



Co-op Academy  
Failsworth

# Year 11

Timeline of Events &  
College Information

## **Careers Meeting with a qualified adviser– from September onwards**

Your child will have a meeting to advise and guide them on their Post 16 options after they have left school. These meetings will start. 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.

## **College Open Days – from September 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.

## **College Applications – from October 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.

## **Colleges will deliver assemblies – from September**

Our local colleges will deliver assemblies to explain what courses they offer, the facilities available and the application process for that college.

## **Citizenship lessons – from September onwards**

Your child will be learning more about different colleges and what they have to offer, there will also be some targeted talks on Vocational courses, Apprenticeships, A levels and T Levels.

## **Mock Interviews –**

These will take place in school around November. This is your child's opportunity to experience sitting in front of an employer and being interviewed. This is usually for the first time and many students are nervous. Again, this is nothing to worry about and we will help them prepare for this in their citizenship lessons. This is where they can get it wrong with no consequences and they will receive informative feedback on how to improve.

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 20th August 2026. 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.

### **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/>

## Useful websites

## 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.laurusyecroft.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/>

## Notes

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At the interview Steve is asked if  
he can perform under pressure.  
Steve is not 100% sure he knows  
all the lyrics...  
but he's about to try his best.





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