

Winchcombe school destination data collection process

Schools have a statutory duty to gather information on student destinations and share this with the local authority. This duty extends for a period of 3 years after leaving an educational organisation. This duty requires schools to provide the local authority with contact information for all students and their families. The local authority has access to contact information anyway from their database, so schools just confirm that the details are correct. Therefore, it is important, that you let us know of changes to telephone numbers and email addresses.

In Gloucestershire, destination information is gathered by Prospects who will ring or email you from the September of year 12 for regular updates on where you son/daughter is studying or working. This enables Prospects to support young people and their families in finding suitable further education, employment or training. The data is also published nationally alongside other school data such as examination results and attendance. The data used by Prospects is always anonymous, showing just percentages, no personal information.

Please see below the latest Government guidance on information sharing for destinations:

'Under section 72 of the Education and Skills Act 2008, schools and colleges are under a statutory duty to provide information to local authority services in order for them to deliver their relevant duties, and to track and maintain contact with these young people.'

For example:

- *basic information such as the students name, address and date of birth;*
- *other information that the local authority needs in order to support the young person to participate in education or training and to track their progress. This includes for example: students' contact details including phone numbers, information to help identify those at risk of becoming NEET post-16, students' post-16 and post-18 plans and the offers they receive of places in post-16 or higher education.'* **Department for Education, July 2021**

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact our Careers Lead, Miss Willmott, in the first instance: cwillmott@winchcombe.school.co.uk