



4th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Post-16 Choices Evening: Wednesday 17th September, 6:15pm – 8.00pm

As we enter this final year, a number of important opportunities and choices will need to be made. One of the most important decisions will be the choice as to what opportunities to pursue once your child leaves Ansford. As you will likely be aware the government has now raised the participation age meaning that every student must continue in learning until at least their 18th birthday. This means having secured a College/Sixth form place or an Apprenticeship with an employer from the September after they complete their GCSEs.

Getting good GCSE grades ensures a strong foundation for your child's future but we recognise that this is often just the first step in achieving their aspirations. We are, therefore, committed to providing the best quality independent information, guidance and support to help you and your child make the best choices for next year and beyond.

As part of this commitment, we will be hosting an open evening for our students and parents to meet local providers offering a range of high-quality post-16 choices including A-levels and BTECs/T levels. The open evening will take place on Wednesday 17th September with the opening presentation starting in PA2 at 6:30pm. There will be the opportunity to **attend up to 3** presentations from:

- Bridgwater College
 - Strode College
 - Yeovil College
 - Sexey's Sixth Form
 - Gryphon School Sixth Form
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- Apprenticeships - Bespoke assemblies will be offered to all students in Year 11 in regards to apprenticeships and the opportunities available to them within school time.

You will also be able to access one-to-one conversations with staff from these Colleges and representatives from Huish 6th, The Newt in Somerset & the Armed Forces.

To ensure we maximise opportunities and ensure consistent numbers in presentations please use the link [here](#), to select which 3 presentations you would like to attend. There is a maximum of 2 guests per each student attending.

On the evening you will be presented with timings for your chosen talks. If you miss a presentation or change your mind, don't worry! There will be plenty of opportunity for one-to-one conversations with the colleges and providers throughout the evening.

Yours sincerely

Mr B Willson
Head of Year 11