

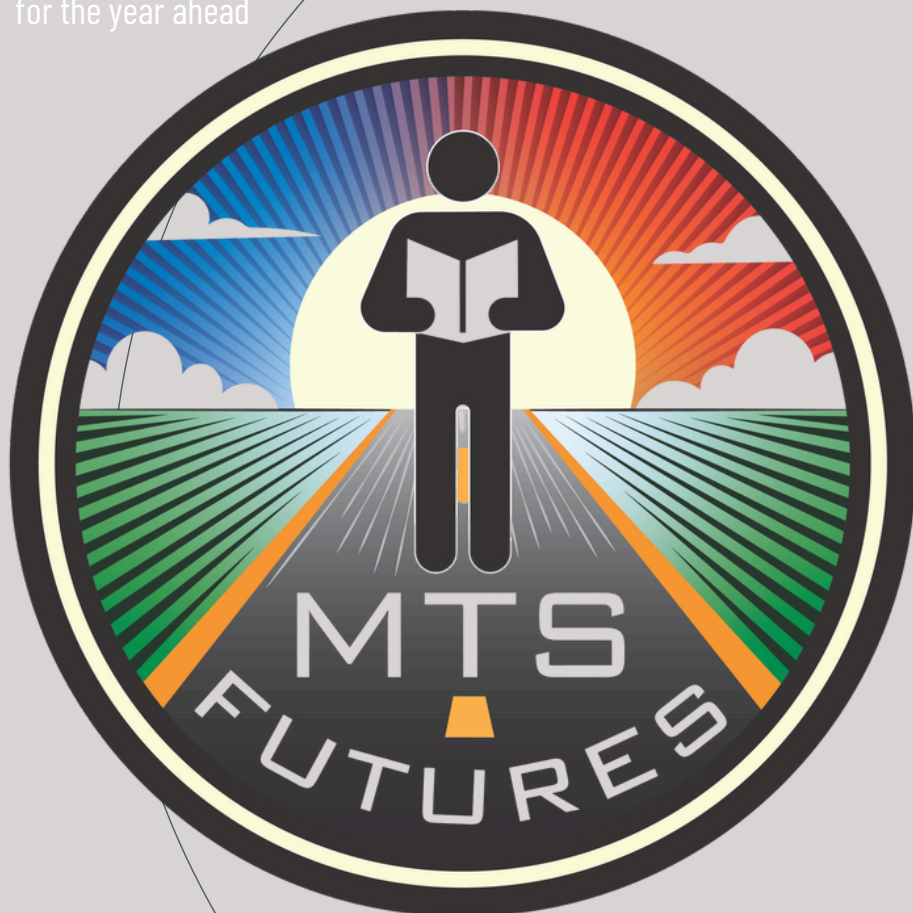
YEAR 11



PROGRESSION TO COLLEGE OR TRAINING



Information for students and parents preparing
for the year ahead



Popular College Open days

College	Open Events
	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 18th October from 11am Saturday 29th November from 11am BOOK ONLINE – https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/open-events/</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 7th October 5-7pm Thursday 16th October 5-7pm Saturday 8th November from 10.30am - 1pm BOOK ONLINE – https://burycollege.ac.uk/events</p>
 <small>Cardinal Langley SFC</small>	<p style="text-align: center;">Open Day is usually early November Keep checking website for date and times https://sixth.clrchs.co.uk/home</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 2nd October from 4 - 8pm BOOK ONLINE – https://www.connell.ac.uk/</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 1st October from 4.30 - 7.30pm No booking required check website for details https://chs-sixthform.org/</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 4th October from 10am - 1pm Monday 13th October from 5pm – 8pm BOOK ONLINE <u>Open Events - Holy Cross College</u></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 4th October from 10.30am - 1.30pm Wednesday 22nd October from 4.30 - 6.30pm Wednesday 19th November from 4.30 - 6.30pm BOOK ONLINE – https://www.hopwood.ac.uk/events</p>

ALL INFORMATION CORRECT ON DATE OF PRINTING (10/09/25) – PLEASE CHECK COLLEGE WEBSITES FOR UPDATES BEFORE TRAVELLING.

 Loreto sixth form College	<p>Saturday 11th October 10am – 12pm or 1pm -3pm Sunday 19th October 10am – 12pm or 1pm -3pm BOOK ONLINE – https://www.loreto.ac.uk/loreto-college-open-days-2025/</p>
 The Manchester College be amazing	<p>Tuesday 7th October from 5 – 7pm Saturday 15th November from 10am – 1pm Thursday 5th March from 5pm BOOK ONLINE - https://www.tmc.ac.uk/events/</p>
 Oldham College	<p>Wednesday 8th October 4.30 - 6.30pm Saturday 15th November and Saturday 14th March 10.30am - 1pm BOOK ONLINE – https://www.oldham.ac.uk/whats-on/events/</p>
	<p>Saturday 27th September 10am -2pm Monday 6th October 5 - 7pm BOOK ONLINE - https://www.osfc.ac.uk/Open-Events-2025/</p>
	<p>Saturday 18th October from 10am – 2pm Last admission 1.30pm Thursday 20rd November from 4 – 7pm Last admission 6.30pm BOOK ONLINE https://www.rochdalesfc.ac.uk/</p>
 Xaverian College	<p>Saturday 11th October 10.30am - 2pm Sunday 19th October 10.30am - 2pm BOOK ONLINE – https://www.xaverian.ac.uk/news-and-events/events/</p>

THIS IS JUST A SELECTION OF POPULAR COLLEGES BASED ON APPLICATIONS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS – OTHER COLLEGES ARE AVAILABLE. CHECK WEBSITES FOR DETAILS.

ATTEND OPEN DAYS OF ALL COLLEGES YOU WISH TO APPLY FOR SO THAT YOU CAN MAKE GOOD CHOICES – THEN SEND APPLICATIONS ASAP! IF YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW, PLEASE MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO ATTEND, IF YOU CANNOT MAKE A SPECIFIC DATE OR TIME, PLEASE CONTACT THE COLLEGE TO REARRANGE.

Year 10 & 11 College Planning Timeline

Year 10 Summer Term onwards

Research online and attend college open days

This is a chance to find out what is available and what suits your learning style, interests, strengths and future goals. Starting early gives you more time to make informed decisions

Year 11 - Autumn Term

September - November

Attend Open Days and make your applications to colleges

This is a great opportunity to ask questions and gather more information and see which college feels right for you.

The majority of College applications are made on-line. Some colleges use a written application so allow extra time for this. You will be asked for your most likely grades which are found on your latest report. (see my applications section).

October - January

Complete and submit your applications - Although the exact deadline dates can vary, submit in good time to avoid any last-minute stress. apply to at least 3 colleges to give yourself back up options.

October Onwards

Interviews and Offers - Colleges will invite you for an interview either in person or by phone. Prepare by reviewing your application and practicing interview questions about yourself and the course. You will start receiving offers from colleges during this time

Confirm Your Place - When you receive offers, you must confirm your place at your chosen college (**you can accept offers at more than one**). Make sure to follow any instructions provided by the college regarding acceptance and enrolment. This is usually online through a website portal or app. **If you do not accept your place, you may not be allocated a place when you want to enrol in August.**

Why following this timeline is important

- Reduces stress by spreading tasks over the term
- Improves decision-making through early research and reflection
- Maximises opportunities by meeting deadlines and attending events
- Ensures readiness for GCSEs and college transition
- Gives flexibility to adapt if plans change



Whichever route you decide to take after Year 11 there will be an application process

What you will need:

- The most recent school report showing Most Likely Grades - This helps the college to offer the best course level to start at.
- Your **personal** email address and contact details of a parent or guardian - this is how the college will keep in touch directly.
- A draft of a personal statement which you can use and adapt for the various types of application.
- A list of hobbies, interests and experiences - If you have thought about this beforehand, you will be less likely to miss it off the application.
- The name of the person who will give you a reference - In school this will be your head of year, however most colleges contact us directly.
- A good understanding of the course you are applying for - why do you want to do the course? Interest and enjoyment? Career or University?
- A conversation - at home, with school staff or even with friends. Often the hardest person to promote is yourself.
- Time! Give yourself enough time to complete the applications well before the deadline and consider your answer to questions.

When you are ready to apply

- Go to the college website and click on apply
- This will lead you to a page where you can confirm your email address or download a paper copy
- Fill out the application using the tips above
- When you are happy with your work press submit - you can save and ask staff to check it over if you are not sure (remember your log in)

We strongly recommend you apply to 3 colleges to give yourself options and a back up plan - even if you want an apprenticeship or to join the armed forces

College & Apprenticeship applications

HOW TO GUIDE



Writing your personal statement

Most college and apprenticeship applications ask for some form of personal statement. This gives you the chance to tell the college about your skills, strengths and achievements and why you want to do the course or career. This is your chance to make a good impression on the College or employer and make yourself stand out from the other applications.

First Paragraph – Introduction

Good “I am applying for this course because...”

Explain why you have chosen this course. This could include details of your career goals.

Better also add “I am interested in this course of study because...”

Show an understanding of the course and what it involves and how you have researched this such as attending the open day

Great – also add “I am particularly interested in this college because...”

Reflect on what the college, has to offer and why you would like to attend. This could be the college ethos, the enrichment activities on offer or the facilities.

Second Paragraph – All about me

Good “In my spare time I enjoy...”

Hobbies, interests and responsibilities. Focus on any that are particularly relevant to the course you are applying for

Better – also add “I have some previous experience from...”

Experiences of work, personally or through school activities, what you did and the skills it shows you have Include any other voluntary or paid work you have done as well.

Great – also add “In school I have also...”

Extracurricular activities or clubs you have taken part in in school or any extra responsibilities you have taken on e.g. Ambassador, school council, helping at open evening, peer mentoring etc.

Third Paragraph - Closing

Good “I am ...”

Finish up with any last things about yourself you would like to say such as being hardworking, reliable, creative, practical, punctual, motivated, polite, resilient....

Better – also add “I look forward to meeting you at interview.”

Great – also add “I feel I would be an asset to your college / business because...”

Close with your last reasons why they should offer you a place !

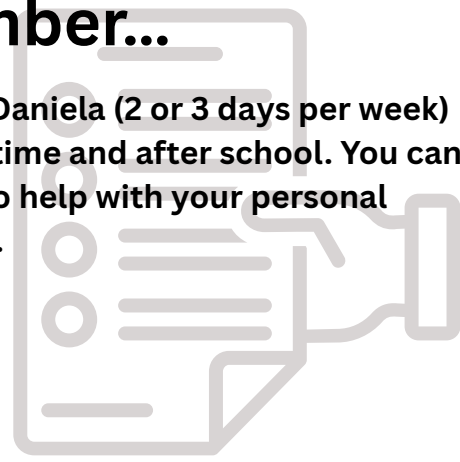
Top Tips



- Start off with some notes about the things you would like to include
- Write a first draft to get your ideas down
- Be enthusiastic – if you show your interest in the course, it will help your application
- Ask a friend, parent, teacher, form tutor or career adviser to read your draft for their advice and suggestions
- Don't lie or exaggerate! This could go very wrong at the interview when you are asked about what you have written.
- Don't copy your statement. You can get some inspiration from other personal statements online but if you have found it online, so can the college and this gives a very bad impression
- Always check your spelling and grammar.
- Re-read your application before you submit.

Remember...

Mr Gooding (everyday) Anna and Daniela (2 or 3 days per week) are available at break time, lunch time and after school. You can also use 6th lesson on Mondays, to help with your personal statements and application forms.



Progression and Careers

MAIN POST 16 PATHWAYS

✓ A-LEVELS

What are they?

- Academic qualifications usually taken over two years, focusing on 3-4 subjects.

Who are they for?

- Students who enjoy academic study and may want to go to university.

Where can they lead?

- University (most common route)
 - Higher/degree apprenticeships
 - Employment (especially in roles requiring strong academic skills)
- Further training or professional qualifications

✓ T-LEVELS

What are they?

- New technical qualifications equivalent to 3 A-levels, combining classroom learning with an industry placement (about 45 days).

Who are they for?

- Students who want a mix of classroom and practical experience, and are interested in specific industries (e.g., Digital, Health, Construction, etc).

Where can they lead?

- Skilled employment
- Higher/degree apprenticeships
- University (in related subjects)

✓ APPRENTICESHIPS

What are they?

- Paid jobs with training, combining work and study. Levels range from intermediate (Level 2) to degree (Level 6/7).

Who are they for?

- Students who want to earn while they learn and gain real work experience.

Where can they lead?

- Permanent employment
- Higher-level apprenticeships
- University (some apprenticeships include a degree)

✓ VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (E.G., BTECS, NVQS,

What are they?

- Practical, work-related courses focused on specific sectors (e.g., Business, Health, Engineering).

Who are they for?

- Students who prefer coursework and practical learning over exams.

Where can they lead?

- University (many universities accept BTECs and similar quals)
- Apprenticeships
- Direct employment in related sectors

Useful resources and websites

General advice and Career searches

<https://middtech.greatacademies.co.uk/students/careers-education/>

<https://login.xello.co.uk> (access directly through M365)

<https://www.gmacs.co.uk>

www.positive-steps.org.uk/

www.prospects.ac.uk

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

MTS Futures Padlet - access via Y11 Padlet

University & Student Finance Information

<https://www.ucas.com>

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk>

Apprenticeships

<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com>

<https://notgoingtouni.co.uk>

Armed Forces (apprenticeships)

<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers>

<https://recruitment.raf.mod.uk/find-your-role>

<https://jobs.army.mod.uk>

Popular Sectors

<https://www.engineeringuk.com>

<https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk>

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk>

<https://www.goconstruct.org>

The above list is just a selection of the many websites available to students and parents. Local college websites also have excellent guides to future careers and prospects

Contacts



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POSITIVE STEPS

14-19 Careers Provision in school Mon , Tues , alternate Thurs

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<https://positive-steps.org.uk/>

The MTS Futures (careers) room is based on the Art corridor, where you can drop in during social time, before and after school, or by appointment to discuss all things careers and progression. You will also find a range of resources to help you decide on your future in addition to those online..

Positive Steps careers advisors are in school on Monday, Tuesday and alternate Thursdays

OUR CONTACTS



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