

Parents

Working in partnership with parents has always been key to our success, we are very keen to strengthen this relationship year-on-year. Some parents find the array of opportunities out there quite daunting and confusing. At GSHS we would like you to know that we are here to help you to understand the options that are available.

Some of the most frequent questions revolve around the suitability of Life in the sixth form, Apprenticeships, Colleges and Universities.. Let's look at each in a little more detail.

1. Life in the sixth form

NE12 Sixth Form is a close, long-standing partnership between George Stephenson High School and Longbenton High School where students benefit greatly from exceptional teaching and learning as well as care, guidance and support. Our team of highly dedicated staff are fully committed to ensuring each and every one of our students achieves their full potential. With a proven track record of success, our students progress to universities both locally and further afield, including Oxbridge and Russell Group universities, as well as following other chosen pathways into work.

We have an excellent relationship with our local universities who attend our advice and guidance sessions and provide hands-on experience and bespoke opportunities to help our students progress successfully to university, should this be their chosen option. Our careers advice and guidance for other pathways into employment run in parallel with university preparation for those students who wish to enter the workplace more immediately. Both George Stephenson High School and Longbenton High School are members of North Tyneside Learning Trust, which enhances our links with local and global employers and provides significant advantage to our students in relation to the support which they are able to receive in their preparations for the future.

We recognise that employers and universities are now looking for much more than just academic or vocational qualifications. Therefore, we offer an extensive range of enrichment opportunities which will not only enhance the quality of the CV or UCAS applications of a student, but will also equip them with vital skills such as teamwork, leadership and independence.

2. Apprenticeships

We work very closely with a company called Newcastle UXL. Newcastle UXL offers a mentoring programme within GSHS for students to get into an apprenticeship/traineeship or study programme. You can find more information, including useful parents guides, at:

<https://www.newcastleuxl.co.uk/>

There are also a range of great guides offered by gov.uk, which are regularly updated. These can be found at

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/support-for-parents-and-guardians#>

3. On Colleges

We realise that exploring all the pathways is an important part of careers decision-making and we are eager for you to follow the career path which is the most meaningful for our young people. Here is a list of some local institutions that we work closely with: -

Newcastle College - <https://www.ncl-coll.ac.uk/>
Tyne Metropolitan College - <https://www.tynemet.ac.uk/>
Gateshead College - <https://www.gateshead.ac.uk/>
Northumberland College - <https://northumberland.ac.uk>
Queen Alexandra Sixth Form – www.queenalex.co.uk/
Newcastle Sixth Form – www.newcastlesixthformcollege.ac.uk
Connexions – skillsnorthtyneside.org.uk/connexions/

Independent Careers Advice

Our independent Connexions Advisors are on hand, each week, to support our students in their decision-making. Each student will have a 1:1 meeting, lasting a full lesson. Our advisors will be able to highlight a range of next steps which might be most suitable to each young person. At the end of the session each student will receive a written copy of the possible options discussed, so that they can have discussions with you about this at home. Our Connexions Advisors are also available to speak to parents if you feel that this would be useful, please e-mail lallen@gshs.org.uk to arrange this.



Your school Careers contact

It has already been an absolute pleasure to have spoken to so many parents, be assured that your feedback is always crucial in informing our future offering to our young people. As the Careers Lead at school, please do not hesitate to contact me (Leon Allen) if you have any further questions, using the following e-mail lallen@gshs.org.uk.

Labour Market Information (LMI)

LMI identifies trends in jobs that are happening on both a local and national level. This is important because it enable us to make predictions about future opportunities. This will then equip our young people to make informed career choices. One example of this is that in The North East, the four largest growth sectors are:



More information on LMI can be found by researching the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (NELEP) at <https://www.northeastlep.co.uk/>

Other useful links:

Career and Job information:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/>

<https://www.thewowshow.org/>

<https://www.unifrog.org/>