

5th November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Post-16 Updates

This half-term marks the start of an incredibly busy and exciting time for our Year 11 cohort. Over the course of this upcoming half-term, students will be researching different colleges and courses and completing their Post-16 Applications in and amongst completing their mock exams.

Key Dates for Year 11 (in-school)

14th November – All students will have a Post-16 Research Session as part of their SMSC Drop-Down day

25th November – All students will have a timetabled session to complete their Post-16 Applications.

Key Deadlines

A lot of popular providers have set their application deadlines incredibly early this year. Please see the following (this is just a small selection of the most popular providers students have historically gone on to, please ensure you check directly with other providers):

2nd December – Greenhead College Application Deadline

13th December – Huddersfield New College Application Deadline

20th December – Heckmondwike Grammar School Application Deadline

Open Events for Post-16 Providers

Please see the following (this is just a small selection of the most popular providers students have historically gone on to, please ensure you check directly with other providers):

13th November – Huddersfield New College - 5.30-8.30pm

14th November – Greenhead College – 5.30-8.00pm

16th November – Kirklees College (Huddersfield Site) – 10.30am-1.30pm

21st November – Mirfield College – 5.00-7.00pm

23rd November – Kirklees College (Dewsbury Site) – 10.30am-1.30pm

30th November – Elliott Hudson College – 10.00am-12.45pm

How do students apply for the different providers?

It is the responsibility to students to make their own Post 16 Applications. Students will need to apply directly to the different providers via their websites. A guide will be distributed which will show the steps students need to take to complete their application. For students who are applying for Mirfield College, St John Fisher's Sixth Form, Heckmondwike Grammar, Shelley College, Creative Media School and Batley Girls Sixth Form, they will need to apply via a third-party website, Get Into. As above, guides for how to navigate 'Get Into' applications will also be distributed to those who require it.

What goes in an application?

Different providers will require students to provide different things, but generally, students will need to provide their name, address, date of birth and contact information. Students may



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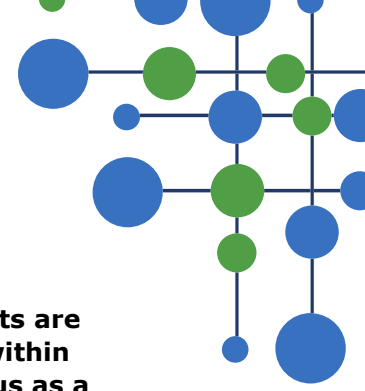
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also be asked to provide predicted grades to colleges. **It is crucial that students are honest about their predicted grades and the progress they are making within school, as providers will cross-reference the information provided with us as a school.** In addition to this, the providers will also seek information about student's attendance, punctuality and behaviour and a personal reference from the Academy and this will be provided directly by us.

How many providers can students apply for?

Students are able to apply for as many different colleges and providers as they would like to. They can even accept their offers at as many providers as they wish to, and only make a firm decision about where they choose to go once, they have received their GCSE results in August 2025. **As a school, we encourage students to apply to at least 3 different providers** and this will be the guidance we give out to Year 11 students when they are completing their applications. This is to ensure they have a placement to go onto after life at TCA.

Students Applying for Apprenticeships

Whilst we encourage students to apply for Apprenticeships if this is something they are keen to do, we also ask for students to apply for other full-time post-16 courses alongside this, as Apprenticeships are highly competitive and we do not want students to be left without a Post-16 position secured. **Students are required to find their own apprenticeship position;** this will not be done for them by the college/post-16 provider they choose to attend. We will, however, support students and guide them in the direction of where to look for apprenticeship vacancies. In addition to this, there is also the **Kirklees Apprenticeship Event** which will take place on **26th February 2025** at **John Smith's Stadium, Huddersfield**. At this event, employers, training providers, colleges and more will be exhibiting at the event and bringing their Apprenticeship vacancies for 2025. For any students wishing to undertake an apprenticeship, I would encourage you to attend this event.

I appreciate there is a lot of information here, but I wanted to write to you with some information which outlines key updates that students, and yourselves will need to be aware of to best prepare for the next half-term. **To be clear, students are responsible for their own college applications.** Although we will be providing opportunities for students to complete their applications in school, please support your child through the next stages of their education journey by discussing their options and choices with them thoroughly at home.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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