



Wadham School

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"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



11th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re : Careers provision and Post-16 Plans

Your year 11 child will be applying for college or sixth form before we finish for Christmas. To help your child make the right choice and to support you with the process, I have outlined below what will happen and when.

1:1 interviews with a qualified careers adviser – Some year 11 students have received a 1:1 interview with myself to advise and guide them on their Post 16 options after they have left school. These interviews are continuing this term with those students who haven't had their appointment yet. I am more than happy to arrange follow up appointments for any year 11's who are undecided or may have changed their mind. Parents/carers are welcome to attend these meetings as well. Please email bchurch@wadhamschool.co.uk for this to be arranged.

College Open Days – All local colleges and sixth forms have upcoming open events this term. I would strongly advise you visit as many as you can to help your child make an informed choice. I have summarised the upcoming dates below but please look at the college/sixth form websites for any updates and to confirm times. These will also be publicised in school.

UCS College Group (University Centre Somerset) formally Bridgwater and Taunton College and Strode College	16 th September – Bridgwater site	Pathways Information Evening
Coastland College (formally Kingston Maurward)	23 rd September 18 th October 15 th November	Open Event
UCS College Group	24 th September – Taunton site	Pathways Information Evening
Holyrood Sixth form	2 nd October	Open Evening
Exeter Maths School	4 th October 18 th October 29 th November	Taster session
Exeter College	7 th October 20 th November	Open Evening
UCS College Group - Bridgwater	7 th October – Bridgwater site	Open Evening



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UCS College Group - Taunton	8 th October – Taunton site	Open Evening
Richard Huish College	11 th and 13 th October	Open Events
Yeovil College	16 th October 20 th November	Open Evening
UCS College Group - Strode	16 th October – Strode site	Open Evening
Huish Episcopi Sixth Form	TBC	Open Evening
UCS College Group - Cannington	8 th November – Cannington site	Open Event
Yeovil College SEN and High Needs	4 th December	Open Event

Yeovil College – <https://www.yeovil.ac.uk/>
UCS College Group - <https://www.ucscollegegroup.ac.uk/>
Richard Huish College - <https://www.huish.ac.uk/>
Exeter College - <https://exe-coll.ac.uk/>
Strode College – <https://www.strode-college.ac.uk/>
Exeter Maths School - <https://exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/>
Coastland College - <https://www.coastland.ac.uk/> but register for open evenings at [Kingston Maurward](#)

Applications – Most College’s open their applications from October. The majority of students will decide to complete these at home with parents/carers, but I am also happy to support this process in school. Your child just needs to come and see me or send me a message on Teams and I will book in a slot to complete the application forms before Christmas. Colleges usually have a deadline around December/January to apply, and we recommend all applications need to be submitted by Monday 15th December.

College & Sixth Form Interviews/keeping in touch days – Once your child has applied to a college or sixth form, they will email your child to invite them to an interview. This interview could take place in person at the College or be a phone call. The interview is to make sure they have chosen the right course, the right level and at the right college for what they want to do in the future. This is also the college's opportunity to make sure your child will be successful on their chosen course based on their predicted grades and attendance to school. Your child needs to keep an eye on their emails so they do not miss this invitation. If they do not respond to that email, the college will withdraw their invitation. Please ensure personal emails are used for College/sixth form applications, not their school email address.

Provisional Offer – After your child’s college/sixth form interview they will receive a provisional offer. This means providing they get the required GCSE grades for that course they will have a place at that college.

Mock Interviews – 4th and 6th November – Your son/daughter will have a mock interview in November which is a great opportunity to experience sitting in front of an employer and being interviewed. Many students are nervous, but the feedback afterwards is always that the experience is so rewarding and helpful. Your child has

to complete a preparation document for the Mock Interviews (PAIG) which must be completed by 13th October at the latest.

Apprenticeships: If your child is considering an Apprenticeship after year 11, it is advisable that they complete the College application form in the same way as for a full time course. In addition to this, they also need to find themselves an employer. This is their responsibility and failure to find an employer will mean they will need to be attending a full time College/Sixth form course instead. The Find an Apprenticeship website is valuable in looking for local apprenticeship vacancies - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> . Students can also contact employers that they might like to work for, directly. It is vital to have a backup option when applying for an apprenticeship.

Please use the Parents & Student Resources on the Careers page on the Wadham website to research the post 16 options available and to stay up to date with opportunities on the Parent Padlet - <https://www.wadhamschool.co.uk/page/?title=Careers&pid=11>

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me on the email address below.

Yours Faithfully,



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