

Raising the Participation Age (RPA)

Information for young people

What is RPA?

The Government changed the law so that from 2013/14, all young people are required to continue in education or training:

- until the end of the academic year in which they turn 17
- from summer 2015, this will be until their 18th birthday

If you left Year 11 in summer 2013 you will have to continue in education or training until at least the end of the academic year in which you turn 17 (year 12).

If you started Year 11 in September 2013 you have to continue until at least your 18th birthday.

This doesn't mean you have to stay at school!

You can opt to study or train in any of the following ways:

- studying full-time at a college or training provider
- working or volunteering full-time, combined with part-time study
- taking up a **Traineeship** or **Apprenticeship**

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