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This is where you and your family/carer, can have a chat about ideas for your future, with Sue Thorns- the Future Options/Careers Adviser. This might be talking about moving up into Sixth Form, or ideas about you would like to do after you leave Victoria School- usually in Year 14.

- **How often do I have a meeting?**

You are invited for a chat usually before your Annual/Transitional Review each year. But you can ask for a meeting as often as you need, especially in your final year of school. The Future Options/Careers meeting days are usually on Wednesdays and Thursdays during term time (this might be flexible if needed).

- **How do I book a meeting?**

Students can book their own meetings by emailing or speaking to Sue T in school, or asking a member of school staff to contact Sue. Families and carers can also email Sue on SThorns@victoria.poole.sch.uk to book a meeting.

- **How long will it last?**

The meeting will last about 45 minutes, though this can be shorter and we can meet again if needed.

- **Where will my meeting be?**

For this school year, *all* chats and meetings will be via **telephone** call or **Zoom** meetings- *not in school*. However you could use your phone/tablet or computer to use Zoom from school if you prefer to do it from there- though you will need somewhere quiet to work.

- **Do I need to bring anything?**

If you use a communication aid, please bring this with you, and any of your own ideas or information for the future.

- **Do I need to do anything before my meeting?**

Have a chat with the people that know you best, about your ideas and plans for the future, so you have some ideas ready to talk about. You should also fill out the sheet called '**My ideas for my future....**', as this should help you.

- **Will I need to do anything in the meeting?**

Ask questions and tell us your ideas, and please say if you do not understand anything- this meeting is all about you and what you would like to happen in the future.

It's ok, not to know what you want to do, and Sue T can help show you some ideas if you are stuck. It's also ok to change your mind about your future ideas, that's all part of getting older (and wiser!).

- **Do I need to remember what we have talked about?**

Sue will write down the important bits of the chat on an 'Action Plan' and will type it up and email/send it to you after the meeting, so you don't need to remember it all.

- **What is an 'Action Point'?**

This is something someone has agreed to do (or an action), after the meeting, for example: use the JED computer programme to find out about a certain type of job.

- **What is 'Confidentiality on my Action Plan?**

Confidentiality is about who we share the information with, on your Action Plan. You do not have to share it with anyone, and Sue cannot either- unless you have said she can, or it is a safeguarding issue. However, it can be useful for school staff to know, so that they can help set up opportunities to help you with your ideas.

- **What is 'Safeguarding' on my Action Plan?**

In your meeting if you say something that puts you at risk of significant or lots of danger, or being badly hurt, Sue T will use the 'Cause for Concern' form on the schools CPOMS safeguarding computer programme. This report will then go to the Safeguarding team to look in to, to help keep you safe and well. We have to do this legally, as we have a duty of care to protect all students.

- **Why is Social Worker on my form?**

Not everyone has a Social Worker, and this gives the chance to chat about if you would like information on how to get one, as it can give lots more opportunities for people during and after school.

- **Will I need to do anything after the meeting?**

- ❖ You will be asked to do your 'Action Points' that you have put on your Future Options/Careers Plan.

- ❖ You will be asked to fill in a feedback form, to make sure that the meeting was ok for you. Please say if you would like, or need anything changed.