

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 Key Dates and Post-16 Updates

As your child approaches the next stage of their education, we wanted to provide you with some important information about the careers and Post-16 application process over the coming months. This is an exciting time for our Year 11 students, but we appreciate that making decisions about what to do after Year 11 can also feel daunting. We will continue to support students throughout the process and ensure that they have the information, guidance and opportunities they need to make informed choices about their next steps.

Key dates

Please make a note of the following important dates:

- Friday 16th October 2026 – Year 11 Mock Interviews
- Thursday 12th November 2026 – Careers Fair (where local Post-16 Providers will be available for you to meet with, and discuss any queries with)
- Monday 23rd November 2026 – Post-16 Application Day
- Friday 18th December 2026 – Internal School Deadline of Post-16 Applications
- January 2027 Onwards – Post-16 Interviews will begin

Further information about these events and any changes to dates will be shared with students and parents as appropriate.

Post-16 applications

Students are now beginning to think carefully about their options for September 2027. This may include applying to a sixth form, further education college, apprenticeship or another Post-16 pathway.

As part of the application process, students may be asked to provide information such as:

- their personal details and intended courses;
- predicted GCSE grades;
- information about their current subjects and achievements;
- their attendance and other relevant school information, where requested;
- a personal statement or information about their interests and future plans, depending on the application.

We will support students in completing their applications and ensure that they understand what information is required and when it needs to be submitted.

Support available

There will be a range of support available to students over the coming months. This will include opportunities to discuss their Post-16 choices, support with applications, advice about different pathways and help with preparing for interviews where appropriate.

Students can speak to myself in the Academy any day, or Rob Crookes, our dedicated C&K Careers Advisor who works in the Academy on a Thursday and Friday. Each student will have a dedicated careers meeting with Rob, where he will be able to provide individual careers guidance and support with Post-16 options.



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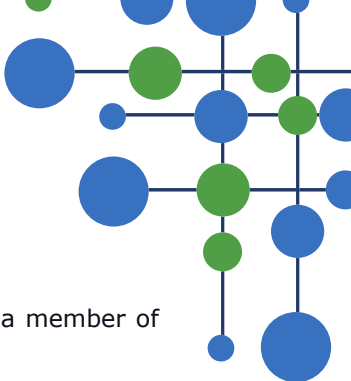
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We would encourage students to make use of the support available and to speak to a member of staff if they are unsure about their next steps.

We will also continue to communicate with you as parents and carers throughout the process. Our aim is to work in partnership with you to ensure that every student feels confident and well prepared for their transition beyond Year 11.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you and your child over the coming months. If you have any queries about Post-16 applications, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

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