



Guide for parents – Post 16 Pathways and Destinations

As I am sure you are aware, young people must remain in some form of education or training until they are 18. There are now many different pathways that they can choose, and they can select and secure more than one place. Final decisions do not need to be made until they receive their results in August. The most important thing is to make sure that the applications are in and that they attend the interviews so that they can be offered the place. There are 3 main pathways that can be taken:

- Study full time in a school sixth form or a college or with a training provider
- Take an apprenticeship or traineeship
- Work or volunteer whilst studying or training part time.

Where a young person has not achieved a Level 4 or above in maths or English, it is a requirement that these are re- taken.

Support and advice are being given in PSHE lessons. To support your child, we would suggest:

Autumn Term

- To research the different providers and see where they are – think how your child would get there
- Look at the different courses and at the different levels that they offer
- Look when the open days are, book and attend an open day, compare the different providers, what they offer and how they are best going to support your child's next steps eg, work experience, careers advice, links with local businesses
- For advice students can speak to Mrs Vose, 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 goal's website futuregoals.co.uk
- When they have made their decisions, they need to apply, and applications open at the end of September. Some providers have a closing date, some courses eg Level one building and electrical courses get full very quickly – apply early. Your child will have to give their email address, and the provider will contact them. Please keep reminding them to check their emails as they will offer interviews, and they need to turn up to these to be offered a place.
- 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 strongly suggest that students have a backup college place in case they do not get an apprenticeship for a September start.
- Offers will be conditional and will depend on the provider and the options being taken. We would always suggest having an aspirational and back-up plan. Providers will ask for predicted grades.

Once a student has secured their place and have an idea of what the next steps are, they can then concentrate more on their studies and have something concrete to work for.

School is happy to offer any advice or support that is needed. Please do not leave this to the last minute.

Spring term

- Apprenticeship opportunities tend to come out and applications can be made. Students can see their coach, Mrs McCartney or Mrs Vose for advice on how to apply should they need it.
- Invites for interviews at college and sixth forms will be sent out around this time. 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.
- Conditional offers will then be given
- 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 been offered a place, and they should have accepted these by now. You can accept more than one offer. If they do not have a place, then they should seek advice from Mrs Vose or Mrs McCartney
- May/ June are the Summer GCSE exams. In August, when you have your results, you can make your final decision.
- On Results Day you will need to contact the provision to let them know what your results are and to confirm your place, they will then be invited for an enrolment and induction day.

Providers and courses get booked up, so we strongly advise applying early.

Please contact jmccartney01@wetherbyhigh.co.uk should you require any further support.