August 2026

Connexions Careers Service Update

Foreword

The Connexions Careers Service holds the Matrix Quality Standard and supports schools to achieve the Gatsby Benchmarks. Connexions has continued to provide extensive engagement & support to schools by delivering impartial careers information, advice and guidance to meet the needs of your pupils.

Smithills School

Activity Survey	2025						2024					
	All Pupils		Male		Female		All Pupils		Male		Female	
Destination of Leavers	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**
Full Time Education	217	89%	97	82%	120	97%	202	94%	107	91%	95	97%
Work Based Training (non employed	3	1%	2	2%	1	1%	2	1%	2	2%	0	0%
Full Time Employment	12	5%	11	9%	1	1%	5	2%	5	4%	0	0%
Voluntary and Part-time Activities	5	2%	5	4%	0	0%	2	1%	1	1%	1	1%
EET Total	**237**	**98%**	**115**	**97%**	**122**	**98%**	**211**	**98%**	**115**	**97%**	**96**	**98%**
Unemployed (available to labour market)	6	2%	4	3%	2	2%	4	2%	2	2%	2	2%
Unemployed (not available to labour	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
NEET Total	**6**	**2%**	**4**	**3%**	**2**	**2%**	**4**	**2%**	**2**	**2%**	**2**	**2%**
Moved out of Contact	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
No Response	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	1	1%	0	0%
Other Total	**0**	**0%**	**0**	**0%**	**0**	**0%**	**1**	**0%**	**1**	**1%**	**0**	**0%**
Survey Total	**243**		**119**		**124**		**216**		**118**		**98**	

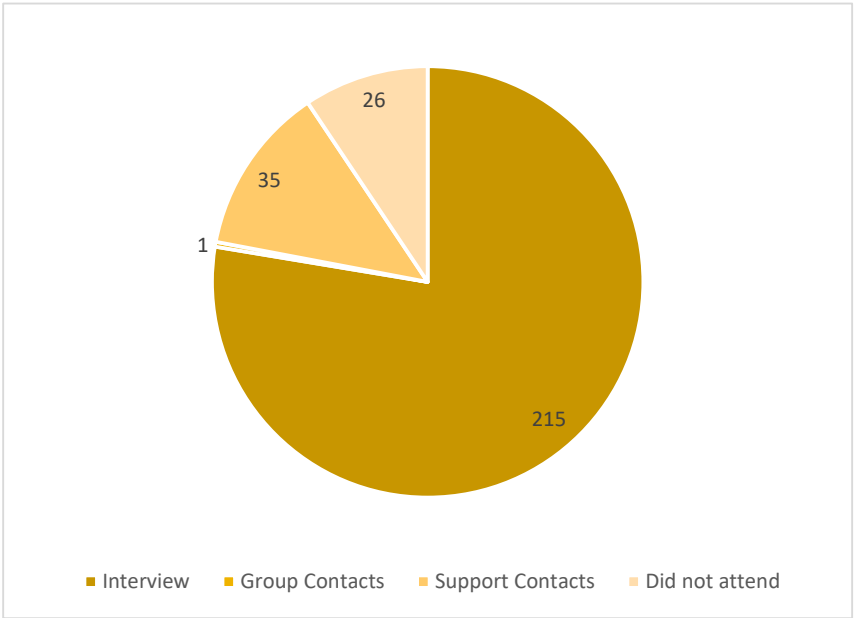
Total Contacts 2025/26

Interview	**215**	**77.6%**
Group Contacts	**1**	**0.4%**
Support Contacts	**35**	**12.6%**
Did not attend	**26**	**9.4%**

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Contacts for Smithills School



Interview: Interview with student; interviews with student and parent; attending meetings such as PEP's; annual reviews; CAMs; Phone; 2-way text; 2-way email.

Group Contacts: Subject specific; career specific; themed e.g LMI; CV writing; small classes; full classes; events.

Support Contacts: Making referrals; advocating and brokering on behalf of young people; contacting colleges, work based learning providers and other external providers including support services; liaison with schools staff; assisting with applications, CVs, completing review paperwork; transition reviews; letters on behalf of students; following up at risk of NEETSs

Did Not Attend: School cancelled, sickness or simply didn't turn up.

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Headline Data

June 2026

GM Area	NEET & Not Known %
Bolton	4.2
Bury	4.9
Manchester	6.8
Oldham	4.4
Rochdale	5.9
Salford	7.2
Stockport	4.1
Tameside	4.6
Trafford	5.0
Wigan	5.5

UK	NEET & Not Known %
England	5.7
Statistical Neighbours	5.6

Feedback

"It was good and informative but also relaxed and no pressure"

"I now understand that it's useful to have a back up plan"

"I have a clear idea of what my options and choices are"

"I was nervous at first but my adviser was kind"

"My adviser was friendly and knowledgeable"

Bolton Young Person's User Experience

How would you rate the following?	Yes Agree	No Disagree	Maybe	Don't Know
I found the Adviser easy to talk to	100%	0%	0%	0%
I have a better understanding of my career goals	94%	0%	5%	1%
I know how to apply to college, apprenticeships and other post 16 options	80%	3%	14%	3%
I understand what qualifications I need	91%	1%	5%	2%
I know where to find out more about careers I am interested in	91%	0%	6%	2%
I had enough time to talk about my options	94%	0%	5%	1%

