



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

16+ Options

Last Tuesday we spoke to students about the choices available to them after finishing their GCSEs next summer. Students will be supported through the 16+ options process by their form tutors and the 16+ and careers teams. You will find the presentation as a [PowerPoint](#) or [PDF](#) via the links. The options available to students include sixth form here or at another school, college or an apprenticeship.

Students have started to write their application letters for their next steps, and they will have two interviews with a member of the 16+ team to help and advise them about their choices. Students will fill out their options card on the basis of these discussions and with your help at home.

As previously advertised, the Ecclesbourne Sixth Form Open evening takes place here at school on Thursday 3 October, from 6:30 to 8:30pm. There will be an introductory talk at 6.45pm followed by a series of 10-minute talks from subject teachers regarding their subject. Prospective students will be able to choose to attend up to six talks.

We would especially advise that students ensure they attend talks on subjects that are new to them and that they may be interested in studying. There will also be classrooms staffed by subject teachers and current students along with a display of work and resources. In the sixth form centre there will be information about the extended curriculum, wellbeing choices and roles of responsibility available for sixth formers.

On Friday (4th October) students will be spending the morning looking at options outside of our sixth form and will be having talks from ASK Apprenticeships and the Derby College Group. Year 11 will be presented with information on apprenticeships, T-Levels and other vocational courses. We will also be joined by current apprentices who will share their first-hand experiences. Students will be given time to reflect on these options in their Personal Development and Citizenship (PDC) lessons.

We would like to draw your attention to these key dates related to the 16+ process (you will also find them in the presentation):

Event	Day
Launch of 16+	24 th September
Application Letters	From September 27 th ; to be completed by 21 st October
Sixth Form Open Evening	3 rd October
16+ Wider Options Morning	4 th October
First 16+ interview	19 th November
Year 11 Reports	13 th December
Year 11 Mocks	6 th -17 th January
Year 11 Parents' Evening	5 th February
Year 11 Projected Grades	10 th February
Final 16+ Interviews	11 th February
Sixth Form Offer Letters	28 th February

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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