

# Careers - The Minsthorpe Way

## Minsthorpe Community College Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance Vision

As an Academy we endeavour to work towards The Gatsby Good Practice Benchmarks, the DFE Careers guidance and inspiration in schools' Statutory guidance (March 2015) and other good practice guidance from the Department of Education, Ofsted and other relevant bodies.

We recognise that we have a responsibility to ensure all pupils at the College are provided with independent careers guidance (Education Act 2011) in relation to guidance from section 45A of the Education Act 1997.

## Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance

The Careers Information, Advice & Guidance Education programme at Minsthorpe Community College enables our students to make a successful transition into their chosen pathway.

Students have access to a range of careers support delivered through a variety of ways. All students will have a one to one guidance appointment delivered by an impartial qualified careers adviser, Students can request a guidance appointment at any time throughout their academic life and students will be offered support at key transition points such as Year 8 options, Year 11 progression planning and UCAS application for those who want to progress on to University. Parents are able to attend appointments and careers guidance specialists will be at parent evenings to provide any further careers support. Please see the Parents section on the College website for more Information.

Please email Mr Dowey on [tdowey@minsthorpe.cc](mailto:tdowey@minsthorpe.cc) if you would like to be present at your son/daughters 1-1 Careers Guidance Intervention. You can also contact him by phone on 01977 657600

## Firefly

Minsthorpe Community College also has a dedicated Careers section on the College's FIREFLY intranet system, students can access FIREFLY from home. There is specific information on Apprenticeships, Careers, University, Year 8 Pathways and much more. Please ask your son/ daughter to show you.

## What is Minsthorpe Access Point?

It is an area for all students from Year 7 to Post 16 to use within College. Minsthorpe Access Point (MAP) is located in Carnegie near the KS4 dining area. The office is open to students every Monday to Friday from 8.00am to 3.00pm, term time only.



MAP is a place where a lot of internal work takes place with our Careers Leader/ Adviser (Tim Dowey). He will be happy to set up an appointment after college if parents wish to attend. Also based in the office is our Transition & Aspiration Raising Coordinator (Claire Jubb) and the MAP Co-ordinator/ Administrative Officer (Ruth Simmons).

## Raising the Participation Age

RPA is a new measure that has been brought in by the Government. It means that all young people have to be in some form of learning or training until their 18th birthday. Previously, young people could leave school on completion of their GCSEs and go straight into work. Now they can still leave school after GCSEs, and they can still work, but the RPA means these young people will need to have some form of recognised learning as part of their post-school activity.

## What are the options available after Year 11?

- Stay in full-time education (e.g. school or college)
- Take up work-based learning (e.g. an apprenticeship or traineeship)
- Take up full-time work with additional part-time learning (at least 280 planned hours of education a year) which will result in an accredited qualification
- Combine self-employment with part-time learning, leading to an accredited qualification
- Volunteer (for 20+ hours) with the addition of part-time learning, leading to an accredited qualification