



Post 16 Application Guidance

Please find information below to help you with supporting your child in securing post 16 destinations.

Autumn Term

- Encourage your son / daughter to look at the local sixth forms, colleges and apprenticeships online or in prospectus's.
- Go to the open day events. These are advertised in school and on the provider websites.
- For advice students can speak to Mr Bradshaw, Mrs McCartney or their coach. They can also look on the national careers service website. [Careers advice - job profiles, information and resources | National Careers Service](#). For information about the local labour market and what the most popular types of jobs in Leeds are, they can go to the future goals website futuregoals.co.uk
- It is worth thinking about travel to and from the provider and how easy this will be.
- Usually from the start of October applications can be made to colleges/ sixth forms or apprenticeships. These can be done at home or in school and students can ask Mr Bradshaw, Ms Barnett, Mrs McCartney or their coach for advice. We would suggest that they apply for at least two pathways, and these can be at the same provider or different ones. It is always worth having an aspirational pathway and a backup pathway. You can apply and accept several different pathways and then decide which you would like to attend once you get your results in the summer.
- Apprenticeships tend to come out later in the academic year. There is a national apprenticeship service website [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk) that the students can register their interest on.
- It is recommended that your applications to sixth forms and colleges are made before finish for the December holidays.

Spring term

- Apprenticeship opportunities tend to come out and applications can be made. Students can see their coach, Mrs McCartney or Mr Bradshaw for advice on how to apply should they need it.
- Invites for interviews at college and sixth forms will be sent out direct to students. It is important that these are attended at the right time on the right day, as places will be allocated on the back of these. If an interview is missed a call will need to be made to see if the interview can be rescheduled. This is not always the case.
- Places then need to be accepted. More than one pathway and provider can be accepted at this stage.

Summer term

- Your child should have a place and this should have been accepted by now. If they do not have a place then they should seek advice from Mr Bradshaw or Mrs McCartney
- May/ June are the Summer GCSE exams. In August, when you have your results, you can make your final decision.
- If interested in an apprenticeship, you are able to still keep searching for these.