

## Elective Home Education

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Re: Elective Home Education, Y11 Post 16 information

I am writing with regards to the arrangements you have been making to secure a suitable education for your child. We understand they are being electively home educated under Section 7 of the Education Act 1996. As of the 26th of June 2026, your child will pass the statutory school leaving age and, on this date, we will remove their name from the list of young people we understand to be home educated. Therefore, after this point the EHE Team will not make any future contact regarding the arrangements you are making (although the EHCP SEN Casework Team will continue to work with families where an Education Health Care Plan is in place). Whilst the Department for Education guidance (April 2019) recognises that education can be provided at home beyond statutory school age, up to the age of 18, this is not classified as Elective Home Education under Section 7 of the Education Act 1996. The Local Authority, however, has ongoing responsibilities towards young people beyond statutory school age and I am writing to give you some information about that.

The Gloucestershire Youth Support Team is part of Gloucestershire County Council and will maintain contact with young people aged 16 to 18 years in terms of their education, training and employment and they are likely to contact you from time to time over the next two years. The purpose of their involvement is to ensure that all young people receive support regarding education, employment and training. They will be asking whether your child is in any form of education, training or employment and will offer them, support about the options that are available. It is possible that they will try to visit you at home if they are unable to contact you. This is to ensure all young people receive support with regard to education, employment and training.

You can also contact the Youth Support Team directly to let them know your child's post-16 plans; to request support or to discuss the nature of the support and advice they can offer and get further information about how they will go about this.

The Youth Support Team offer includes:

- Careers guidance
- Support with applications and CVs
- Information and support about training, apprenticeships, education, volunteering, work experience, and job opportunities
- Help preparing for interviews

## Contact the Youth Support Team by:

Telephone: Alison Barker - 07736 699712, 01452 324371 or 01452 415707

Email: [YSTOpportunitySupport@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:YSTOpportunitySupport@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Website: <https://youthsupportteam.co.uk> which features the monthly *SPiED* Opportunity Bulletin outlining the main options in education, employment or training that is available.

They offer support over the telephone, email, virtually, and through face-to-face appointments at offices around the county.

## Next Steps:

On our Home Education public page - <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/home-education/>, you will find a **Post 16** quick reference box. You will find useful documents and links for you to explore, for example, the 'What's Next' booklet. There is also a link to the Future Me website which has some resources to help get the most out of being a young person in Gloucestershire and make plans for the future. You can also follow @futuremglos for daily posts on social media.

In addition, there is also a recorded broadcast, support for Y11 young people, which provides information on post 16 options, and this can be accessed through the link below:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/families-in-partnership-newsletters/families-in-partnership-newsletter-april-2024/what-are-my-options-post-16-careerslive-broadcast/>

If at this time you haven't decided on your next steps, there are still course options available at post 16 providers across the region. Please use the links below for further details:

- SGS College - [www.sgscol.ac.uk](http://www.sgscol.ac.uk)
- SGS Berkeley Green UTC - [academytrust.sgscol.ac.uk/sgs-berkeley-green-utc](http://academytrust.sgscol.ac.uk/sgs-berkeley-green-utc)
- Cirencester College - [www.cirencester.ac.uk](http://www.cirencester.ac.uk)
- Gloucestershire College - [www.gloscol.ac.uk](http://www.gloscol.ac.uk)
- Hartpury College - [www.hartpury.ac.uk](http://www.hartpury.ac.uk)

Best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely



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