

East Kent - 6th Form Collaboration



WHAT IS IT?

The schools in the Canterbury area became aware that due to lack of collaboration, they were not able to support their students to find good destinations post-16, so they began bringing together Heads of 6th, careers leads, and other relevant staff to address these issues.

HOW DID IT WORK?

Key staff from across the Canterbury district have been meeting regularly to discuss coordinating transition support, gaps in provision and how to fill them, and the impact of policy changes. The overall focus is to reduce the number of NEETs (Not in Education, Employment, or Training) across the district.

WHAT WAS THE IMPACT?

As a result of discussions collaborations have begun to emerge between schools and the local colleges to develop Level 2 vocational courses in 6th forms with progression onto Level 3 in colleges. One school is looking to develop a Level 2 offer and is keen for local schools to feed into the development of the programme to make sure it meets local needs.

NEXT STEPS

After the success of the initial meetings, it is planned to make this a regular event run by local schools, rather than the Pathways for All coordinator. It is hoped that meetings will begin across the rest of East Kent to build more collaboration across the area.