

September 2024

Dear family

As you know your child is in their final year with us, therefore this term they will need to think about their next steps. It is a requirement by law that every student is in education or training until they are 18. They must apply to at least two options by Christmas at the latest.

The options for students are:

- A-levels: subject-based qualifications that can lead to university, further study, training, or work. You can normally study three or more A-Levels over two years, and they are usually assessed by a series of examinations.
- T-levels: A two-year course has been designed with employers from multiple sectors and combines classroom study with a 45-day industry placement to prepare you for the world of work, or further study like a higher-level apprenticeship or university.
- Level 1- 3 BTEC/CTEC: BTEC stands for the Business and Technology Education Council. BTECs are specialist work-related qualifications. They combine practical learning with subject and theory content. There are over 2,000 BTEC qualifications across 16 sectors – they are available from entry level through to professional qualifications at level 7 (equivalent to postgraduate study).
- Apprenticeship: An apprenticeship is a real job, with hands-on experience, a salary and full training while you work. There are different levels of apprenticeships available, each with their own entry requirements, course length and average salary. It might be better to get some Level 3 qualifications before starting an apprenticeship because you will be eligible for an advanced or higher apprenticeship and earn more money.

Please take note of the open evenings and days that are offered by the nearby sixth form and colleges:

- Notre Dame: Saturday 12 October 9.30am - 1.00pm and Saturday 23 November 9.30am - 1.00pm.
- Elliot Hudson: Wednesday Evening 9 October 2024 and Saturday Morning 30 November 2024.
- Leeds City College: Wednesday 16 October 2024. 4:30pm - 7:00pm.
- Leeds College of Building: Wednesday 16 October 4.00pm - 7.30pm.
- Leeds Maths School: Tuesday 8 October and Saturday 30 November.
- Dixons Sixth Form Academy: Tuesday 24 September 5.00pm - 7.30pm.

We recommend that your child attends these open evenings so that they can get an insight into what the college or sixth form is like and the variety of courses that are offered. You will need to register your attendance on their website.

If you have any further questions on how to support your child with their application do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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