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The department for Education (DFE)

The [Department for Education](http://www.education.gov.uk) (<http://www.education.gov.uk>) was formed on 12 May 2010 and will replace the Department for Children Schools and Families with a responsibility for education and children's services. All statutory guidance and legislation linked to from this site continues to reflect the current legal position unless indicated otherwise.

To access national publications and resources please continue to use <http://publications.dcsf.gov.uk> and <http://publications.teachernet.gov.uk>. Please be aware that the content within these sites will carry a health warning but should be used until further guidance is issued.

Following the formation of this new Department, Secretary of State for Education Michael Gove has issued an [introductory letter](#) to staff.

Useful supporting documents:

Coalition Agreement. The result of the general election, and the formation of a Conservative and Liberal Democrat Coalition government, has led to the release of a [Coalition Agreement](#).

Visit <http://programmeforgovernment.hmg.gov.uk/schools> to look at guidance in relation to schools. The overarching website is the online version of *The Coalition: our programme for government*. It sets out a programme for partnership government over the next five years and gives you the opportunity to enter public discussion.

www.iwight.com/connexions

The Connexions website situated on www.iwight.com is a useful site which we hope to continually improve and develop to ensure that it is user friendly for practitioners, parents and most importantly young people living on the Isle of Wight.



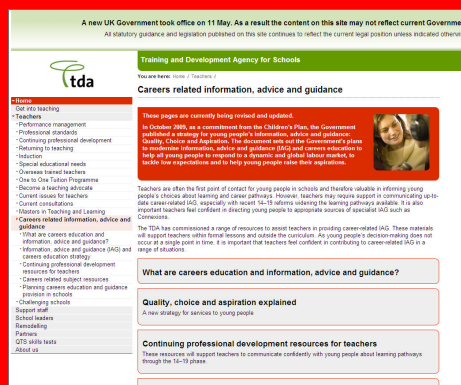
Site Contents: Youth Connexions Centre, Careers Educations and Guidance, Youth Participation, What's On, Jobs and Apprenticeships, CV creator, E-clips, Resources.

For practitioners we have added recent editions of 'UPDATE' 'React bulletin' and 'CAF Newsletter' as well as all of our bespoke resources/publications for Young People. Please feel free to download as required.

IF YOU HAVE COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SITE, PLEASE EMAIL: Katy.edmunds@iow.gov.uk

TDA (Training and Development Agency)

www.tda.gov.uk/teachers/iaq



Teachers are often the first point of contact for young people in schools and therefore valuable in informing young people's choices about learning and career pathways. However, teachers may require support in communicating up-to-date career-related IAG, especially with recent 14–19 reforms widening the learning pathways available. It is also important teachers feel confident in directing young people to appropriate sources of specialist IAG such as Connexions.

The TDA has commissioned a range of resources to assist teachers in providing career-related IAG. These materials will support teachers within formal lessons and outside the curriculum.

As young people's decision-making does not occur at a single point in time, it is important that teachers feel confident in contributing to career-related IAG in a range of situations.

Main Headings within this site (control & click to follow link):

[What are careers education and information, advice and guidance?](#)

[Quality, choice and aspiration explained](#)

A new strategy for services to young people

[Continuing professional development resources for teachers](#)

These resources will support teachers to communicate confidently with young people about learning pathways through the 14–19 phase.

[Careers related subject resources](#)

Use these resources to highlight a careers dimension within subject delivery. They provide practical careers related activities that link with elements of the English, history and modern languages curriculum.

[Planning careers education and guidance provision in schools](#)

Read about small-scale projects led by career coordinators to improve delivery of careers education and guidance within schools.

[Careers related subject resources:](#)

The TDA commissioned a series of pilot resources to introduce a careers dimension into subject delivery. These practical careers related activities link with elements of the English, history and modern languages curricula.

Teachers can draw on these resources to highlight a careers dimension within subject delivery. The resources have initially focused on English, history and modern language subjects.

Engaging learners in career-related activities within subject delivery will encourage learners to explore potential career paths and raise awareness of issues such as gendered occupational stereotypes.

English

[English careers resources](#) will provide classroom activities to assist key stage three and four learners in:

- exploring definitions of work and career
- selecting and presenting personal information
- experiencing formal interview requirements
- using class texts and the media to explore and research careers
- recognising stereotypes and attitudes to careers portrayed in the media.
- [Use the English resources](#)

History

These resources demonstrate how history can provide the skills and knowledge to benefit students in a number of career opportunities. They indicate how the skills and knowledge developed by studying the history curriculum can be transferred to other professions, such as law and journalism. There are also materials for key stage 3 students to undertake independent projects and research.

- [Use the history resources](#)

Modern Languages – French, German and Spanish

These resources provide lesson plans for years 7 to 11 in Spanish, French and German. Learners are introduced to the world of work through familiar brands and logo's. Activities also demonstrate a wide range of jobs requiring language skills by using practical examples such as job advertisements and curriculum vitae.

- [Use the modern languages resources](#)

'We Care' Practitioners event - partnership at work

A practitioner event

Are you working with students in or leaving care? Do you influence their choices about education?

Are you supporting care experienced students attending university?
This event is for you!

The FREE *We Care* practitioners event is your chance to network and meet professionals working with care experienced students in Hampshire and the IOW

Friday June 25, 13.00 – 17.30

Southampton Solent University Conference Centre

The afternoon will include:

Keynote speaker from A National Voice

Meet the *We Care* Partnership team and learn about HE projects

Ask our expert panel about care leavers HE issues

Enjoy a FREE buffet lunch and networking session to meet colleagues and find out what our region has to offer.

RSVP now to book your place nina.farr@solent.ac.uk

CRF FUND - The Connexions Resource Fund is available for academic year 2010 / 2011 and agreements are to be signed and returned by the 2nd July at the latest to ensure accounts are set up for use after the summer break. For more information call Katy on 533523(148)

Prospects has sent through a list of the best selling resources in 2009 under the following headings: Interview Skills / Employment

Please note this is not a definitive listing of resources or a suggestion for use of the Connexions Resource Fund, but simply a guide.

Winning Interviews for First Time Job Hunters £13.99

Winning Interview Answers for First Time Job Hunters £13.99

Winning CVs for First Time Job Hunters £13.99

Dream Job (a virtual, interactive job interview programme, suitable for white boards) £85 + VAT per annual site licence

Jobs and Careers Quiz, books 1 and 2 £30.95 each Skills for Work - Developing Young People's Skills for Work £50 + VAT

Attitudes for Work - Developing Young People's Attitudes for Work £60 + VAT

Schools week - Education and Employers Taskforce - 18th—22nd October 2010

The Education and Employers Taskforce is running a 'Visit our Schools' week during which business leaders will discuss ways to provide young people with the skills and inspiration they need to succeed in business. Business leaders from companies across all sectors will visit state schools and colleges during 18th - 22nd October 2010. The campaign will address the known difficulties that schools and employers have in initiating and expanding partnerships. It is hoped ongoing relationships will be cemented between the businesses and the schools they visit.

To coincide with the campaign, the Education and Employers Taskforce will lead a national and regional drive to highlight activities that can benefit schools and young people. These include:

- Supporting the curriculum including literacy and numeracy initiatives, Diplomas, support for STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths), language teaching and the development of learning materials;
- Enterprise education and employability skills including work experience, mentoring individuals or groups of students, workplace visits, supporting projects, classroom talks to young people, enterprise activities, careers advice and Young Apprenticeships;
- Leadership and governance including becoming governors and providing advice and professional development for teaching staff.

A dedicated website is due to be launched later this week. If you require further information or are interested in taking part in 'Visit our Schools' week please e-mail [Carol Glover](mailto:Carol.Glover@educationandemployers.org.uk).

Skills into higher education

www.skill.org.uk has just released a new publication specifically for young people with disabilities. For more information visit the website or contact Sally Hayward who is responsible for promoting equality in education, training, employment and volunteering for disabled people. Sally can be contacted at the following email address: Sally@skill.org.uk

Skills Ambassador

Would you be interested in a visit from a Skill Ambassador to talk to disabled learners at the schools you work in? Skill Ambassadors are young disabled people who have been through the transition process and can provide a good insight to other young people.

If you would like disabled young people from Skill to deliver a session or talk with individuals who are about to make choices about leaving school, please email megan@skill.org.uk, or telephone: 0207 450 0637

RESOURCES



Information Sharing: Pocket Guide

DSCF: 0845 60 22260
Ref: 00808-2008BKT-EN

This publication forms part of a package of guidance which has been designed for practitioners who have to make decisions about information sharing on a case-by-case basis. It is also for managers and advisors who support these practitioners in their decision making and for others with responsibility for information governance.



Getting Involved DVD: Helping your child to make a good start to their secondary education

DCSF: 0845 60 222 60
Ref: 00668-2009dvd-en

This DVD is designed to help parents and carers to get involved in their children's learning as they start secondary school. Some schools will use it with groups of parents and carers.



Coaching Your Teenager - helping them get the best out of school and college

DCSF:0845 60 222 60

This document is aimed at parents of teenagers aged 14 to 19 and addresses barriers to engagement (lack of time, confidence, not knowing how to help, etc), to help them to stay involved with their child's education in the later stages of the learning journey.

Connexions Resources

Connexions resources can be downloaded from the website however if you need multiple copies please email katy.edmunds@iow.gov.uk

Parents CAP Card

Pocket sized card designed to inform parents of the Common Application Process for use with their young person.



There is also a poster available to support this publication



Parents CAP Card

Youth Connexions

Publication to promote new opening hours.



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Thursday	9.30am to 12.30pm 1.30pm to 5pm
Friday	9.30am to 12.30pm 1.30pm to 4pm
Saturday	closed
Sunday	closed

Secondary Matters First Edition

Introduction taken from the Secondary Matters Publication



Welcome...

...to the first edition of Secondary Matters, a termly magazine dedicated to providing information, guidance and resources to support practitioners working in Isle of Wight secondary schools.

This term, we're talking about local initiatives such as the progress made with the One to One Tuition Programme and the 14-19 online prospectus. We've included links to all of the most recent National Strategies publications and highlighted resources and examples of effective practice that we hope you will find both interesting and useful. Our special feature this term focuses on the ongoing reforms to the secondary curriculum. You'll find the latest updates on initiatives such as Assessing Pupils' Progress and personal mentoring as well as features celebrating school achievements and highlighting recent events such as the Baylink Olympics and the Children in Care Conference.

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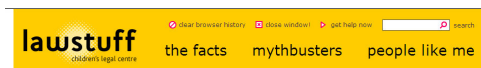
We welcome opportunities to celebrate good practice and provision in secondary schools across the Island. If you have anything you'd like to let people know about, or have any suggestions for articles you'd like to see in future editions, please contact Vanessa Hicks vanessa.hicks@iow.gov.uk.

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Website resource

The Children's Legal Centre

The Children's Legal Centre has recently launched LAWSTUFF, an innovative and exciting new website for young people. The website contains information on the legal rights of young people, including information on the following topics: education, healthcare, discrimination, crime and the law, aged based laws, leaving home and more. It also contains information for young people who are in care or leaving care and for migrant children.



www.lawstuff.org.uk



Website resource

Equality Britain

For the latest job vacancies, educational courses and articles from some of the leading organisations across the UK, log on to:

www.equalitybritain.co.uk