



# Saint Paul's Catholic High School

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Dear Student and Parent / Carer

I want to update you on the various activities to help choose college, apprenticeship and training opportunities. Decisions are personal to each individual year 11 and depend on different factors in each case. Factors can include which college, subjects you enjoy, academic ability, career ideas, financial situations or wanting to gain experience through full time, part time or voluntary work.

I hope the below information helps you plan and research during in this busy term so that after Christmas you can fully focus on achieving the best grades possible.

## College:

- These are family events and so that students can talk about what they've seen and heard on visits over the coming months. Attached is a list of I can support applications to any colleges in the UK and abroad if needed.
- Applications are handed into colleges by St Pauls. This is so school can add your predicted grades and a reference about your attendance and contribution to the school community. This work will start in school October and carry on during November.

## Apprenticeships:

We will host an event for parents / carers and students interested in apprenticeships in November. This will be after school one evening. Training Providers will attend for you to talk to about applying for jobs.

## Telling us about your choices:

Students will be given a questionnaire to complete in school next week so we have a record of your plans 'at the moment'. It is early in the school year so if unsure about exact plans, say so, then we can help you in the quickest way.

To develop ideas and plans spend time as a family discussing visiting open events, researching course details at home for full time or part time study (if you're think of apprenticeships). Over year 11 lots of guidance will be available from college tutors, teaching staff and myself. Careers Appointments continue with myself – if you need another copy of your action plan let me know. The National Careers Service has a free helpline with careers adviser open until 10.00pm – 0800 100 900.

Enjoy this exciting time but if you have any worries please get in touch with me.

Kind regards

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