



Dear Parents/carers,

I am writing to you with an update on the careers support for year 10.

The year 11's have now finished their exams and had their 'leavers' day.

Now our attention turns to year 10 and making sure they are fully aware and informed of their choices for life after they have finished their GCSE's.

I have been speaking to some students about what their thoughts are about life after GCSE's. The general consensus is that this is 'a year away and that is plenty of time to make decisions'. The stark reality is this is not the correct time scale and the decision making process starts now. Whatever the destination will be (sixth form, college, apprenticeship provider etc), almost all applications will need to have been submitted by Christmas 2019.

We will support the students fully throughout the decision making process. There will be plenty of opportunity for information gathering, application support and careers advice.

This half term we offer the following opportunities to all students.

Monday 15th July – 7pm. I would like to invite you to a Post 16 information event. This event is run for both students and parents. The evening will consist of a 30 min presentation from our careers partners (Adviza) as well as present the opportunity to ask any questions. All aspects of post 16 life will be covered from A-levels to apprenticeships, from Btec's to work related learning. The evening will be overseen by Miss Cairns with tutors present, so also presents an opportunity for you to chat to tutors / Year Leader as well. It is scheduled to end at 20:00. Please return the reply slip below to the tutor to confirm the number of seats required. Alternatively if your child is on work experience please e-mail me directly at smaskell@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk to confirm attendance.

START – every student in year 10 will be given the opportunity to sign up for and develop a START profile. This is an on-line careers tracking tool (find out more: <https://www.startprofile.com/about-start>) which students can use to help get ideas as to what options exist after GCSE's. As students progress throughout the year, they can update their profile, add in new information and be given up to date advice about live vacancies, local labour market information and contact details for colleges, sixth forms etc. There is a supporting App so students can update from their phones too.

The year 10 students have just completed their end of year exams. The results will be released next week. This should give a real strong indication as to current academic position. This information will be very useful in terms of realising post 16 ambitions. I would urge all students (and parents/carers) to start to engage in the process of starting to think about what will happen at the end of yr 11. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Maskell (careers lead)

Reply slip:

Please return the reply slip to your child's tutor.



Name of student:

Tutor group:

[] I would like to attend the Post 16 information event on 15th July at 7pm in the main hall, and require [] number of chairs.

Signed:

Date: