



Parental post 16 pathways Guidance sheet

Please find below, information to support you in supporting your child in securing Post 16 destinations.

Autumn Term

- Encourage your son / daughter to look at the local 6th forms, colleges and apprenticeships on line 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/ 6th 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 2 courses and these can be in the same of different places. It is always worth having an aspirational and a back up plan. You can apply and accept several different places 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.
- We would suggest that at least one application is made before we 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 6th forms will be sent out. 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 course and provider can be accepted at this stage.

Summer term

- Your son/ daughter 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 July, 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.