

Post 16 Applications and Next Steps

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to update you on the process and timeline for post-16 applications.

FE Colleges, Sixth Forms and Training providers have offered information evenings and talks in school this term for your son/daughter. We have also sent out bulletins to families on events and opportunities as they arise. Most Year 11 students have also now attended a 1-1 meeting with our Independent Careers Adviser to explore and discuss their options and career goals.

Hopefully, this has helped students decide on their next steps. We would now like to recommend that **applications for Post 16 should be made by the end of January 2025** to ensure your son/daughter secures the offers they want and has a focus for GCSE achievement.

Although some Sixth Form Schools, in particular, may have set their own earlier deadline most Schools and Colleges will continue to accept applications throughout the coming term.

Here is an outline of what happens next:

- It may be that your child has already made their decisions and applied, in which case they will be contacted directly by the school or College to arrange an interview.
- If your child has made a decision and not yet applied, then we would advise that they do this as soon as possible so they can begin the process of interviews and receiving offers. Schools and Colleges mainly expect online applications but most Colleges will have a paper form in the back of their prospectus. If you prefer to complete the paper version, please return to our Careers Adviser, Wendy Watson, via Reception. She will process and send for you.
- If your child is still uncertain of their next steps, please contact our Independent Careers Adviser, Wendy Watson, who will be happy to discuss options and support decision making for you and your child.
- For anyone considering an Apprenticeship, please contact Wendy who will support you with this application and finding an employer.
- It is absolutely fine to make applications to multiple opportunities and then make your final choice next summer

Useful links:

Careers Adviser: wendy.watson@ansford.net

Ansford Academy Careers website – for information and opportunities:

https://www.ansford.org.uk/learning_at_ansford/careers

Kind regards,

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