

Further support

In College

- Mrs Mustill, Mrs Calver, Miss Norman and Mrs Young will be helping you with the application process. Mrs Young will be providing information in PSHE lessons, Mrs Calver will be able to answer questions and direct you to help from the Seacole House Office and Miss Norman offers careers advice. Mrs Mustill will be delivering assemblies and advising on the overall process
- Prospectuses have been distributed but please ask if you have missed one
- Talk to your Form Tutor, Senior Tutor or Subject Teacher of the courses you're interested in
- There are noticeboards next to Needhams Hall and the Drama Studio with useful posters and information
- Visiting the post-16 centres you are considering applying to is difficult at the moment, but lots of them are offering virtual events. Keep up-to-date with their events by accessing their websites and social media updates.

Websites

All post-16 centres have their own website which include courses, entry criteria and some have career manager tools too which you might find useful

<http://www.youthoria.org/>

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

<https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in>

<http://www.mychoice16.co.uk>



Post-16 Progression 2021-22

A guide to support the application process



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Overview of the process

Students will be directed and supported in College to complete appropriate applications by the deadline of **Wednesday 15th December**. However, most students will need to be able to work on these applications at home too. Multiple applications can be made and we actively encourage students to have a back up choice. They should also make at least one application for courses that their forecast grades suggest that they will meet the entry requirements for. Student guidance meetings will take place in the spring term and students should receive and accept offers in the summer term. Students can hold more than one offer. Welcome events are offered for some courses in the summer and enrolment occurs after GCSE results are published in August 2022

Apprenticeships

As an apprentice, you will be learning, working and earning. There are different levels, sectors and schemes and it is important that you apply for an apprenticeship position that you are qualified for and that suits you. It can be done through a post-16 centre or directly through a business. Either way, there should be an element of training included. It is your responsibility to find an employee to support you through your chosen apprenticeship. One of the ways in which you can do this is by signing up for notifications on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> You could also look at websites of particular companies or post-16 centres. All students considering the apprenticeship option should also apply for a full time course so that they have a backup option.

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Post-16 Events

Post-16 Centre	Event	Date	Time
Bishop Laney Sixth Form	Open Evening	Wed 20th Oct	6pm
More information to follow. To learn more about Bishop Laney Sixth Form please visit <i>https://www.elycollege.com/page/?title=Sixth+Form&pid=10</i>			
Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology	Open Evening	Tues 21st Sept	
	Open Evening	Wed 22nd Sept	
	Open Evening	Wed 3rd Nov	
Register interest online at <i>https://cast.education/events</i>			
Cambridge Regional College (Cambridge)	Open Evening	Tues 14th Sept	4.30pm-7.00pm
	Open Evening	Wed 13th Oct	4.30pm-7.00pm
	Open Day	Sat 20th Nov	9.30am-12.30pm
Register online at <i>https://www.camre.ac.uk/about/events/open-days/</i>			
College of West Anglia (Milton)	Open Day	Sat 6th Nov	9.30am-12.30pm
Register online at <i>https://cwa.ac.uk/about/open-days</i>			
Hills Road Sixth Form College	Open Day	Sat 4th Sept	10.00am-4.00pm
	Open Evening	Mon 6th Sept	5.00pm-8.00pm
These events have already taken place. For more information about Hills Road please visit			
Impington International College	Open Evening	Thurs 21st Oct	4.45pm – 8pm
Register online at <i>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/impington-international-college-open-evening-2022-entry-tickets-170263640131</i>			
Long Road Sixth Form College	Open Evening	Tues 28th Sept	4.00pm-8.00pm
	Open Evening	Wed 29th Sept	4.00pm-8.00pm
Parkside Sixth	For more information please visit <i>http://parksidesixth.education/events/</i>		
The Oakes College	Open Evening	Tues 12th Oct	6.00pm-8.30pm
No booking necessary, visit <i>https://oakescc.org/open-evening-2021/</i> for more information			

MyChoice16

This is the website you will use to apply for post-16 courses. Please login to <https://www.mychoice16.co.uk/> Your user name and password will be sent to your school email address.

The following sections of your profile will need completing You should click save and update template after completing each

Personal Details - Check that what has been entered is correct. This has been pre-populated from data we have on our College system. If anything is wrong, please correct it.

Parental Information – Enter your parent / carer / guardian’s details

Work Experience – Add the details of any volunteering, virtual Work Experience or part time job

Personal Statement – This section gives you an opportunity to promote yourself and your achievements. There is further guidance on this in the booklet

Equality and Diversity – Please answer the three questions using the options provided. You can ‘prefer not to say’

You can begin to use the search function of the website. This allows you to see the different courses that post-16 centres have on offer. You can search with key words or by provider, sector or qualification. You will be able to ‘favourite’ the courses you like the look of. It is very important that you consider the entry requirements. Use your current forecast grades as a guide, but remember that these may change before your applications are made. There will be a Qualifications section on your profile where your forecast grades will be uploaded centrally.

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Applying to post-16 centres

There are three important stages:

1. Completing the profile – this will include personal details, parental information, work experience and equality and diversity. Any GCSEs you have already taken will be uploaded as part of the qualifications section for you and the others will be forecast grades made by your subject teachers. Your reference will be written by your form tutor

2. Writing your Personal Statement – you will be given guidance in PSHE to help you to do this

3. Applying for the courses you would like to study – You will be able to search for these on both the application website and individual College prospectuses and websites. You will need to consider the type of course (A Level or vocational, for example), the level of study and the entry requirements or grades that you need to achieve

Personal Statement

Your PS is your chance to make the establishment you are applying to want you!

- The course – explain why you are applying, why it interests you, why you think you are suitable, how your current studies relate to the course
- Skills and achievements – write about anything you are proud of passing, include any awards you have done and add any positions of responsibility you have held
- Hobbies and interests – explain how these show your skills and abilities and try to link them to those that you might need on your course
- Career plans – let the provider know what you might like to do in the future and why the course might help you

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