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Dear Parent/Carer

Applying to College, Sixth Form or Training Provision through Positive Steps 16 (PS16)

As you will be aware, students need to be in training or education until the age of 18 as part of the Government's Raising the Participation Age priority.

Searching and applying for their preferred Post-16 destination is one of the most important tasks your son/daughter will carry out during Year 11. Our students apply to their Post 16 destinations through 'Positive Steps (PS16)' and the **school deadline** for applications is **December 2021**. We encourage students to apply to three providers and a variety of courses to keep their options open. We will launch the application process **after** the October break in school.

Positive Steps (PS16) is the new application process similar to the previous application process, 'UCAS Progress'. This programme helps young people to search and apply for their future learning and training through a single, online system. The benefit of using Positive Steps (PS16) is that they can search through a wide range of Post-16 opportunities, including A-levels, vocational courses and apprenticeships, before deciding where to apply. They will only have to input their personal information once and can send these details to multiple colleges and providers they are interested in applying to. As the system is web-based, they will also be able to access their accounts at home or via other computers and mobile platforms that have internet access. To support your son/daughter we will provide them with comprehensive guidance, deliver a number of focused sessions, as well as arranging a Careers Fair.

If you are applying out of area or to a college which does not use Positive Steps (PS16), your son/daughter will be required to apply directly to the institution and we will still provide support for them in this process.

Post-16 Careers Fair at Wreake Valley Academy Thursday 14th October 2021

To support the selection and application process, we have arranged a Post-16 event at The Wreake Valley Academy for all year 11 students across the Trust. We have confirmed a wide range of providers who will be attending and will be able to provide information about Post-16 options, courses, apprenticeships and higher education. To ensure the smooth management of this event, it will run in two sessions; 6:00pm to 7:15pm and 7:30pm to 8:30pm. We ask that you reply with your preference of a time slot on the reply slip by **Friday 10th September 2021**.



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Please refer to the Careers page on our website which has extensive support/ guidance and links to local colleges and 6th form providers.

If you have any questions regarding PS16 or the careers Fair, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Parkinson
Careers Lead

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Post-16 Careers Fair at The Wreake Valley Academy

We intend on coming to the Post-16 Careers Fair at The Wreake Valley Academy on Thursday 14th October 2021 to find out more information about courses and providers.

Please tick your preferred session.

6:00pm to 7:15pm

7:30pm to 8:30pm

We are unable to attend the Careers Fair.

Student Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Parent Name (please print) _____

Signature _____
(Parent/person with legal responsibility for the young person)

FORM TO BE RETURNED TO YOUR TUTOR BY FRIDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2021