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Connecting teens to work and training

Young people's advice and support service, Connexions is helping young people as they prepare to leave school. Despite year 11 students still completing their exams Connexions is seeing an increase rise in the number of young people asking for one-to-one support to help with their CVs, filling out job application forms and practical tips on interview techniques, giving them the best chance of getting a job.

Specially trained Connexions Personal Advisers are supporting those young people who aren't quite sure of their next steps, discussing with them their career options to help them decide what's right for them. Where young people feel they aren't quite confident to get a job Connexions has access to short courses run by local training providers where they can gain work experience and work on their qualifications.

Connexions Personal Adviser Lucy Goodyer said "Connexions knows it is tough for young people but we aim to give them the best start in life, providing them with the support and the opportunities they need to develop their skills to help them succeed. There are opportunities open to young people like an Apprenticeship, where they earn money but continue to learn new skills before they move onto the next stage like an Advanced Apprenticeship, skilled employment or higher education."

Connexions Personal Advisers can be found in schools and colleges or a Connexions centre:

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Tel: 0845 217 1366

High Wycombe

Thame House, Castle Street, High Wycombe. HP13 6RZ

Tel: 0845 217 1368

Buckingham (part time drop-in)

c/o Buckingham Youth Centre, London Road, Buckingham. MK18 1AS.

Tel: 0845 217 1366

Chesham (part time drop-in)

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Notes for editors

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- Connexions Personal Advisers offer advice and guidance to all 13-19 year olds (up to 25 years for young people with learning difficulties or disabilities). Connexions Personal Advisers are based in Centres which can be found in high street locations, youth clubs, schools and colleges, who give professional and confidential advice on a range of subjects from careers and education to drugs and alcohol, homelessness, relationships and teenage pregnancy. More information on Connexions in Buckinghamshire is available from www.connexionsbucks.org.uk.
- Connexions Personal Advisers are drawn from all sorts of professional backgrounds such as careers, youth work, voluntary and community sectors - so whatever the support the young person needs, Connexions has the expertise to help. There are some 44,000 13-19 year olds in Buckinghamshire.

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