



Supporting Young People...

...with their future plans

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Welcome back after what must be the weirdest Easter holiday ever. I hope you all managed to switch off a bit – even if that meant DIY, gardening, cleaning and of course baking if you are lucky enough to find flour!

Thank you to those of you who have already responded to our survey. It's still open and we would really appreciate getting a better picture of how you are currently working to support your students – especially the Year 11 cohort.

Please can you take just 5 minutes to complete a short survey to help us organise this work in this interim period.

Please return ASAP

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OZBGFV/>

- Participation Tracking Team CYPParticipationTrackingTeam@suffolk.gov.uk
- Skills Team at skills@suffolk.gov.uk

We are also using a range of virtual tools to keep our communication channels open – Skype, MS Teams, telephone or text.

If you find this newsletter useful or want other items included, please let us know.

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The Year 11 Information Sharing cycle / Positive 'Destinations' for September

As promised in last newsletter, we have some dates for the virtual workshops to a) support the work for the current Year 11s and b) to look at next academic year and share suggestions for a more streamlined approach. **Please can you book on one using the [Eventbrite link](#).**

These are for mainstream schools working with Year 10/11 students and two meetings for Special Schools and PRU settings working with Year 10/11 students.

We will then confirm your place with a calendar invite. We have a number of these planned and think it will be best to limit numbers to a small group. If your chosen date is full please try to book for another date. If you have any problems please contact Jacqui or Sally.

[Event Brite booking for Information sharing meetings](#)



Many thanks for all your support so far this year!



We have produced some guidelines for one-to-one interactions that you might be carrying out remotely (attached). We hope these will be helpful to you and welcome any feedback.

College Admissions and Virtual Visits

Please keep an eye on how the FE colleges are altering their admissions criteria for September 2020. For example Suffolk New College and East Coast College are suspending their entry requirements and The Eastern Colleges Group (Abbeygate Sixth Form College, One Sixth Form College and West Suffolk College) are guaranteeing every Year 11s a place. For Year 12 or Year 13 students, they still have access to 3 years of funded Post 16 provision, so taking a one year college course, might be an alternative to work, an Apprenticeship or an HE course.

Most of the colleges now have virtual walk throughs of their buildings that it might be helpful to share with students who are thinking about their transition

- [Suffolk New College](#)
- [West Suffolk College](#)
- [Suffolk One](#)
- [University of Suffolk](#)



The future of new apprenticeship opportunities within the current situation is uncertain. Our advice to young people wishing to progress into an apprenticeship would be to consider the industry that they wish to work within and the current viability of that industry. For example, anyone wishing to go into hospitality,

retail (apart from food retail) or any kind of tourism would be advised to secure a full time college place for these vocational areas.

Other areas such as construction, engineering and manufacturing is more complicated. Many will be looking to get core business back on track but may feel they need to concentrate on essential business tasks rather than supporting apprentices.

Colleges in the region are still actively supporting businesses to recruit apprentices and offers of employment are happening, albeit on a greatly reduced scale. Whilst there is not much activity on the national apprenticeship site, we would recommend that young people contact the colleges and providers to see what opportunities they have available since they will have a greater understanding of their employers and they will also be able to advise on what apprenticeship courses will be on offer, should a young person manage to secure their own employment.

It is important for young people to be aware that if they take up an offer at college for a full time study programme, they can switch to an apprenticeship at a later stage once opportunities begin to open up in their chosen vocational area. Having this as a back up plan is always good practice and even more important at this time.

[Apprenticeships Suffolk](#) are happy to answer any questions and provide any support or advice required. Apprenticeships@suffolk.gov.uk

ASK Apprenticeships now have a new offer that can be delivered remotely to support students thinking about apprenticeships. [Amazingapprenticeships 2020](#)



Career Learning Resources

Our friends at icanbea... are collating a useful library of online teaching resources for a range of subjects including careers work. If you have any more useful ideas – for the careers resources only please - let us know and we will pass them on. Don't forget the Facebook Careers Leader UK also has lots of ideas.

Here's some of the more recent ones:

- [The Brilliant Club You Tube channel](#) – potential HE students Year 9 upwards
- <https://www.scapegroup.co.uk/learning-in-lockdown> - virtual work experience for construction
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers>

We would also like to know what you have been up to regarding supporting career and employer engagement activity. We've added a new section in the survey or you can let us know directly if there's something going on you would like promoted.



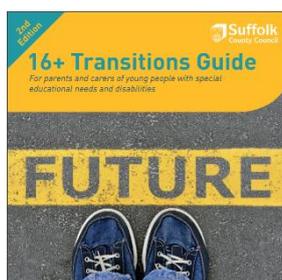
The Changing Labour Market

Here in the Skills Team, we are working with colleagues across the county and the region to understand what Coronavirus means for the labour market. We will keep you updated when we have

produced any concrete information.

In the meantime, there are two national resources that might interest you:

- [The New Normal Podcast](#) managed by two HE careers advisers from Sheffield. Interesting discussion with Tristram Hooley
- [DMH associates webinars](#) – Deirdre Hughes and others discuss the possible changes in the labour market.
- We have also updated a number of local reports about how the labour market may be affected on our '[CPD for careers professionals](#)' webpage.



16+ Transitions Guide

The 2nd Edition of the SEND 16+ Transitions Guide has now been published – you can download it from the Local Offer website: <https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/advice.page?id=eIDW9oe0rLk>

Printed copies are available as well and will be distributed to schools and partner agencies as soon as that is possible again.



Compass+ Training

Thanks to those who participated in the first Compass+ Training. Just like the Compass Audit tool, this is a free tool, aimed at tracking, planning and auditing careers provision.

A repeat session will be offered on:

- **May 5th at 11.00 am**

Please contact Josie.Finch@newanglia.co.uk for more information as it is *essential that you book* in order to get an online invitation!

Careers and Coffee

The New Anglia Enterprise Adviser Network will be hosting a series of Live Q&As on YouTube with inspirational leaders from a wide variety of sectors during the Summer Term. Confirmed speakers include a Crown Court Judge, Fashion Model and leaders from the construction, finance and energy sectors. Students and Careers Leads will be able to ask questions live via YouTube comments. The sessions will start from the 5th of May and will be focusing on careers and preparing for the world of work. For further info please see the [LEP's YouTube account](#).

Benchmark CPD Sessions

We will be facilitating a number of virtual CPD sessions focusing on Gatsby Benchmarks 2 and 4 during the Summer Term. Further details to follow.

Contact details for your Enterprise Coordinator can be found on our website <https://newanglia.co.uk/the-new-anglia-enterprise-adviser-network>



Work Well Suffolk is now live and anyone over the age of 18 and needing support with job searching or routes into employment/self-employment please contact

workwellsuffolk@suffolk.gov.uk



Take your Place

Staff from neaco and the Higher Education Champions are working to develop online resources. More details to follow.

Please contact your HEC for more information about how you can feed into these.



Please see the following link for information about how the NCS will be carrying out their summer programme

<https://wearencs.com/coronavirus-update>

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