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Career Guidance

Dear Blaise Families,

It was fantastic to see so many students and families at our Post-16 Options Event on Thursday 17th October. The enthusiasm in the room was brilliant, with students engaging in thoughtful conversations, exploring their options, and listening attentively to the talk from Cardiff University. It's clear that many students are already taking their future seriously, and several students are also beginning their applications.

As your child moves forward in making important decisions about their next steps, we want to ensure they feel confident and well-supported throughout the process. Whether they are considering A-levels, T-levels, apprenticeships, or vocational courses such as BTECs and diplomas, there is a range of exciting opportunities available to them.

Each Year 11 student will have a one to one careers guidance session during the academic year with our Independent Careers Advisor, Steve Newman. Steve is a registered member of the Careers Development Institute and his sessions will give students the opportunity to discuss their Post 16 options and assist them with a plan to move forward into Year 12 and their progression pathway(s).

Students will be emailed a summary of their session with an action plan. This provides them with websites and links relating to their Post 16 options and future plans.

To help you support your student, information about Post 16 Providers including their open events, is available on our school website:

<https://www.blaisehighschool.co.uk/students/careers-guidance/careers-information>

Scroll to the bottom under **Useful Information**:

Post 16 Provider Open Events 2024/25

Post 16 Options

Post 16 Providers in Bristol and surrounding areas

Career Information Websites

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As parents and carers, your guidance and encouragement can play a vital role in helping your child navigate this process. Here are some ways you can support them during this time:

1. **Discuss their interests and strengths:** Talking with your child about their career goals, favourite subjects, and hobbies can help them focus on post-16 options that best suit their strengths and aspirations.
2. **Speak to your child about what they found out at the Post-16 Options Event** which was held on **Thursday, 19th October**.
3. **Research local and national options:** There are a variety of local providers, such as SGS College and St. Bede's Sixth Form, which offer different types of qualifications. Encouraging your child to research these providers, attend open days, and speak to careers advisors can give them a clearer picture of what might suit them best.
4. **Help them stay organised:** The application process can be demanding, and deadlines may vary between different institutions and programs. Encourage your child to stay on top of these dates and to take time to prepare strong applications.

Applications for Post 16 provisions can usually be completed online by following the links on the different provider websites. **It is best to apply for courses by the end of Unit 1, before Christmas, especially A Levels.** However, many places will accept applications for other courses throughout the academic year.

Please get in touch if you would like more information relating to careers guidance and your student's transition from Year 11 to Year 12. You can email our career advisor, newmans@blaisehighschool.co.uk or contact me at woodlandj@blaisehighschool.co.uk. You can also speak with Sean Leese, Head of Year 11.

Yours faithfully,



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