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Dear Parent / Carers,

Year 11 Next Steps and Guide to Post-16 Education

We continue to support all students to prepare for their next steps and post-16 choices. Throughout the year we host post-16 assemblies, delivered by a variety of external providers, these will highlight the wide range of opportunities available for students after their GCSE's, including College, Sixth Form and apprenticeship routes.

Every student in Year 11 will receive a 1:1 career guidance session to help them prepare for post-16 applications. We will provide a monthly Careers and Post-16 events calendar, to ensure all students and families have up to date and relevant information to help them with their choices. This calendar will be a regular feature in the school newsletter. We strongly recommend that students and parents/carers attend as many of these events as possible.

Whilst some post-16 providers are flexible with application deadlines, as a guide, we recommend all students to have made at least two applications by the Christmas holidays. Please be aware that school sixth forms have strict December/January application deadlines.

A Brief Guide to Post-16 Qualifications and Routes

'T' levels & BTECs: Ideal for students with one specific subject or vocational area in mind, with a practical and 'hands on' learning style and an emphasis on work experience. This is a mix of practical assignments and some exams. Equivalent to three A levels with routes into university, apprenticeships and the world of work.

'A' levels: Ideal for students who perform well in exams, enjoy the classroom environment and would like to study three or sometimes four subjects. For students with clear aspirations for university or those who do not have one specific subject area in mind and would like to keep their options open. Also, for routes into apprenticeships and the world of work.

Apprenticeships: Ideal for students who are looking to leave the classroom behind and enter the world of work. Apprenticeships are a full-time job with a day a week at college or assessment in the workplace. Apprenticeships require a high level of maturity to apply for vacancies, be interviewed and secure a role.

Foundation learning: Foundation Learning is available at most colleges for students with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) and barriers to learning.

If you feel you or your child would like additional support to better understand post-16 options and the application process, please contact me directly via email at jackie.fielding@clf.uk or by phone on (01934) 630836 ext.1340.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jackie Fielding
Careers Advisor



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Careers and Post-16 Events Calander September/October 2025

Provider	Event	Date & Time	More Information
Hans Price Academy	1-1 Career Guidance Meeting with Mrs Fielding. Students will be collected from lessons.	September - December	For more information contact: Jackie.fielding@clf.uk (01934) 630836 ext:1340
Weston College Winter Gardens BS23 1AG	'What Next'? 2025 Careers Showcase for Year 10 & 11 Meet different employers as well as college staff to learn what's out there in the world of work	Wednesday 24 th September 4:30 – 7:30pm Quiet Slots available from 4:30pm	To register: Weston College What Next?
South Gloucestershire & Stroud College Sixth Campus BS34 7AT	Open Evening A levels	Thursday 25 th September 5:30 - 8pm	To register: SGS Open Evening
Priory Community School Academy BS22 6BP	Pathway to the Future Post-16 Event Year 10 & 11	Wednesday 1 st October 5 - 7PM SEND/quiet slots available from 4:30pm	
Bristol City Robins Foundation Ashton Gate BS23 2EJ	Open Evening	Wednesday 1 st October From 6:30pm	To register: Bristol City Robins Open Evening
City of Bristol College All Campuses	Open Day	Saturday 4 th October	To register: City of Bristol Open Day
The King Alfred School Sixth Form Burnham Road Highbridge TA9 3EE	Open Day	Saturday 4 th October	To register: The King Alfred Sixth Form Open Evening
Priory Community School Academy BS22 6BP	Pathway to the Future Post-16 Event Year 10 & 11	Tuesday 7 th October 5 - 7pm SEND/quiet slot from 4:30pm	See flyer below for more information
Bridgwater and Taunton College Bridgwater Campus TA1 5AX	Open Evening	Tuesday 7 th October 6 – 8pm	To register: Bridgwater & Taunton College Open Evening

Weston College All Campuses	Open Evening For School Leavers	Tuesday 14 th October 6 – 8pm	To register: Weston College Open Evening
Churchill Academy Sixth Form Churchill Green BS25 5QN	Open Evening	Thursday 16 th October 5 - 8:30pm	To register: Churchill Academy Sixth Form Open Evening
NHS @ Learning and Research Southmead Hospital BS10 5NB	Allied Health Professions Careers Day	Saturday 18 th October 10am - 4pm	See flyer below for more information Scan QR code to book: 
Access Creative College All Saints Street Bristol BS1 2LZ	Open Day Music Games Media & Design Esports Computing	Saturday 18 th October	To register: Access Creative College Open Day
Boomsatsuma All Campuses Portland Square Bottle yard Studios Leadworks	Open Evenings Creative Digital & Media Photography Sports Media Production Games, VR & VFX	From 21 st – 23 rd October 6:00pm	To book: Boomsatsuma Open Evenings
Winterstoke Hundred Academy Post-16 Centre Beaufighter Road BS24 8EE	Open Evening	Tuesday 22 nd October 4:30 - 7:30pm	WHA Post-16 Open Evening
Backwell Sixth Form Station Road BS48 3BX	Open Evening	Thursday 23 rd October 5 - 7:15pm	To register: Backwell Sixth Form Open Evening
Become an Apprentice	Apprenticeship Information	Online Research Only	Apprenticeship Advice & Guidance Register & Search for an Apprenticeship



WHAT NEXT?

CAREERS SHOWCASE FOR YEAR 10'S & 11'S

Weds 24th September, The Winter Gardens, W-s-M

Discover 'What's Next' for You!
Meet local and national employers, explore career opportunities, and find the courses that could unlock your future.

WWW.WESTON.AC.UK/WHATNEXT

PATHWAY TO THE FUTURE

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1ST 5PM-7PM
PRIORY SCHOOL

Meet colleges, 6th forms and apprenticeship providers
Learn all about the range of post 16 qualifications available
Explore your options and plan your pathway beyond year 11
A levels! T levels! Diplomas! Apprenticeships!
All welcome!

Essential for year 11 and a great opportunity for year 10
An interesting activity for year 7, 8 & 9
SEN and anxious students are very welcome to visit from 4.30pm


















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University & Higher Education Fair at Priory School October 7th 5pm-7pm

Learn about all about life at University
Get the facts on student finance
Explore degree apprenticeships

Help raise your achievement in school!
Meet really interesting people!
Explore lots of different careers!

An informal event open to all
No need to book. Just come along
SEN or a little nervous? 4.30pm for quiet time conversations



Allied Health Professions Careers day

Saturday 18th Oct 2025
10:00am - 4pm

@ Learning and Research, Southmead
Hospital, BS10 5NB
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Aimed at 14 to 19 year olds, the day will include:
talks & information on career routes including, support
workers, apprenticeships, degree programmes,
patient simulations a whole lot more!



The Allied Health Professions are:
Art/Drama/Music Therapists
Speech & Language Therapists
Diagnostic & Therapeutic Radiographers
Operating Department Practitioners
Occupational Therapists
Chiropodists/Podiatrists
Prosthetists & Orthotists
Physiotherapists
Paramedics
Osteopaths
Orthoptists
Dietitians

Scan the QR code to book your ticket

