

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Year 11 Careers Interviews**

I am the Midland Academies Trust Careers and Employability Manager- Debbie Partridge and I work with Caroline Denny our Careers Advisor to support your child with their Post 16 career plans. We will be interviewing all Year 11 pupils at school to offer them impartial information, advice, and guidance on their options after leaving school in June 2023. Each pupil will have an action plan produced within the interview which we recommend you look at so you can support your child in making the best decisions. We also have a Careers Charter in all our schools to support high quality careers advice, guidance and experiences for all pupils.

As you may be aware the Government has changed the rules about leaving school and each student now has to stay in some form of education or training until the academic year, they turn 18 so making good, informed decisions is more important than ever.

We will be providing our pupils with lists of local open days for all local Colleges and Sixth Forms which start anytime from October onwards and we would encourage both yourselves and your child to attend to have a look around at local provision before making any big decisions.

Online applications to providers through the institution's own websites will then start from Oct/Nov 2022 onwards (usually after open evenings have taken place) and we are going to be encouraging all students to complete this task before the end of January 2023 if possible – if your child needs support to complete applications either contact myself or your child can speak to their form tutor. Interviews for colleges and sixth form then take place from January 2023 onwards and these normally take place before exams season starts.

We are also keen to involve parents in this process as making choices can often seem daunting to both students and parents. We are keen to meet up with parents and this can be done ***in school time or after the school day ends, please contact me to arrange an appointment.*** We will also be available to speak to you at school parent's evenings.

If you would like to take up this opportunity to arrange an appointment, simply ring me on **02476 243039** or contact me by email at [careers@MidlandAT.co.uk](mailto:careers@MidlandAT.co.uk) to book an appointment.

We look forward to supporting your child with their career ideas and Post 16 plans,

Yours faithfully,

**D.Partridge**  
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