



18 September 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 Parents & Guardians Virtual Trust 'Question and answer session about options and applications' - with Careers Adviser – Mrs Anna Finlason – Tuesday 24 September 2024 - 6-7pm

This is a very important term and year for our Year 11 students. Applications for colleges and sixth forms will begin to open from 1st October 2024. Students can also start to search and apply for apprenticeships.

Careers Appointments:

Some Year 11 students will have had their careers appointments and others will have one over the coming months – an Action Plan for each student is also sent to a home contact and school Tutor.

Applications to colleges/sixth forms, and for apprenticeships:

It is important to note that we are encouraging all students to apply to at least 3 colleges/sixth forms **before** Christmas.

- If applying for sixth forms - we require every student to apply to at least 1, or more colleges.
- If applying for colleges only – we require every student to apply to at least 3 colleges.
- If applying for apprenticeships – we require every student to apply to 3 or more colleges / sixth forms.
- **Please note** – the process for students with an EHCP may be different – we will send a letter home soon.

We know that students who apply early will be more likely to secure places.

Please note: an offer does not confirm a place if places are 'conditional' – i.e. on condition that GCSE grades/other entry requirements are fulfilled.

We also know that students applying to study A-Levels at sixth form/college should also apply for x1 or more back-up options – e.g. at least x1 BTEC/T-Level course – in case GCSE grades required for A-Levels are not achieved. From our experience, finding and securing places on/after GCSE Results Day can be challenging and lead to disappointment (e.g. students may not have as much choice or be able to study their chosen course as places will already have been filled. After this, a waiting list is in operation and places cannot be guaranteed).

Invitation to virtual Q&A event – Tuesday 25 September + event registration link:

We understand that navigating the application process and knowing how to best support your son/daughter can be difficult sometimes.

Therefore - following the virtual information event held in June, you are now invited to attend a Q&A (Question and Answer) session – to ask any questions you may have. The session will also include a demonstration of how to apply to a college, sixth form and for an apprenticeship.

To express an interest in attending, please complete this form by 24.09.2024:

<https://forms.office.com/e/GCHEGqZjGt>



Please note – you are welcome to ask any questions during the Q&A session – we just ask that questions do not focus on the specifics of one individual student.

Please find some useful information details / links below:

- 'Student Careers Pack': [Student Careers Pack - Maiden Erlegh Trust - 2024 - 2025.pdf](#)
- A copy of the 'Sixth form and college Open Events' spreadsheet can be found on student's Google Classroom page / shared via Tutors.
- www.unifrog.org – every student has access to their own account. The UNIFROG platform holds a wide range of information related to post 16 and 18 options. Students can search for sixth forms/colleges and apprenticeships + explore many job profiles, find advice/top tips on many things – e.g. creating a CV, exam revision, applications, interviews, and much more!

I hope you can join me for the Q&A session and look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 25 September 2024 at 6 pm**, for what we hope will be an informative event.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Finlason
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