

## **Careers and transition information for parents at The Milestone School**

All pupils at The Milestone School have access to a career's curriculum, but it is within the secondary years (7 to 11) that the input increases and the pupils focus more on preparation for moving on, independent and life skills to support future learning. They all have access to our Careers Lead and Head of Department, Tom Lovell and Careers Advisor, Jude Wilcox, who, from year 9, creates a transition plan to establish interests, aspirations and P16 destinations.

Other activities within the careers curriculum include employer experience days, where local employers come into school to present to the pupils and answer questions. Pupils also get the opportunity to take part in work experience, both here at school, and out in the community. Pupils can have the chance to experience mock interviews in school and external mock interviews with local business employers working in partnership with GFirstLEP. There are many more activities within our careers programme, please contact Jude at school for more information.

### **Post 16 transition**

We recognise that transitioning from The Milestone School to P16 can be a worrying and stressful time, especially as most of your young people have been with us since primary school. In order to help alleviate that stress we are always on hand to signpost and offer advice and guidance through Tom, Jude, and class teachers in the senior department. We work closely with the Local Authority SENd case work team and Transition co-ordinators at the local P16 providers who can give additional advice and support.

We also signpost to SENDIASS <https://sendiassglos.org.uk> who can assist families to provide impartial information, advice and support required by the SEND Code of Practice.

From the year 9 EHCP review P16 transition is discussed and potential destinations are established, with a transition plan drafted, which is updated annually. Parents are advised about potential destinations at these meetings, and also get the opportunity to speak to providers at our 'Where Next' evening (please see 'Where Next' leaflet). Parents are also advised to visit each potential destination to see for themselves if their young people would thrive there.

At the year 11 EHCP review we establish which of the P16 providers parents and the young person would like to attend and the local authority are informed. Each young person is then discussed at the P16 transition panel and any potential issues are raised and hopefully solved. Parents then find out the final destinations around April time, with any issues discussed.

If parents are exploring providers in the private sector we advise that this is raised early as this can lengthen the process, and it may involve an appeals process.

Transport- transport to and from college is not provided by the local authority for P16 education. Pupils who are able to use public transport are offered travel training through the Travel Enablement team at the local authority, and some funding is available to drive your young people. Please email Tim Griffiths for more information: [tim.griffiths@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:tim.griffiths@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Tom Lovell



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### **Useful websites**

Please see below a list of useful websites for careers and transition guidance.

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>

[www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)

<https://icould.com/>

<https://www.lmiforall.org.uk/>

<https://www.scope.org.uk/>

<https://www.goodcareerguidance.org.uk/benchmarks-and-background>

<https://www.goodcareerguidance.org.uk/assets/file?filePath=send/good-careerguidance-perspectives-from-the-send-sector.pdf>

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

<https://www.learningdisabilities.org.uk/learning-disabilities/our-work/employment-education/when-i-grow-up>

<https://www.mencap.org.uk/>

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/>

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/disabilities/work>

<https://www.glofamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glofamilies/home.page>

<https://www.kftseekers.org.uk/>

<https://www.activeimpact.org.uk/>

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

<https://purpleshoots.org/>

<https://www.ccp.org.uk/communitywellbeing>