

Frequently asked questions Year 11

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YEAR 11 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHOICES AFTER YEAR 11

- 1. I am receiving pressure from colleges and sixth forms to accept my place. What should I do?**

All colleges and sixth forms will prompt you for a decision even if they have only offered you a conditional offer. It just pays to be honest and say that you have not made a decision yet. You need not make a decision until your results come out.

- 2. How will I hear from colleges and sixth forms once I have applied?**

Some colleges and sixth forms will just email you, others will send you a link via this email to a portal on their website. This portal belongs to you. You can send messages to them, book interviews etc. Make sure you keep in contact with them so that you can find out what is happening and whether there are any changes with your application or interview arrangements.

3. How will I be interviewed?

This will depend on the college or sixth form. Some will just offer you a place without an interview some will insist on a telephone interview or a teams or zoom interview on line. Some may wait until they are open again to invite you in when they can.

4. What questions am I likely to be asked?

You will be informed about the course first and once this is done you will probably be asked why you want to do the course. It is important that you have some good answers. For example: I have some experience in this and I enjoy the subject area. I like particular parts of the syllabus eg. I am intending to follow this area as a career. You could also go on to the National Careers Service website, look up the career you are interested in and there is a section on What the job is and what skills and knowledge they are looking for: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers>

5. When should I start looking for an apprenticeship?

You should be looking now. Make sure you have got a CV and skeleton letter of application written. Send it to me if you want me to look at it before you send it. You should have access to a recorded power point I have written on apprenticeships. Remember to have a back up plan just in case you don't find a suitable apprenticeship.

6. What are employers looking for?

They need you to show enthusiasm for the work.

You should show that you are different and interesting in some way.

You should make sure you have researched a company, college or sixth form so that have some knowledge about them, it shows interest in their establishment.

They are looking for obvious things like hard work, punctuality etc but they will also be looking for your ability to use your initiative, be willing to be part of a team etc.

7. What can I expect from College/6th form?

Most college courses if they are vocational (ie related to a career) are three days a week. On the last two days you will be either doing English and Maths if you have not obtained at least a 4 at GCSE or will be involved in work experience. The college will help you look for this. If you are following an A level programme, (three subjects not careers) then you will most probably be attending for five days a week. You will have 'free' time in which you are expected to study. All 6th form courses are five days a week. Again you have free time but it is expected that you will be on site during this time to study. Many sixth forms allow you to study at home once you have entered Year 13.

8. What is Kickstart?

This is a travel option offered to students who might have problems getting to college or sixth form. They rent out mopeds to young people. Here is the site: <https://www.kickstartmopeds.org.uk/>

9. How can the post 16 transport scheme help me?

This is where you can get help with transport funding. You can apply to help with payment by issuing a pass to you. Also on this website is information about routes to college and sixth form so you can see if there are any buses to and from them to your home: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-and-college-transport/post16-travel-scheme>