

September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 11 Careers Interviews**

I am writing to introduce myself as I am the Careers Advisor and will be supporting your child with their Post 16 career plans.

We will be interviewing all Year 11 pupils at school to offer them impartial information, advice, and guidance on their options after leaving school in June 2024. Each pupil will have an action plan produced within the interview which we recommend you look at so you can support your child in making the best decisions.

As you may be aware the Government has changed the rules about leaving school and each pupil must now stay in some form of education or training until the academic year in which they turn 18, so making good informed decisions is more important than ever.

We will be providing our pupils with lists of local open days for all local Colleges and Sixth Forms which start anytime from October onwards and we would encourage both yourselves and your child to attend to have a look around at local provision before making any big decisions.

Online applications to providers through the institution's own websites will then start from Oct/Nov 2024 onwards (usually after open evenings have taken place) and we are going to be encouraging all pupils to complete this task before the end of January 2024 if possible – if your child needs support in completing their application, either contact myself or your child can speak to their form tutor. Interviews for colleges and sixth form will take place from January 2024 onwards and these normally take place before the examinations season starts.

We are also keen to involve parents in this process as making choices can often seem daunting to both pupils and parents. We are keen to meet up with parents and this can be done *in school time or after the school day ends, please contact me to arrange an appointment*. We will also be available to speak to you at school parent's evenings.

If you would like to take up this opportunity to arrange an appointment, contact me by email at: <a href="mailto:ree.suchak@georgeeliotacademy.org.uk">ree.suchak@georgeeliotacademy.org.uk</a>.

We look forward to supporting your child with their career ideas and Post 16 plans.

Yours sincerely

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