

Year 11 Parents' / Carers'

2009-2010 Calendar of Events

September	Cnx2 your Future - Your son or daughter will receive a copy of the Cnx2 your Future booklet through their school. This booklet looks at the choices and routes open to young people at the end of Year 11. Please make sure your son or daughter asks for a copy.
September - December	College Open Days and Evenings - Choosing the right course and place to learn is important. Encourage your son or daughter to go to open days and evenings. Details of these events are on the Connexions website: www.connexions-manchester.com or from your son or daughter's Connexions Personal Adviser.
September onwards	Personal Adviser - Throughout the year your son or daughter will have the opportunity to talk to their school's Personal Adviser, to get advice and support on what to do when they leave school, and to overcome any barriers they may have moving into adult and working life. Encourage your son or daughter to speak with their Personal Adviser.
September onwards	School Parents' / Carers' Evenings - Talk to your son or daughter's Personal Adviser. Let's work together to ensure your son or daughter gets the best possible start on the path to a rewarding career.
October onwards	When to Apply to College – College application deadlines vary. Encourage your son or daughter to see their school's Personal Adviser about college application deadlines and to get advice and guidance on courses open to young people at college.
December - January	Mock GCSE Exams - How your son or daughter gets on in these exams will decide which exams / levels they will be entered for in the public exams next summer.

January onwards	Applying for Jobs and Apprenticeships – Opportunities will be displayed in school and will be available on the Connexions website: www.cnx2jobs.com . Encourage your son or daughter to see their school's Personal Adviser to get advice and guidance on jobs and apprenticeships and to apply for these opportunities.
March - April	Applying for EMA – If your son or daughter is planning to remain in learning they may qualify for an EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance). Depending on your household income they could receive up to £30 per week to continue in learning after Year 11. A pack will be given to your son or daughter by their school. See: http://ema.direct.gov.uk/ema.html for more information.
April - May	Exam Revision Timetable – Make sure your son or daughter has their timetable and uses it.
May - June	GCSEs and other Course Exams
June onwards	Official School Leaving Date: Friday 25 th June 2010. Your son or daughter cannot start full time employment or post 16 training before this date. Ongoing Connexions Support – Once your son or daughter leaves school they can still get advice, guidance and support from their Personal Adviser by visiting their local connexions centre. Contact 084567 13 2 19 to find out details of their local connexions office or visit: www.connexions-manchester.com . It's important that your son or daughter keeps in contact with Connexions over the summer, especially if they are still looking for work or training. Your son or daughter's Personal Adviser will contact them over the summer to check if they require further advice or support.
August	Exam Results – GCSE Results are published in August and your son or daughter's Personal Adviser will be available to advise them if they need help with their results.
August - September	College Enrolments – it's important your son or daughter attends their given enrolment date as some colleges may not accept late starters.