

## **What happens in Bexley?**

Personalised Annual Transition Reviews start in year 9.

The school, family, representatives from the London borough of Bexley and health professionals will get together with the young person to identify the most appropriate pathway, enabling them to achieve their Preparing for Adulthood outcomes.

Short and long-term outcomes will be agreed, to support the progress of the young person in meeting their educational and career aspirations as well as becoming as independent as possible.

The Raising of the Participation Age means that young people need to continue in education or training until the end of the academic year in which they turn 18. This does not necessarily mean staying in school. Young people could choose:

**Staying in School** – either a special school or mainstream school with additional support

**Going to a Local College** – there are a range of colleges locally that offer mainstream courses with additional support or courses designed for those with learning difficulties/disabilities where the focus may be on developing independent living skills, social skills etc. Some colleges will also offer work-based learning opportunities and work experience with support.

**Higher Education** – there is a lot to consider if your son or daughter wishes to go on to Higher Education and as a disabled student they will need to consider not only the course they wish to take, but where to study, the support they will need with day to day living as well as studying, money and funding.

**Training and Work** – there are a range of courses at colleges and work-based learning providers who can offer opportunities to develop work and employability skills.

Bexley has developed **supported internships and apprenticeship schemes** – please use the Bexley Local Offer to keep up to date with opportunities.

**Bexley Twofold** Service in Bexley provide pre-employment and in employment support. More information can be found at <http://www.bexley.gov.uk/twofold>.

The **Resource Centre Plus** and **Reinstate** are other agencies that can provide support around employment.

If your young person wishes to work they can be helped by the **Disability Employment Adviser** (DEA) at the Job Centre or Job Centre Plus.

Potential pathways for Education are increasing as more provision is developed for young people with SEND leaving school in Bexley:

- Local College First\*
- The Learning & Enterprise College Bexley
- London South East Colleges\* (which has campuses at Bexley College, Bromley College, Orpington College and Greenwich Community College)

- North Kent College\*
- Hadlow College\*
- Shooters Hill SEN Campus\*
- NASH College Bromley\*

*\*Ensure that applications for College places are made in good time (autumn term before leaving school)*