

On Track for September

2020

Not got an offer of a place in education or training yet or uncertain about your plans for September?

Worried that you might not get the GCSE grades you are hoping for in your August results?

Do you need to change your plans or consider different options?

Want to know who can help you with your choices?



Norfolk County Council

Approaching the end of Year 11?

Here are some things you need to know

The last few months have been a worrying and uncertain time for everyone, especially for young people like you, about to sit your year 11 exams. Your plans to move on in September to sixth form, college or a job with training may have been shaken up and you may be wondering what to do.

Although we cannot say that everything will have fully returned to 'normal' by the start of the Autumn term, the good news is that Norfolk's sixth forms, colleges and training providers are working hard to be ready for young people to take up their offers of learning for September.

This means:

↓ 1. Your guarantee

All 16 and 17-year olds in Norfolk are guaranteed an offer of a place in learning for September 2020.

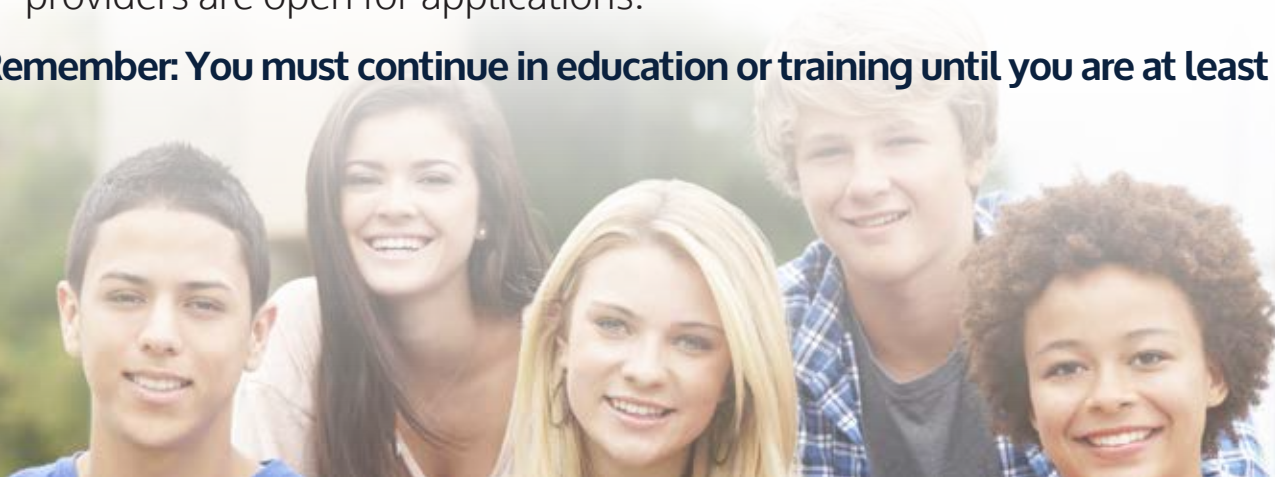
↓ 2. Your choices

You can choose to go to sixth form or college, apply for an apprenticeship, traineeship or other job with training.

↓ 3. Your applications for September

- If you have already applied to a sixth form or college you should have been contacted and perhaps received an offer of a place.
- If you have applied but haven't yet heard anything then contact the sixth form or college immediately to ask when you will hear from them.
- If you have not yet applied for anything then you should apply as soon as possible - Norfolk's FE Colleges, many sixth forms and apprenticeship providers are open for applications.

Remember: You must continue in education or training until you are at least 18.



What are your choices?

If you haven't got a place on a course or training programme for September, you still have choices:

✓ **Continue in full-time further education.**

There are still courses available for September start. Look on Help You Choose at the sixth form or college you want to go to and see what is available. When you have decided complete and send an application or contact the sixth form or college direct.

✓ **Apply for an apprenticeship or traineeship.**

Although many businesses are having a difficult time right now, there are still apprenticeships available, particularly in sectors such as health & social care, engineering, agri-tech and warehousing. Sign up for apprenticeship vacancies in Help You Choose or on the Find An Apprenticeship website or contact local businesses directly to see if they will take you on as an apprentice.

✓ **Get a job with qualifications training.**

Contact local businesses to see if they are recruiting. If they are, you need to ask if there is training involved as you need to continue with your learning until you are 18.

✓ **Go on a short course to build your skills for work.**

This will give you more time to decide what you want to do and to develop your skills to get an apprenticeship or traineeship.

✓ **Volunteer full-time with part-time study or training.**

This can help you to gain experiences to develop your CV.

www.helpyouchoose.org



 HelpYouChoose

Who can you speak to about your career plans?

You may not be in school at the moment, but you can still find help and advice about your next steps:

Speak to the Careers Teacher/Adviser at your school - they are available to offer help and careers advice.

Get in touch with the sixth form, college or apprenticeship provider you have applied to. If you are worried about whether the course you have applied to for September is still running or if you have yet to be interviewed or receive an offer of a place - don't worry. Just get in touch with the sixth form, college or training provider you have chosen and talk it through.

And even if you don't get the GCSE grades asked for in August, you should contact the course provider and see whether they will still offer you a place on the same or another suitable course.

Use Norfolk County Council's Help You Choose website -

www.helpyouchoose.org. Here you can search for the latest courses and qualifications in sixth forms & colleges or search for apprenticeships and traineeships. You can sign up for apprenticeship vacancy alerts to your email inbox.

Telephone the National Careers Service on 0800 100 900 - careers information and advice for young people, open between 8am and 10pm every day. You can also visit their website at nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

Speak to an Adviser at Norfolk's Help You Choose Helpline on 0344 800 8022 if you are not fixed up and need impartial advice or support. See the last page of this leaflet for more information.



Where can you get more information about your choices?

There are loads of useful websites where you will find information about opportunities for young people in Norfolk. Here are some of them:

Help You Choose - helpyouchoose.org



@HelpYouChoose

- **Search and apply** for courses at Norfolk's sixth forms and colleges and for apprenticeships and traineeships.
- **Find help and advice** on finding a job, making applications, preparing for interviews.
- **Sign up for apprenticeship matching** to get vacancies sent to your inbox.

I Can Be A www.icanbea.org.uk - Information and links to the most important industries in Norfolk and Suffolk.

Apprenticeships Norfolk www.apprenticeshipsnorfolk.org

For information and support on how to become an apprentice in Norfolk Keep up to date by following [@AppsNorfolk](https://twitter.com/AppsNorfolk) on Twitter.

Find an Apprenticeship service at www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk

Find out about apprenticeships and traineeships. You can register, search and make applications online.

National Careers Service www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

Loads of useful Information on over 800 jobs explaining what skills and qualifications you need, what the work would be like, pay and career prospects.

New Anglia Employment Opportunities

www.newanglia.co.uk/employment-opportunities - For those people who are looking for temporary or part-time jobs.

If you need our help, get in touch

If you do not yet have a place in education or an apprenticeship for September 2020 contact:

Norfolk County Council: Help You Choose Helpline -

Tel: 0344 800 8022

We can talk through your options and if you need more in-depth help, put you in touch with an Adviser for advice about courses, jobs, apprenticeships and other opportunities in your area to sort out the right choice for you.

Available from Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm and Fridays 9am-4.30pm.

Are you a young person and feel unsafe?

For lots of young people, life during lock-down will be a worrying, lonely or scary time.

If your situation is making you feel anxious or worried about your physical or mental health, visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/youthhub and follow the **health links** for steps you can take to improve your own mental wellbeing.

Also, sometimes talking to an adult you trust on the phone, by email or video chat can help if family life is feeling difficult or unsafe. This might be a teacher at your school or another family member. Remember that most teachers are still working and can be contacted.

If you don't feel you can do this, you can:

Text: 07480 635060 **Call: 0344 800 8029**



If you need this information in large print, audio, Braille, alternative format or in a different language please contact us on **0344 800 8022** and we will do our best to help.