Connexions Service

Connexions is a service for young people. Personal Advisers are employed by Connexions and at present 3 Personal Advisers work at Cowley. Personal Advisers offer impartial information, advice, guidance and support about possible progression routes, pathways, careers and further study.

All Year 9 students can access the Personal Advisers in the Connexions office on Level 3 of the East Wing. The Personal Advisers will work with students to help them make decisions with their Year 10 courses.

Some advice from the Personal Advisers at Cowley

- The courses and subjects you decide to study in Years 10 and 11 can affect what you do in the future, so choose your options with care.

- Find out which subjects you will need. If you have a course or a job in mind, check out the **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS.** These are not always as obvious as you might think, so check carefully. You can find this information in the careers library.

- Some A level subjects cannot be taken unless you have achieved the required GCSE grade in those subjects. Other A level subjects don't require you to have taken them at GCSE. Find out more about this by asking your teachers.

- Taking a vocational course doesn't mean that you are committing yourself to a particular type of job (just as taking History doesn't mean that you are going to become a historian). It simply means that you have chosen one subject which is more about the world of work than traditional subjects.

- Don't forget how important modern foreign languages will be for jobs in the future. You are as likely (maybe even more likely) to travel abroad in your work if you are an engineer or scientist as you are if you work in the tourism industry!

It is never too early to start finding out about jobs and courses. If you can't find the information you need ask the Connexions Personal Advisers.

Useful addresses

www.connexions.gov.uk

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