

September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 & Choosing Post-16 Options

We are now working with Year 11 students to prepare them for post-16 options. This year, your child will make decisions about where they would like to study or train for (at least) the next two years. Your child has received some information over the past few years about the choices they have this year and they will be supported in school to make their decision by having an Information, Advice & Guidance (IAG) appointment this term. Following the IAG appointment, your child will receive a personalised Action Plan via their school email account, which will contain important information and resources. It is important that you discuss this with your child.

Below you will find some information regarding some local education and training provider Open Events. The majority of events happen during this term. Given the current situation, many providers have moved their events and more information online so you can access the information with your child from the comfort of your own home. *Please note that event dates, times and locations may be subject to change: please check with the individual provider for details.*

It is important that your child attends some, if not all, events to enable them to make an informed decision about their post-16 provision. Parents/Carers are also actively encouraged to attend with your child, so you can see first-hand some of the fantastic opportunities and services offered to young people in post-16 education and training in our area.

Sixth Form/ College/ Training Provider	Types of course available	Date	Time
Accrington & Rossendale College https://www.accross.ac.uk/	Vocational / Technical Apprenticeship	Tues 21 September Weds 10 November Weds 9 February	5.30-7.30pm (Quiet hour: 4.30-5.30pm)
Blackburn College https://www.blackburn.ac.uk/	A Levels Vocational/ Technical Apprenticeship	Weds 6 October Tues 19 October Sat 20 November Tues 8 February	4.30 - 8pm 4.30 - 8pm 10am - 1pm 4.30 - 8pm
Burnley College (& Themis apprenticeships) https://www.burnley.ac.uk/	A Levels T Level Vocational/ Technical Apprenticeship	Tues 14 September Weds 22 September Tues 5 October <i>Virtual options and campus tours also available</i>	5.30 - 8.30pm <i>Book a time slot in advance</i>
Myerscough College (Preston and Witton Park) https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/	Vocational/ Technical Apprenticeship	Sat 2 October Tues 12 October (Virtual) Sat 6 November Tues 16 Nov (Virtual) Sat 5 February	Saturday events: 10am - 12.30pm <i>Advance booking recommended</i> Virtual events: 7 - 8pm
Nelson & Colne College https://www.nelson.ac.uk/	A Levels T Level Vocational/ Technical Apprenticeship	Thurs 30 September Tues 16 November Thurs 27 January	5.30-7.30pm (Quiet hour: 4.30-5.30pm)

BRGS Sixth Form https://www.brgs.org.uk/sixth-form	A Levels only	Weds 10 November <i>Please check – advance booking may be required.</i>	Times tbc
CRGS Sixth Form http://www.crgs.org.uk/	A Levels only	Weds 3 November	Times tbc
St Christopher's Sixth Form https://www.st-christophers.org/sixth	A Levels only	Tues 12 October	Time tbc
Training 2000 https://www.training2000.co.uk/	Apprenticeship only	Dates tbc	Times tbc
North Lancs Training Group https://www.nltg.co.uk/	Apprenticeship only	<i>Please contact NLTG individually as they do not typically hold a general Open Event.</i>	

Our school website also has a careers section with a list of links and guidance for students and families. <https://www.shuttleworthcollege.org/curriculum/careers/> You can find a summary of the different types of providers, courses and subjects on offer in the section 'Year 11 support'.

Please note that application deadlines vary between providers: some are as early as mid-December. Applications are made from now (before GCSE results are given) and interviews and offers for places are given on a conditional basis when predicted grades are seen.

If your son/daughter would like to apply for an apprenticeship, they should have a completed CV and be prepared to do extra research around their chosen role, industry and local employers. I am available in school to provide a CV template, check CVs and provide specific advice.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me on fackroyd@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully,



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