

29th April 2025

Dear Parent/Carers

RE: Year 12 Post 18 Pathways Week 2025 - Advance Notice

We are pleased to inform you that our annual Post 18 Pathways Week for year 12 students will take place from Tuesday, 10th June until Friday, 13th June.

This week is designed to help students explore options and careers after sixth form. Activities will include information and guidance regarding higher education, apprenticeships, business skills, preparing for interviews and the world of work. Although students will not follow their usual timetable for these days, **attendance at college is compulsory**.

Overview of the Week:

Tuesday, 10th June or Wednesday 11th June

Students will be advised of which day they are required to attend, based on their normal timetable. Further information will be given at a later date.

Students will take part in workshops on:

- Exploring career paths, university courses and apprenticeships
- Communication and digital skills
- Preparing for interviews and working life

Thursday, 12th June

In the morning, ex-students will visit to discuss the routes they took into their careers. Some have only left recently whilst others now have long standing careers and a range of experience. It's a great opportunity for students to hear real life experiences.

Later in the morning, we will visit the UCAS Discovery Exhibition at Essex University, where students can talk in person to representatives from a large variety of universities and training providers from around the country. We strongly recommend that students attend this trip, even if they currently feel that university or an apprenticeship is not their plan.

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Friday, 13th June

Each student will be given a mock interview appointment with an external interviewer from business or university, followed by personal feedback.

Students will also join sessions that help them:

- Research future pathways
- Start applications for UCAS or apprenticeships
- Develop CVs and personal statements
- Understand workplace behaviour and expectations.

There will also be a fun Escape Room challenge designed to build teamwork and confidence.

PLEASE NOTE: Students should dress appropriately for their interview. Suggested work wear includes:

Smart shoes - no trainers, crocs or flimsy sandals

Smart outfit - e.g. skirt or trousers and blouse or a shirt with tie and jacket or blazer (if available).

Additional Opportunities

We regularly share open events and opportunities on our student bulletin board and year group google classroom. These include:

- Summer schools
- Work experience placements
- Taster sessions and open days from universities, colleges and employers

These are great chances for students to explore career ideas and make informed choices. Work experience, in particular, is a valuable part of preparing for the future.

If you wish to discuss any of these events, or the information provided here, please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form Team.

Yours faithfully,

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