Airport
*Wednesday 2 March 2022 5pm - 8pm **Brighton Campuses:** Central Campus and East Campus *Wednesday 9 March 2022 5pm - 8pm

Chichester College

If you're interested in studying with at Chichester college in September 2022, or are still considering your options their open events will give you a chance to visit the college, meet their team of expert lecturers and find out about the range of courses as well as getting a feel for the campus. [CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)



DV8 will be hosting a virtual Q&A event for all applicants/prospective students on **Thursday 24th February** between **5.30-8pm on Zoom**. This event will give any young people who are interested in starting with DV8 a chance to ask questions to staff members, whether about courses, the provision, financial support or whatever else you would like to ask. You do not need to be in Year 11, this a chance for our younger students to start thinking about their next steps.

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TASTER DAY

Real learning for the real world

Tuesday 22 February 2022

9.30am start

BRINSBURY TASTER DAY

Have-a-go at something new!

Our Taster Day is a fun way to discover new and interesting subjects that you've never had the opportunity to try before.

- > Agriculture
- > Animal Care
- > Tree Surgery (Arboriculture)
- > Blacksmithing
- > Equine
- > Furniture Making
- > Gardening & Landscaping (Horticulture)

To find out more or to book places call
01243 786321 ext 1046 or 1077

Brinsbury College | North Heath | Pulborough | West Sussex | RH20 1DL

DV8 SUSSEX LIVE Q&A SESSION

JOIN OUR VIRTUAL Q&A EVENT

DATE: THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2022
TIME: 5.30pm - 8.00pm

The 2.5hr session will be a chance for you to ask any questions you may have about DV8, and to find out more about the college in general.

TO SIGN UP:

The event will be held on Zoom. Simply head to www.dv8sussex.com/qa-events

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Parent Pledge

SHARE YOUR CAREER STORY!

You can make a difference to a young person's future

Whatever career path you have taken you can inspire, educate and encourage young people with SEND by sharing the knowledge and experiences you have gained along the way.

- ◆ Did you know that parents and carers are the **biggest** influencers on young people's future aspirations?
- ◆ Did you know that conversations about careers can have a positive impact on motivation and attitude to success?
- ◆ Did you know by sharing stories about your career and life path you can make a positive impact on the lives of young people with SEND?

We are preparing students for a successful transition from school and college and we would like your help!

Our student's can't be what they can't see! There are lots of ways you can get involved please contact Alex or Diane at the Meed's Job Club for more information about how to get involved.

Email: careers@woodlandsmeed.co.uk
Phone: 01444 244133 ext: 3028

PLUMPTON COLLEGE

FULL TIME PROSPECTUS 2022

Chichester
College

"GET TO KNOW APPRENTICESHIPS" EVENT

Monday 7 Feb 2022 | 5.30pm-7.00pm



Join Chichester College on Monday 7 Feb 2022 to find out more about all things Apprenticeships. The team will be providing an informative presentation about with all there is to know about Apprenticeships, with the opportunity for a Q&A session with speakers. After the presentation, you can speak to some of their expert team and lecturers to find out more about the subject area you are interested in and how to get started with Apprenticeships. [Click here to book](#)



Dimensions is an experienced care provider that understands what a difficult time this is and using our experience we have produced literature to help parents and carers with the decisions they have to make.

Please take a look at their brand new Transitions video, "[Your child's transition to adulthood in supported living](#)," which will help introduce transition and supported living to families.



UK's Largest Family-Led Specialist
Residential Care Provider

What next after education?

Transition into adulthood is difficult and daunting for young people and their families. It's important to plan ahead, research all the options and make an informed decision on the next step of moving into adult services.



Home From Home Care

We provide specialist residential care for adults (18+) with learning disabilities, autism and complex physical & mental health.

- We are the UK's largest family-led specialist residential care provider
- Our focus is on independence, self-worth and new opportunities for each individual
- We creatively support individuals to achieve their goals and aspirations
- We build on the life skills taught at school and college
- We work closely with families and encourage active support and participation

Learning Disabilities, Autism and Complex Physical and Mental Health



INVESTORS IN PEOPLE
We invest in people Platinum



Apprenticeships

National Apprenticeship Week
7th to 13th February 2022

Apprenticeship Open Event Gas & Electrical Courses

Portchester
Monday 14th February 2pm-8pm
Unit 7 Murrills Estate, Portchester, PO16 9RD

Burgess Hill
Thursday 17th February 2pm-8pm
Unit F2 Sheddingdean Ind Est, Burgess Hill, RH15 8QY

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