

The start of the New Year between January – March is decision time for Year 11 students! Please find below important information regarding Post 16 options and applications for college/6th form and apprenticeships. Students need to be making decisions about which route to take after their GCSEs – Apprenticeships or Full Time Education, where to apply for Post 16 study, which courses to choose and preparing for interviews.

A few key things to remember during the next few months.....

Careers Appointments

All Year 11s will have been *offered* at least one careers appointment by the end of January/early February. If your son/daughter needs more help from the Careers Adviser or has missed their appointment, please ask them to call into the Careers Room to request an appointment or they can email lwoodward@castlehall.com. The Careers Adviser is available in school every Thursday and Friday (and Wednesdays on week 1) and is available to help students right through until October 2020. Help could be about choosing subjects, writing a CV, college applications, interview practice, anything that they need support with or advice about....please just ask!

If any students leave Castle Hall Academy in the Summer and do not start in education by the end of October, further support with their future plans will be offered by a Participation Team Careers Adviser from C&K Careers.

Choosing A level subjects

What you study at sixth form or college can affect your options at university and your future career. The Informed Choices website can help you understand which subjects open up different degrees, particularly at Russell Group universities

<https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/>

Get Into (college application system) and College/6th Form Application Deadlines



All Year 11 students must apply to colleges or 6th forms in Kirklees through the **Get Into** website - www.get-into.co.uk **The internal school deadline for applications to be submitted is Friday 24th January**

Many application deadlines for 6th forms and colleges are coming up in January/February. Students need to meet the internal deadline of **24th January** to ensure there is time for their application to be checked and approved in school before being forwarded onto college/6th forms.

All students have a user name and password to log on to the website. They must complete the Personal Profile template section by **20th December** and then search for courses via the website and add those they wish to apply for to their 'favourites'. Once courses are in their 'favourites' they can start to submit applications.

Anyone struggling with applying through the Get Into system can call into the careers room and ask for help.

To apply to colleges and 6th forms outside of the Kirklees area, students will need to apply through the college or 6th forms own website.

Careers Advice at Parents Evening – 12th December

I will be available at parents evening to answer any questions you may have about your son/daughters Post 16 plans. Please book an appointment on the online booking system.

Thinking about an Apprenticeship?

Students need to register on www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship . Vacancies are advertised on this website and also on

www.ckcareersonline.org.uk – click on **Recruitline vacancies**

- Vacancies with start dates during summer 2020 s will be advertised from January 2020 onwards.
- Students need a **CV**. They need to be **proactive in their job search** and send their CV and a covering letter to companies they would like to work asking if they have apprenticeship vacancies.
- **Training Providers** – students need to register with training providers – they may have details of companies with vacancies. Use page 54 – 60 in the Get Organised booklet for details of training providers or speak to the Careers Adviser in school. You can apply to some of these through UCAS Progress.
- Students need to **let the Careers Adviser know** they are looking for an Apprenticeship so she can offer help and support with job search and CVs.
- Students looking for Apprenticeships will be invited to an **Apprenticeship workshop** – information and job search support – in the Spring Term of 2020
- A **Back Up Plan** – it is important students apply to college for a course as a back-up plan to ensure they have options if they cannot secure an apprenticeship by the end of the summer.

Qualification Levels

The level of qualification students can progress onto after Year 11 will depend on their GCSE grades.

As a general guide see the explanation below:

Predicted GCSEs 9 - 4 = start at Level 3

Predicted GCSEs 3-2 = start at Level 2

(Apprenticeships start at Level 2 however some will require GCSE grade 4 or higher)

Predicted GCSEs 2-1 = start at Level 1

Entry Level qualifications are also available

#FutureGoals

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digital
engineering
manufacturing

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