

November 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Taking the next steps – preparing for Post 16

We are delighted to be able to provide details of how your son/daughter will be supported with his/her Post-16 choices over the coming months. A key event is the Post 16 Open evening, outlined below, but there are a number of other important dates that we would like you to be aware of:

- The Academy hosted a post 16 choices event for all year 11 students on Wednesday 12 October where a number of local employers as well as colleges, universities and reps from HM Forces were represented.
- Before October half term – all students have been given a “Post 16 destinations booklet” that outlines the subjects on offer at St Neots Sixth Form Centre and the entry requirements. Also in the booklet is information about applying outside of St Neots, for example to a Regional College. Form tutors will be working closely with your son/daughters on their Post 16 choices and would be happy to answer any questions that you might have.
- Trial examinations begin on Monday 28 November and will provide an indication of how students might perform in the summer examinations; this will help to guide choices about Post 16 options.
- On Wednesday 18 January 2017 you are invited to Year 11 parent’s evening which will provide a great opportunity to find out about your son/daughter’s progress.
- In January, final “Destinations” interviews will take place at both Academies to secure the intentions of each learner across the St. Neots Learning Partnership. Parental attendance is vital at these meetings wherever possible.

The majority of Year 11 students have traditionally made the decision to continue their education post-16 within the town; the creation of the St Neots Sixth Form Centre will, we hope, make this even more likely. In order to inform students and parents about the courses on offer at St Neots Sixth Form Centre, all Year 11 students will shortly be issued with the ‘Sixth Form Prospectus 2016’. This will be followed by the **‘Post 16 Open Evening’ on Wednesday 16 November 2016** which will give both parents and students the opportunity to talk directly to subject staff. Each subject that you read about in the ‘Sixth Form Prospectus 2016’ will be represented on the evening and you will also be able to talk to current Year 12 students, who will be happy to answer questions. The evening will run from 6.00 – 8.30 pm and **will be held at the Longsands campus.**

The evening will be organised into two parts: firstly, a short presentation will be given regarding the issues surrounding entry to Year 12. After this, parents and students are encouraged to visit the subject display area to gather information about particular subjects. A map will be available on the night.

In order to ensure that you will have enough time to talk to staff, the evening will be divided as follows:
6.20 pm: surnames A–M to the Ritchie Hall for a presentation. 6.40 pm (approx): to visit display areas.
7.00 pm: surnames N–Z to the Ritchie Hall for a presentation. 7.20 pm (approx): to visit display areas.

Please complete the slip below and return it to your son/daughter’s form tutor.
We look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Yours sincerely



Mrs N Andrews
Head of 16 – 19



Mr M Taylor
Senior Assistant Headteacher, 16-19

To: KS5 team via the Form Tutor

Student's Name **Tutor Group**

We will be attending the 'Post 16 Open Evening'

We will not be attending the 'Post 16 Open Evening'

Signed **Parent/Carer**

Date