



## Your Careers Calendar

### Autumn Term (September – December)

- Look at 6<sup>th</sup> Form/College Prospectuses and Apprenticeship guides
- Start to consider which options are best for you – this includes college / 6<sup>th</sup> form, apprenticeships or employment with training
- Think about any career ideas you have. Use resources available from your Careers Adviser including: **Kudos, ECLIPS (see Oona for Login details), icould and the National Career Service website to help you generate and explore your ideas further:**  
<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>
- Find out your GCSE predicted grades, to help you with your planning
- **Attend 6<sup>th</sup> Form/College open evenings to find out what courses and subjects are available as well as the facilities they offer. Details of open evenings can be found on college websites.**
- Colleges / 6<sup>th</sup> Forms generally prefer you to apply to them by Christmas (you can still apply afterwards but the sooner the better). Please be aware that some colleges have a **preferred** deadline date for you to apply (normally end of November) – check with the individual colleges / 6<sup>th</sup> forms. Applications to college/6<sup>th</sup> form/training providers through UCAS Progress can usually be sent from the 1<sup>st</sup> October
- If you are interested in Apprenticeships, start to make enquiries with local employers e.g. send out C.V. and speculative letters, or ring personnel departments. **REMEMBER, if you are interested in apprenticeships you still need to apply for your full time college place (as a back up option)**
- Attend your Careers appointment in school with Oona. This is a chance to discuss options/issues and receive advice to help you make the right decisions

### **Things to consider**

- Not every college offers every course and every subject, and entry requirements may vary. Make sure you check the course guides carefully.
- Try to attend as many college open evenings as you can, to give you the chance to explore your options fully and discover what's best for you.
- Don't rely on hearsay – find out what you need to know for yourself
- Remember – you can apply for more than one college.

### **Spring Term (January-April)**

- If you have any concerns about your college applications / interview / choices in general arrange to speak to your Careers Adviser
- If you have expressed an interest in applying for Apprenticeships, you will be invited to attend an appointment to discuss this and make relevant applications.
- Prepare for interviews for 6<sup>th</sup> Form/College/Apprenticeships and jobs.
- Start checking the National Apprenticeship Service websites to see what employment and training opportunities are available for after Year 11:

[www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)

### **Summer Term (April-June)**

- Ask for advice as soon as possible if you are still not sure what you will be doing after year 11.
- Continue to check the vacancy websites (see above) as well as contacting employers directly

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