



Frank Wise School

Next Steps after Leaving School

Information, advice and guidance on the next steps for
post 16 and post 19 students.

September 2016

Education:- NOW is the time to check out your options!

Young people in **10FG** - It is really important that you visit the GC as well as local colleges to decide what is the best choice for where you will move to next September. We are all unique and our choices should be as individual as ourselves. Oxfordshire County Council have a guide on their website which can be found within the local offer of Post 16 providers.

If you have just started your second or third year in **GC** now is also the time to check out your options.

Schools and colleges will have whole college open days when you can go and take a look at what is on offer. These are usually open to everybody who may want to go to that college and so may be very busy. If you think that this will be difficult for you then you can book an individual visit. This is when somebody from the college will show just you and your family around. Booking an individual visit during a college day may also give you an opportunity to meet young people already studying at the college and see what happens during a typical day.

Ask lots of questions and make notes as to why each place you visit may or may not be suitable for you. You will need this information in your EHCP meeting at school the year before you are planning to leave (which could be in 10FG or year 2 of GC). This is when the local authority are starting to decide on funding for your ongoing support. This information is *really* important if you think that you will need help with transport to get to college or if you want to go to residential college and live away from home.

School have an easy read information recording sheet that you can fill out on your visit with suggested questions to ask and space to record your feelings. Ask your teacher or the OSLO for a copy.

School and College Open Days

and details for booking an individual college visit

Frank Wise School Griffiths Centre (6th Form)

For individual visits contact Dean Cooke
on 01295 263520 or email
dean@frankwise.oxon.sch.uk

Abingdon and Witney College, Witney Campus

Whole college open day, Wednesday
16th November 3:30pm – 7:00pm

For individual visits contact Carly Foggett
on 01993 208047 or email
carly.foggett@abingdon-witney.ac.uk

Banbury and Bicester College, Banbury Campus

Whole college open day, Wednesday 12 October,
4:00pm - 7:30pm

For individual visits contact Hannah Thomas
on 01865 551725 or email
Hannah.Thomas@activatelearning.ac.uk

At Frank Wise School,

Hornbeam Close, Banbury. OX16 9RL

Family Information Fair

Saturday 12th November 2016,
2:30pm - 5:30pm

Come and visit North Oxfordshire's key providers of play and leisure, careers guidance and job seeking, local employers, day and residential colleges, supported living, day care services, internships / traineeships / apprenticeships, family support, self advocacy and more!



The **LOCAL OFFER** gives children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities and their families information about what support services are available in their local area.

Search Oxfordshire or Northamptonshire Local Offer on the internet.

OXFSN have a new range of guides full of information helping families with children who are moving into adulthood. They are all available to download from the website oxfsn.org.uk and cover education, health, money, finding somewhere to live, getting a job, social care, finding support, social life and becoming an adult.

Thinking about moving out of home?

If you are considering moving out of home there are a number of options for where you might live. These range from living in shared housing to buying or renting your own home. You may wish to share a rented house with a friend.

If you are considering leaving home then this is an important thing to talk about in your EHCP meeting. Staff in the GC will be working with the students daily on skills for independent living so keep them informed of your plans too. Some Frank Wise students have left home when they turn 18. This has meant that they continue at school for a year or so whilst living away from home. Moving away from home is a huge change in a young persons life and keeping the school routine and daily contact with friends and staff that you know may be helpful.

To enable you to live independently you will need appropriate financial support. You may be able to request a personal budget for this. To find out if you are entitled to a budget the first thing to do is to contact the Learning Disability Team. The Learning Disability teams are made up of social and health care professionals who work with adults who have a learning disability and their families and carers. They can also offer support to some individuals who will require personal care and help to live as independently as possible.

North Adult Learning disability team

Samuelson House, Tramway Road, Banbury. OX16 5AU
Tel: 01865 816640

Want a Job?

You may decide that now is the time to start earning some money! The law says that all young people up to the age of 18 have to be taking part in some type of learning, but this doesn't mean that you have to stay in school or college.

Traineeships and apprenticeships are ways that young people aged 16 or over can continue to learn for a few hours each week whilst getting some work experience and learning the skills that will help you get a paid job. Current opportunities can be found via www.OXME.info

The National Careers Service website (nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk) may help you to search for the best type of job for you. If you are 18 or over you can have a free face to face meeting with a local careers advisor who may also be able to help you plan for the future. For more information contact Tom Bartlett at Adviza, email tombartlett@adviza.org.uk

Job Clubs provide information about current job opportunities and can support you to apply for employment. They generally have free and open access to IT facilities and offer support with job seeking, CV's, application forms and interview preparation. Local job clubs are listed on the Cherwell District Council website and include Monday - BYHP, Thursday - Banbury Early Intervention Hub, Friday - Town Hall.

The **Oxfordshire Wheel** are a local charity that offers advice and guidance on many matters including employment, personal budgets, support brokerage and advocacy. Call 01295 266 887.

LDOX – is an online community with an events page telling you what's going on around the county, a useful directory which includes organisations and projects that support children and adults with learning disabilities, as well as an online forum where you can post questions or promote events etc.

Parents, relatives, friends, people working in the field, and of course people with learning disabilities themselves are invited to join the forum, ask questions, share information and talk about what is happening in their lives.

See www.ldox.org

Not sure what's for you or need more information?

If you would like to talk your options through or would like more information then Natalie Dayer is available to meet with students and their families on a one to one basis. Natalie will also be available in the GC to talk to parents during the December termly review meetings.

You can contact Natalie on 07547 934 951 or 01295 263520
or email: natalie.dayer@frankwise.oxon.sch.uk