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Dear Parent / Guardian,

## Careers appointments & preparing for your next steps after Year 11

We are delighted that in the upcoming days and weeks, we will be commencing careers appointments for our students in Year 10 at each of our Trust schools. These appointments will continue into Year 11 until the Christmas holidays 2026.

We know that the benefits of early preparation for your future career and next steps after Year 11 include: increased confidence, inspiration, and motivation! Our biggest aim is to foster this in our students.

In advance of the appointments starting, please find below some sources of information and top tips - \*including actions students need to take ahead of their appointment to prepare.

- \*Complete sections 1 and 2 of the 'Career meeting preparation Year 10 -11' sheet – via the MET website: [Maiden Erlegh Trust - resources and information for students](#) (click on 'Careers Meeting Preparation Year 10-11 – March 2026')
- A booklet to explore – the 'Student Careers Pack' - via the MET website: [Maiden Erlegh Trust - KS4 Students](#) (click on 'MET Student Careers Pack – 2026-2027' tab)
- Complete careers quizzes and personality tests:
  - UNIFROG at [Sign In - Unifrog](#) – Personality, Interests, Skills and Work Environment Profiles
  - 'Career planner' at: [Career Planner | What job should I do? | Prospects.ac.uk](#)
  - Personality Test at: [Free personality test, type descriptions, relationship and career advice | 16Personalities](#)
  - Careers quiz at: [Free Career Quiz](#)

Students are not required to complete all the quizzes – but can – they are great fun and very informative. By taking a few / all - students may also see patterns. All above links require you to be registered, but it is free.



Having conversations with friends, family, teachers, and youth leaders, about their strengths, interests, local companies, and types of jobs is also very beneficial for students.

We encourage all students to actively engage in career-related events to help inspire and motivate them – e.g. through attending careers fairs, college open events, sixth form open events, exploring apprenticeship opportunities using the ‘Apprenticeships tool’ at [Home - Student - Unifrog](#) and watching UNIFROG Webinars – through the ‘Events’ tool.

Students can also create their CV using the ‘CV/Resume tool’ in preparation for volunteering, part-time work, apprenticeship opportunities, and applications.

We ask students and parents/guardians to seriously consider a variety of post Year 11 options in relation to interests, goals, preferred learning style, and predicted grades. There are many routes in careers these days – it’s all about finding the right one for each individual.

Whether Further Education (F.E.) college is a student’s first choice or a back up option for sixth form or an apprenticeship, we encourage all students to apply to one or more colleges as a first option or back-up.

**Upcoming local college open events:** We highly recommend attending a few college open events soon! Most will be taking place after Easter/before the summer this academic year. More open events will take place during the Autumn Term of Year 11; however, the Autumn is often busy for students! We therefore recommend visiting colleges during Year 10 (and re-visiting during Year 11 – if required). Attending open events inspires, informs, and motivates students! **Please find links below:**

BCA, Maidenhead:

[Events & Open Days | Berkshire College of Agriculture](#) (see ‘Open events’ and ‘Taster Days’)

Bracknell & Wokingham College:

[Events - Bracknell and Wokingham College](#)

Henley College:

[Upcoming Events - The Henley College](#)

Reading College:

[Events - Reading College](#)

Details of other college open events can usually be found in an ‘Events’ section or via a search on each college website.



Sixth form open events usually start from 1<sup>st</sup> October of Year 11. Information for these can be found on individual school websites. Students can explore & apply for apprenticeships throughout Year 11, also.

We will create a list of all open events during the Autumn Term to share with everyone, too.

During the Autumn term of Year 11, we will be hosting an online evening session for parents & guardians to share further information and advice regarding student's post Year 11 options.

As a parent/guardian, you will have a profound impact on your son/daughter's career decision-making – research shows this. As a team – you, and we, can support our young people in researching, exploring, and applying for post Year 11 options that will benefit them and their future.

Thank you for your ongoing interest and participation in our careers programme.

Yours sincerely,



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