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Dear Parent/Guardian

Post-16 Options

As your son has reached their final year at Brymore it will undoubtedly be the busiest one they have faced so far, as they prepare for their final examinations this summer. It will also be a time to look to the future and make some important decisions about the pathways they wish to follow when they leave us. In addition to their academic and extra curriculum programme, we also have events throughout the year focusing on supporting the boys with their next steps beyond Brymore. We invite in further education colleges and other training providers to inform the boys about their post 16 options, we hold focus sessions where boys can meet professionals and learn more about career pathways, and activities to develop employability skills.

Every Year 11 boy also has at least one personal guidance meeting with a Level 6 careers adviser. These meetings are held with an external company called Future Smart in February, and alongside the SLT mentoring appointments, these sessions really help to dovetail current performance, target grades, and future aspirations into a clear action plan.

Whilst we feel confident that our Year 11 boys will receive impartial and high-quality careers guidance, we are aware that parents themselves may also be feeling nervous about what lies ahead beyond Brymore! The opportunities post 16 have certainly changed since our own educational experiences – for example the introduction of T-levels and degree apprenticeships will be unfamiliar to many. The law currently states that all children must be in some form of education or training until they reach the age of 18. This means that on leaving us every boy must have secured a place at a college, sixth form, or be enrolled on a training scheme of some form.

To help you feel more informed please see the **Post-16 guide enclosed** and visit the useful **website links shown below**. Having conversations with your son at home is an integral part of their decision making and we hope this information will help you to better understand the options your son can choose from and help you to feel more confident supporting them in their post-16 decisions.

Should you have any questions regarding post-16 pathways please feel free to contact me at Brymore Academy where I will be happy to help.

Yours faithfully

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Career information and useful links

COLLEGE OPEN DAYS AUTUMN TERM:

- [Bridgwater and Taunton College](#): 7th Oct 6-8pm Bridgwater Campus, 8th Oct 6-8pm Taunton Campus, 8th Nov 10-1pm Cannington
- [Strode College](#): Open Evenings 16th Oct 6pm - 8pm
- [Exeter College](#): October 7th, 4-8pm
- [Yeovil College](#): 16th October, 5-7pm
- [Richard Huish](#): 13th October, 5-8pm
- [The Space](#): 6th October at 6:00 pm
- [Weston College](#): 9th October, 5-7pm
- [Hartpury College](#) – Autumn open days already fully booked! Contact them directly.
- [Bicton College](#) 18th January 2025, 10am-1pm
- [Sparsholt](#) 8th November 2024
- Contact to arrange a tour: [King Alfred Sixth Form](#)
- [Huish Episcopi Sixth Form](#) - 7th October, 14th October

CAREERS INFORMATION:

The careers padlet lists lots of careers information on apprenticeships, post 16 courses, careers events, work experience etc: [Somerset Careers Padlet](#)

Course options: Watch and read [here](#) at BBC Bitesize, and the Department of Education [animation](#)

For parents: A [guide for parents and carers of children age 11-24](#) to assist with thinking and planning future careers and what can be done to improve opportunities.

Parent Zone at [Careerpilot : Parent zone](#)

For pupils:

- Not sure of what your career could be? Try the [buzz quiz](#)!
- [Career Pilot](#) is a detailed online resource we use in school with information on career pathways, course options and lots more.

Apprenticeships: [Find Apprenticeships](#) and www.careermap.co.uk will help to find apprenticeship jobs in your area. [Amazing Apprenticeships](#) a central hub for all the latest apprenticeship information.

Virtual work experience and insight events:

- Huge choice of virtual work experience and insight events through the [SPRING POD](#) platform (need to create an account).