FACT CARD

FOUNDATION LEARNING

What is it?

- One of the four national learning routes for all 14-19 year olds (up to 25 for young people with assessments of learning difficulty)
- Foundation Learning has been created to help young people aged 14 and over to progress to "level 2" (GCSE A* to C or equivalent) and to employment
- It is very flexible. Foundation Learning programmes are tailored around your needs
- Many students, especially aged 14-16, will follow a Foundation Learning programme alongside GCSEs and other qualifications
- Students undertaking Foundation Learning programmes have extra support with assessment, mentoring and information, advice and guidance.

Why choose Foundation Learning?

- Foundation Learning offers you the time to grow in confidence and achieve the qualifications you need to succeed. For example, you may want to develop your functional skills at entry level even if you are already taking level 1 vocational or subject qualifications so that you have a sound foundation of essential skills
- Foundation Learning helps you work at your own pace, and to build up your skills in a range of different settings
- If you are working at entry level and level 1 Foundation Learning will help you progress and make the most of your potential
- You may qualify for financial help after 16 through the Education Maintenance Allowance.

Where will Foundation Learning lead?

- You may progress onto an Apprenticeship, GCSEs, the Diploma or a vocational qualification.
- Some young people will move onto employment, supported employment or independent living.

How do I find out more?

- Talk to your teachers, your careers co-ordinator or Connexions personal adviser or contact Connexions Direct on **080 800 13 2 19**
- The local online 14-19 prospectus shows which courses are available, and how to apply for them. To find your local prospectus go to **www.direct.gov.uk/14-19prospectus**
- Talk to other young people who have followed this route
- Look at career ideas on **www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u**