



14th November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Strode College Experience Day – Thursday 4th December 2025

All Year 11 students will have the opportunity to visit the Strode College Experience Day on Thursday 4th December 2025, with the exception of those attending the Drama Trip on the same day. The day is an event that aims to give students from local schools a taste of college life and to try a range of courses they may be interested in. It is not solely for young people who would like to attend Strode College, rather it is an opportunity to make comparisons with other providers and learn about the different learning pathways students can take at 16.

Students should have selected the sessions they would like to sample using <https://forms.office.com/e/dh4kpMNs9M> with the deadline being 5th November. These sessions might be the subjects they would like to take or they could be a taste of something different that sounds interesting; the purpose is to widen their knowledge and understanding of the opportunities they have as 16 year olds in Somerset.

Arrangements for the day:

Students will be out all day, leaving Ansford by coach at 9am and returning in the afternoon before the end of school. Ansford staff will accompany them and remain on site throughout the day. Lunch is provided by Strode College but if you would prefer to provide a packed lunch, please feel free to do so. There is no charge for the day.

Dress code:

- Students are not required to wear Ansford uniform but clothing should be appropriate for a school or work place. Students sometimes ask for more detail about what is acceptable so to be really clear about expectations: crop tops and skimpy tops are not suitable and students will be asked to cover up.
- If students are involved in a Sporting/UPS/Performing Arts activity then they can wear their school PE kit should they choose to.
- Students should be prepared to get involved in their chosen activity and PPE will be provided where necessary. Please note that some activities may be a bit messy.

It is anticipated that all Year 11 students will take part in the trip. We ask that you provide your consent to your child attending this event via School Gateway by **Friday 21st November**.

Should you have any questions regarding this event, please do not hesitate to contact me on bwillson@mnsf.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mr B Willson
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