

Dear Parent/Carer

West Lothian Council and its Employability Partners are working together to develop and offer additional choices for young people considering leaving school this year.

If your young person had previously planned to leave school and is now considering returning session 2020/21 we encourage them to contact their school to discuss their options.

If your young person is leaving school in June 2020 we have put in place a number of supports to enable them to move into a positive and sustainable destination.

Access2employment

Access2employment provides 1:1 support to secure full time or part time employment. Advisers are available to assist and can be contacted online at www.westlothian.gov.uk/access2employment or by email on Access2employment@westlothian.gov.uk.

You can also get in touch with Access2employment regarding the Steps n2 Work programme, aimed at 16 – 24 year olds at stepsn2work@westlothian.gov.uk or call **0800 032 9768**.

HYPE Learning Agreement

A HYPE Learning Agreement is aimed at young people between 16 and 25 years old who are unemployed and need support to progress to their next step in further education, training or employment. For more details contact SDS, details below.

Skills Development Scotland (SDS)

Skills Development Scotland provides 1:1 career information, advice and guidance services. Advisors can be contacted on **0800 917 8000**, locally on **01506 434249** or through your school.

The SDS Results Helpline, **0808 100 8000**, will run from 4th – 12th August to discuss next steps and options including course vacancies at UK colleges and universities, confirmation and clearing, apprenticeships and jobs or volunteering.

Yours Sincerely

West Lothian Council DYW Team