

College Open Days from September 2026

onwards Colleges can have several open days throughout the year. You can attend with your child to get a feel for the college and find out what they offer. There is a list of all the local colleges in the useful websites section. Please visit the website of the colleges your child is interested in to find out when their open days are. These will also be displayed in school and promoted to your son/daughter regularly.

Careers Meeting with a qualified adviser from

March 2027 - Your child will have a meeting to advise and guide them on their Post 16 options after they have left school. These will take place with either myself or a Positive Steps Adviser. If your child has any special educational needs they will be seen more than once if needed to assist them with this process.

Colleges will deliver assemblies - from

September 2027. Our local colleges will deliver assemblies to explain what courses they offer, the

facilities available and the application process for that college.

College Taster Days June & July 2027 - These take place during school time. Your child will have the opportunity to sign up for a college they are interested in attending to visit for a few hours and meet the tutors. These are on a first come first served basis. They will be well publicised in school, I would advise every student to sign up for at least one college.

College Applications - From October 2027

onwards your child will be able to go on line and complete their college applications. Time has been designated during the first half term to help your child do this in their Citizenship lessons but they can also do this in their own time at home.

College Interviews - These take place after your child has made an application, they are nothing to worry about. They are to make sure your child has chosen the right course, at the right college for what they want to do in the future. This is also the college's opportunity to make sure your child will

be successful on their chosen course going off their predicted grades and attendance to school.

Provisional/ Conditional Offer – After your child's college interview they will receive a provisional or conditional offer. This means providing they get the required GCSE grades for that course they will be offered a place at that college. This does not guarantee your child's place at college.

Your child can apply to as many colleges as they like, they do not have to make a final decision until they collect their final GCSE results on 24th August 2028. Please ensure you are not on holiday around this time, your child's college place is not guaranteed until they enrol on or around this date.

What you can do now for your child – Start to talk to them about what they are interested in doing in the future, encourage them to speak to family and friends about what they do and what different jobs involve. The best thing they can start to do now is

research the different jobs available by looking on the job websites. I have listed a few in the useful websites section. Help them understand this is fast approaching, they need to start thinking more seriously about their options. Attend as many college open days as possible and speak to the tutors.

PLEASE NOTE COLLEGES ASK FOR YOUR CHILD'S YEAR 10 ATTENDANCE & BEHAVIOUR RECORD.

This can be the difference between your child getting into the college of their choice or not.

USEFUL WEBSITES

<https://gmacs.co.uk/>
<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles>
<https://digital.ucas.com/search>
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>
<https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>
<http://www.lmiforall.org.uk/>
<https://icould.com/>
<https://industry-excellence.tmc.ac.uk/t-levels/>
<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/job-sectors/subjects>
<https://medicmentor.org/the-virtual-medical-society/>

Local colleges - vocational courses:

<https://www.tmc.ac.uk/course-finder>
<https://www.oldham.ac.uk/our-courses/>
<https://burycollege.ac.uk/courses/>
<https://www.hopwood.ac.uk/courses>
<https://www.tameside.ac.uk/>
<https://www.salfordcc.ac.uk/>
<https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/>
<https://www.utcmidiacityuk.org.uk/>

Local colleges - 6th form:

<https://www.connell.ac.uk/>
<https://www.osfc.ac.uk/Courses>
<https://www.xaverian.ac.uk/study-with-us/>
<https://www.loreto.ac.uk/>
<https://www.asfc.ac.uk/>
<https://www.clarendon.ac.uk/>
<https://www.rochdalesfc.ac.uk/>
<https://www.laurusryecroft.org.uk>

Apprenticeships:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
<https://www.growthco.uk/>
<https://www.mantralearning.co.uk/>
<https://getmyfirstjob.co.uk>
<https://www.thelogisticsacademy.co.uk/>
<https://theapprenticeacademy.co.uk/>
<https://allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk>
<https://gov.uk/find-a-job>

Other information:

<https://ourpass.co.uk/get-our-pass/>
<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/>
<https://www.raf.mod.uk/>
<https://www.army.mod.uk/>

Year 10 Timeline of Events & College Information

