

Careers information for parents/carers of Year 11 students



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SCHOOL**

CAREERS EDUCATION, IMPARTIAL INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE **(CEIAG)**

Careers Education is the promotion of Career learning and the development of young people. Our programme aims to inspire and motivate young people, and help them to make informed, effective decisions about their Career pathways. Careers Education is part of our Learning 4 Life programme which is delivered to all students. We have a Prospects Careers Advisor who is based in school on Mondays, who can support and advise Yr11 students on all aspects of Careers and Post 16 options.

The **Careers team** at The King's School includes the following people:

Ms Tracey Chapman (Prospects Careers Advisor) -
tracey.chapman@prospects.co.uk

Mrs J Powney - jpowney@kings.patrust.org.uk

Throughout their time in Yr11, students will have the opportunity to speak to Tracey Chapman/Mrs Powney regarding their Post 16 options. Appointments with Tracey can be made via Mrs Powney.

Raising the Participation Age

In the past, young people could leave education when they were 16, but things have changed. The Government now expects that young people will continue in education or training until age 18. This is not just about going to college or 6th form, although lots of people will choose to do that. Alternatively, students can take on an Apprenticeship or choose to work or volunteer, as long as they are involved in accredited training or part-time education.

IMPORTANT DATES

- From September, the lesson topic for Learning 4 Life sessions will be preparing for UCAS Progress post 16 applications
- September 2018 - ongoing - Careers Interviews commence - Yr11 students will have the chance to meet with Tracey Chapman/Mrs Powney, to discuss Post 16 plans/options
- 17th September - NEW College Prospectus Launch - students will be given information about the courses offered at NEW College, and they will also receive a prospectus
- 24th September - Wakefield College Prospectus Launch - students will be given information about the courses offered at Wakefield College, and they will also receive a prospectus
- 25th September - Careers Fair/Choices@16 at Pontefract Racecourse, 3pm to 6.45pm - students and parents/carers can drop in and find out about Post 16 opportunities across the district
- 1st Oct - National Apprenticeship Service assembly - students will be given information about the range of apprenticeships available, entry requirements and the application process
- 3rd Oct - Skills Yorkshire & Humber Careers Fair - selected students will visit the careers fair, and have access to information on a wide range of post 16 options
- 15th October - St Wilfrids 6th Form Prospectus Launch - students will be given information about the courses offered at St Wilfrids, and they will also receive a prospectus
- 22nd October - Askham Bryan Prospectus Launch - students will be given information about the courses offered at Askham Bryan, and prospectuses will also be available
- 22nd October - All Yr11 students will begin the 'search and apply' process on the UCAS Progress site. Students will have the opportunity to complete the Post 16 application process during PDS time, to ensure that they have applied for at least one Post 16 provision by 31st December. Students can also access the website from home
- 12th November - Airedale 6th Form Prospectus Launch - students will be given information about the courses offered at Airedale



LOCAL COLLEGE OPEN DAYS/EVENINGS

Wakefield College

17th October - City centre Campus, Thornes Campus & Castleford Campus - 5pm to 7pm

17th November - City centre Campus, Thornes Campus & Castleford Campus - 10am to 1pm

27th February - City centre Campus - 5pm to 7pm

NEW College, Pontefract

13th October - 10am to 2pm

14th November - 5pm - 8pm

21st March - 5pm to 7pm

St Wilfrids, Featherstone

6th October - 10.30am to 1.30pm

(DATES/TIMES WERE CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS. PLEASE CHECK INDIVIDUAL COLLEGE WEBSITES FOR ANY CHANGES)

PLEASE NOTE - PAPER APPLICATIONS MAY STILL BE AVAILABLE AT OPEN EVENINGS, BUT ALL YR 11 STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY ONLINE THROUGH www.ucasprogress.com

WHERE CAN YOUR CHILD STUDY POST 16?

<p>Wakefield College 3 campuses' Wakefield Campus Margaret Street Wakefield Castleford Campus Glasshoughton Thornes Campus Thornes Park Wakefield www.wakefield.ac.uk Tel - 01924 789789</p>	<p>Pontefract New College www.newcollpont.ac.uk Tel - 01977 702139</p>	<p>St Wilfrids 6th Form College www.st-wilfrids.wakefield.sch.uk Tel - 01977 691000</p>
<p>Selby College www.selby.ac.uk Tel - 01757 211000</p>	<p>Leeds City College www.leedscitycollege.ac.uk Tel - 0113 386 1997</p>	<p>Leeds College of Building www.lcb.ac.uk Tel - 0113 2226000</p>
<p>Leeds College of Music www.lcm.ac.uk Tel - 0113 2223400</p>	<p>Leeds Arts University www.leeds-art.ac.uk Tel - 0113 2028000</p>	<p>Askham Bryan College www.askham-bryan.ac.uk Tel - 01904 772277</p>

The college prospectus' and course details can be found on the websites above, or on www.ucasprogress.com.

There are copies of prospectus' in school in the Careers Library, which is located in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC).

USEFUL CAREERS WEBSITES

- www.eclips-online.co.uk - printable leaflets on careers, choices, money etc. You need a password - WF8YORK
- www.ucasprogress.com - search and apply for courses
- <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk> - all age careers information and advice
- www.apprenticeships.org.uk - Register and search for apprenticeship vacancies

PLEASE SEE THE KING'S SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR
FURTHER LINKS TO ADDITIONAL CAREERS
INFORMATION

APPRENTICESHIPS

- This involves a combination of studying and work based learning
- Your child will usually have to secure a place at college and also, a job with an employer who is willing to pay an apprenticeship wage
- For more information, please go to www.apprenticeships.org.uk
- Wakefield Council offer Apprenticeships, and usually require at least 4 GCSE's at grades 9 - 4 (including English and Maths). For further information, please go to www.wakefield.gov.uk
- Apprenticeships can be difficult to secure. It is not unusual for Wakefield Council to receive 700 applications for only 20 places

FUNDING

- Most college courses and training schemes are free of charge
- Schools with 6th Forms, Colleges and Training Providers have bursary funds to help with costs associated with studying. The Government website below contains more information
- <https://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund>

Please consult individual 6th Forms, Colleges and Training Providers for more information about the bursaries

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS REGARDING THE OPTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO YOUR CHILD WHEN THEY LEAVE SCHOOL, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT MRS JO POWNEY OR MS TRACEY CHAPMAN ON 01977 601701 OR VIA EMAIL



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