



Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

September 2021

Dear parent/carer,

Year 11 – Options Post 16

As I am sure you are aware, the next year is a very important time for your daughter or son at St Joseph's School. Not only will they be sitting their GCSE qualifications, but they will also need to be looking ahead and exploring their future career paths and post-16 options.

Mrs Glover (our independent careers adviser) and I are both available to give support, information, advice and guidance in school. Every pupil will be offered a 1:1 guidance interview and they can access the drop-in sessions available every Monday and Tuesday at lunchtimes in the careers area. However, it is also important that your daughter or son realise that they also need to play a pro-active and responsible part in this process.

As you may well be aware, the Government has increased the age to which all young people in England must continue in education or training, requiring them to continue until the end of the academic year in which they turn 18. This does not necessarily mean staying in school; young people have a choice about how they continue in education or training post-16, which could be through:

- full-time study in a school, college or with a training provider
- full-time work or volunteering combined with part-time education or training
- an apprenticeship

We strongly recommend that pupils attend College and 6th Form open days/evenings. This will enable them to find out much more about course content, look at the facilities, speak to tutors in person and find out the destinations and outcomes of previous pupils. We also advise pupils to consider the distance and time they could be travelling and the impact that this could have on their studies. We are enclosing a list of college/6th form open evening events for your information and recommend that pupils apply to more than one provider as a back-up.

Due to lockdown, we were unable to host our Parent/carer/pupil Information Session on Post-16 Options in July. This presentation has now been recorded and is available to watch through the Careers Portal on the school website under Next Steps: Post-16 Options. It contains all the information and advice you will need in deciding on Post-16 Options. <https://sjcs.org.uk/careers-portal/>



Unfortunately, due to the current situation, some Colleges/6th Forms are only offering virtual tours. It is important that you pre-book if attending an open day/evening by using the college/6th form on-line booking system if stated.

A list of career events would normally be enclosed, but unfortunately, we are unable to provide a list of careers events at present. Rest assured, your daughter or son will receive careers information through PSHE lessons and also through our independent careers adviser as we receive it. As and when we are able to offer visits or visitors into school to talk about the various career options, we will let you know. This information will also be placed on the school website in the Careers Portal.

Our advice is that if your daughter or son is offered a place, they should accept and keep their options open. Pupils can apply to as many colleges and 6th forms as they wish; there is no commitment to attend any college or 6th form until they formally enrol; this is generally after they receive their GCSE results in August. Most colleges/6th forms will invite applicants in for an interview in the summer term, but not all do this.

Apprenticeships offer an alternative to further education and we run workshops on these routes early in 2022. For details about all post 16 options please look at Careerpivot/Parent Zone which is accessible from the school website.

We hope that by working together we can support your child on their journey beyond St Joseph's School to ensure that they make the right choices. If you have any questions relating to post 16 options, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Fenwick
Careers Co-coordinator

College & 6th Form Open Days 2021/22

Please call to confirm times and dates as they may be subject to change. Correct as at 17 Sep 21

Andover College - 01264 360000

<https://www.andover.ac.uk/open-events/> - Registration is required

Tuesday 28 September 2021 4:30 - 7:30pm

Wednesday 29 September 2021 4:30 - 7:30pm

Tuesday 16 November 2021 4:30 - 7:30pm

Thursday 10 February 2022 4:30 - 7:30pm

Wednesday 11 May 2022 4:30 - 7:30pm

Thursday 30 June 2022 4:30 - 7:30pm

Bishops Wordsworth Sixth Form - 01722 333851

<https://www.bishopwordsworths.org.uk/sixth-form/how-to-apply/open-days-and-evenings/>

Please Register your interest through the link given above

Application deadline - 31 January 2022 4pm TBC

Friday 24 September 2021 2.15pm

Monday 11 October 2021 2.15pm

Tuesday 2 November 2021 9.15am

Thursday 4 November 2021 5.00pm - 7.30pm at BWS for all subjects

Tuesday 9 November 2021 - 6.30pm Webinar for those interested in Sciences

Thursday 11 November 2021 - 6.30pm Webinar for those interested in Arts & Humanities

Brockenhurst College - 01590 625555

<https://www.brock.ac.uk/calendar-category/events/> - Book online

Saturday 9 October 2021 9.30am - 12.30pm

Thursday 21 October 2021 4.00pm - 8.00pm

Saturday 6 November 2021 - 9.30am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 4 May 2022 - 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Thursday 25 November 2021 4.00pm - 7.00pm @ Marchwood (Marine & Construction)

Thursday 31 March 2022 4.00pm - 7.00pm @ Marchwood (Marine & Construction)

Burgate Sixth Form - 01425 652039

<https://www.theburgate.com/sixth-form-home>

TBC

Peter Symonds College - 01962 857500

Booking is required. From Monday 13th September students can book their tickets via our

website: www.psc.ac.uk/open

Application deadline - Monday 13th December 2021

Monday 18 October 2021 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday 19 October 2021 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Salisbury 6th Form College - 01722 597970

Booking through Eventbrite will be required - Programme will be published on S6C website soon

Application window opens on 1st October.

See website for details: <https://www.salisbury6c.ac.uk/>

Application deadline - 31st January 2022

Wednesday 13 October 2021 - 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Tuesday 23 November - 5.30pm - 7.30pm

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Sarum Academy Sixth Form - 01722 323431

<https://www.sarumacademy.org/sixth-form-transition>

Thursday 7 October 2021 4.30pm - 6.30pm

South Wilts Sixth Form - 01722 323326

<https://www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk/sixth-form-2/events-dates/>

Booking is required at above link

Application deadline - Tuesday 1 February 2022

Wednesday 20 October 2021 from 1.00pm - 3.30pm

Thursday 4 November 2021 1.00pm - 3.30pm

November 2021 Open Evening - Date coming soon

Sparsholt College - 01962 797395

<https://www.sparsholt.ac.uk/opendays/>

REGISTER NOW BY CLICKING YOUR PREFERRED SUBJECT USING THE ABOVE LINK

Saturday 9 October 2021

Totton College- 02380 874874

<https://www.totton.ac.uk/events/> - Booking is required

Saturday 25 September 2021 10.00am - 12.00pm

The Wellington Academy - 01264 405060

<https://www.thewellingtonacademy.org.uk/>

[Wellington Academy 6th Form Virtual - YouTube](#)

Thursday 4 November 2021 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Wiltshire College (Salisbury campus) - 01722 344344

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/events> - Booking is required

Wednesday 13 October 2021 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Saturday 20 November 2021 10.00am - 12.00pm

Chippenham

Wednesday 6 October 2021 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Saturday 6 November 2021 10.00am - 12.00pm

Lackham Campus

Thursday 7 October 2021 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Saturday 13 November 2021 10.00am - 12.00pm

Trowbridge

Thursday 14 October 2021 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Saturday 27 November 2021 10.00am - 12.00pm