



Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Re: Year 11 – Post-16 Applications**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are now entering the crucial final period of our post-16 process. I therefore wanted to write to you to guide you through this period and advise on how to support your child with applying for an apprenticeship.

**Applications to Sixth Forms / Sixth Form Colleges / Colleges:**

Most application deadlines for applications to sixth forms, sixth form colleges, and colleges have now passed. This means your child will begin to receive invitations to interviews as well as offers for courses they have applied for.

It is crucial that your child accepts these invitations and offers once they come through. **Failure to do so can result in an application being revoked.**

You can support your child by reminding them to check their personal emails and ensuring they attend any interviews or events they are invited to.

**Apprenticeships:**

Apprenticeship opportunities will now begin to be uploaded to the government website. Apprenticeships are when a student spends up to 80% of their time working and learning on the job, and the remaining time at college developing their skills in that field/area.

Apprenticeship applications are like job applications. Most businesses will only be able to take on one or two apprentices. Therefore, it is crucial that your child applies ahead of the deadline and their application stands out amongst the crowd. Your child should also be as flexible as possible when applying for an apprenticeship. Consider applying for apprenticeships that are outside of Oldham and apply for multiple positions. **You are not guaranteed to get one.**

Your child should also have an application submitted for a full-time college course, should they fail to gain an apprenticeship.

You can support your child through this process by looking at available apprenticeships together, checking your child's application, and ensuring they attend interviews when requested.

All apprenticeship vacancies can be found here:

[www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

We appreciate this period can be stressful. Should you need any further guidance or support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Barnes'.

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