



5th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Post-16 Introduction for Year 10

In the summer term, some post-16 centres offer Year 10 the opportunity to attend a Taster Day to find out more about courses and their establishments. Ely College aims to support students to gain the best outcomes from their GCSEs and also secure the most appropriate place at a post-16 centre when they leave us. In light of the government's unlocking roadmap, we are optimistic about many of these taster days proceeding. All providers will only go ahead with these events if they can do so in a safe way for all students and staff.

While September 2022 might seem a long time away, the reality is that current Year 10 students need to have finalised their applications to post-16 centres by Mid December 2021 and so it is good to start getting a feel for what and where students may wish to study. Towards the end of the summer term, Year 10 will be introduced to the online system which is where they can find out about courses and make applications. In the autumn term of Year 11 there will be a Post-16 Evening at the college and lots of information about Open Evenings and support in college to make appropriate applications. We would like all Year 10 students to have contact with at least one, but preferably two post-16 centres.

With this in mind, all Year 10 students will attend a Post-16 Experience morning or afternoon at Bishop Laney Sixth Form on 2nd July. Further details will follow but the experience session will include a selection of subject tasters, an overview of the process timeline and how it works, an opportunity to discuss Sixth Form life with current post-16 students and information about the careers progression and enrichment opportunities you should expect in your time at Sixth Form.

There are also Taster Days at the following post-16 centres:

Cambridge Regional College	Taster Day	23 rd June
College of West Anglia, Cambridge	Taster Day	25 th June

We currently have information from Cambridge Regional College about booking onto their Taster Day and I have attached this separately. When information comes through for the others, this will be forwarded to you. For all of these dates, students will be expected to make their own way there. If you have any issues with this, please let me know. Students are not required to wear school uniform on these Taster Days and will be asked to take face masks, in line with the government guidelines.

Should your child wish to sign up for the CRC Taster Day, please complete the booking form and return directly to me or Miss S Norman or email the completed form. Students should select one choice of subject and then one alternative. It is important to list any special needs, health issues, medical conditions or accessibility requirements on the form, too. The deadline for the forms to be returned is 24th May.

Yours faithfully

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