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Dear Parent or Carer

Post-16 and careers update

I am writing to you to share information about how we are supporting your child/children with their preparations for life after Wyvern St Edmund's. Normally at this time of year we would be organising a number of events and visits for Year 11 to allow students to find out more about post-16 choices, routes to employment and the application processes involved. With current restrictions in place, we are not able to offer our usual programme of events. However, we continue to offer support and guidance in school and I felt that an overview of this would be useful to you. Full careers information for students and parents can be found on our websites and is being updated to reflect the current situation. From our school careers page you will find numerous links to helpful careers websites where students can take quizzes to ascertain skills sets, look for possible jobs and careers and gain more information about qualifications needed.

We have already shared details about individual post-16 open events and now that most providers have published details, we have collated this information for you. Please see attached for dates for post-16 open afternoons/evenings and application deadlines for local providers. Please note that the vast majority of these are now being run as virtual events, website links have been provided. Whilst all dates are correct at the time of writing, please be aware that these are changing regularly. Additionally I have included a parent/carer guide to careers and an MLP guide to post-16 options, please click [here](#) to access this booklet. The world of work has been a rapidly changing landscape in recent years, no more so than now, and I hope that you will find this information useful. Apprenticeships in particular are now more varied and can help students progress to degree level studies with funded places. I highly recommend investigating all options open to your child.

We would like every student to attend at least one virtual open event to explore the options open to them next year. We recommend that entrance requirements are checked so that suitable courses are applied for and we also suggest applications to more than one provider.

Careers support at WSE in 2020-21:

- **Careers in tutor time:** every Friday afternoon tutor session for the year has been dedicated to careers, with a change in focus each term.
- **Post-16 provider presentations:** Powerpoints covering information about 13 local providers are being worked through in term 1 alongside discussions about the application process and career routes.
- **1:1 Careers interviews with the MLP careers advisor:** these are available to all students and are already underway. Students have been given the opportunity, via tutors, to self-refer for appointments and all students will be seen in due course. To help catch up from lockdown we are also offering appointments in pairs. This is a valuable experience and one which I would encourage your child to take full advantage of.

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- **CV and personal statement writing and feedback:** students will be writing CVs and personal statements in PSHE lessons and tutor times. We are very fortunate that we have a range of companies who have offered to check these CVs and provide feedback to all students in addition to school feedback. In order for them to be forwarded to companies, students will be asked to send completed CVs to Mrs Wells: ewells@wyvernsted.org.
- **Mock interview day:** 1:1 interviews with volunteers from work and education sectors were originally planned for October 21st. We have delayed this event until such time as guidance allows us to run it safely. We are also considering alternatives and will update you in due course. Meanwhile, students will learn about interview techniques in PSHE and tutor time, with opportunities to practise ahead of post-16 interviews.
- **NAW/NCW (National Apprenticeship week/National Careers week):** these national events take place in February and arch respectively. Students will have careers linked lessons during this time, have speakers to bring careers to life and be able to explore where different subjects can take them in the future.

If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely

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POST 16 PROVIDER OPEN EVENT DATES

Please be aware that events may have to change at short notice if restrictions are changed. Please check provider websites for updates.

Provider	Date(s)	Time	Other details
S6C	Wednesday 21st October Wednesday 25th November	4pm – 7pm	Virtual events; register online https://www.salisbury6c.ac.uk/study-with-us/open-evenings/
Sarum Academy	Thursday 8th October Monday 30th November	6pm 5.30pm	Online event. Please join using this link on the day: https://bit.ly/3iUQ5c
Wiltshire College	7 th October 8 th October 15 th October	5pm – 7pm 5pm – 7pm 5pm – 7pm	Open events will be held virtually. You need to register an interest online via the website: https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/
Wiltshire College - Lackham only	14th October: Land based studies	5pm-7pm	Virtual Open Event. Book online: https://bit.ly/3cE3xyS
South Wilts Sixth Form	Wednesday 4 November: STEM faculty Tuesday 1 December: Humanities and MFL faculty Thursday 3 December: Creative faculty	TBC	Virtual events with online booking via the website: www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk
Bishops Sixth Form	Friday 25th September Monday 12th October Tuesday 3rd November Thursday 5th November Tuesday 10th November	2.30 2.30pm 9.15am 5pm – 7.30pm 5pm – 7pm	Taking place on site if guidance allows. See website for updates and the recorded webinar from 25 th September: https://www.bishopwordsworths.org.uk/sixth-form/
Burgate Sixth Form			Check website for updates: https://www.theburgate.com/
Andover College	On-demand event to be launched soon. Virtual open events on: 17 th November	N/A	Pre-register your interest here: https://www.andover.ac.uk/open-events/
Sparsholt College	On-demand event to be launched soon	N/A	Pre-register your interest here: https://www.andover.ac.uk/open-events/
Peter Symonds College	Tuesday 20th October Wednesday 21 st October	5.30 – 8.30pm	Virtual open evenings, register online via their website: www.psc.ac.uk
Brockenhurst	Saturday 10 th October Monday 19 th October Saturday 14 th November + more dates will be added later on	9.30 am – 3pm 4pm – 8.30pm 9.30 am – 3pm	In person at the campus but you need to register online: https://www.brock.ac.uk/

It is recommended that you attend Open Events of any places that you are considering applying to. Many may also be able to organise tours; please contact the providers directly to arrange.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Provider	Date
S6C	Sunday 31 st January 2010
Sarum Academy	No set deadline but applications received by the end of November will be guaranteed a place on their choice of course(s).
Wiltshire College	Applications open early / mid October. There is no set deadline but students are advised to submit their applications as early as they can.
South Wilts Sixth Form	Monday 1 st February 2021
Bishops Sixth Form	Friday 5 th February 2021
Burgate Sixth Form	Friday 4 th December 2020
Andover College	Ideally by Christmas. They will accept applications later but be aware, some courses may be full.
Sparsholt College	Ideally by Christmas. They will accept applications later but be aware, some courses may be full.
Peter Symonds	Monday 14 th December 2020
Brockenhurst	No official deadline. However, this year, courses reached capacity due to oversubscription and those that applied late could not obtain a place on certain courses. Therefore, they recommend to apply early to avoid disappointment as they prioritise by date of application.
Barton Peveril	Friday 19 th February 2021