



LONGDENDALE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

As your child moves towards the end of their time in year 10 at Longdendale High School, we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some careers and education information so that you can start to think about future choices and getting prepared for year 11.

Choices for after year 11

As your child approaches year 11 it is important for them to start thinking early about their progression onto one of the following:

Full time vocational (practical) course at college

or

Full time A level (academic) courses at college

or

An apprenticeship/ work based learning programme

The Education & Skills Act says that young people have to stay in education or training until they are 18. What your child does after year 11 will affect how much child benefit and tax credits parents/carers receive. If your daughter/son decides not to go to college or do a validated training course then your child benefit and tax credits for that child will stop. Child benefit and tax credits for that child will also stop if they start an apprenticeship. Students have already been given a booklet called 'Life After Longdendale' with information about their post-16 options.

Work experience opportunities now form an integral part of post 16 study programmes and provide students with a valuable experience of the work environment and develop their employability skills. Work experience placements are no longer organised through secondary schools. Any students wanting further information on work experience should see Mrs Ayre.

Help for your child to prepare for their future

In year 10 and 11 all students can drop in to see a Career Adviser on Thursday and Friday break and lunch times to talk about their plans, to ask questions and to get help. All students will be offered a career interview in year 10 and/or year 11.

All year 10 students have already visited the Choices event and had opportunity to attend an apprenticeship event in school. Students will also complete a mock job application and take part in a mock job interview later this month. At the beginning of October school will host our annual Futures Roadshow for students and parents to find out more

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information about post 16 options. In year 11 all students and parents will also get an individual information and guidance appointment with a member of our Senior Leadership Team.

Advice for parents

As a parent/carer you can also come into school to see the Career Adviser after 2.50pm on Thursdays or Fridays. To arrange this, please contact school on a Thursday or Friday and ask to speak to the Career Adviser.

College Information

In September we will send you a list of colleges in the Greater Manchester area, with information about the closing date for applications and Open Day dates. You can also find this information yourself by checking college websites.

Apprenticeship information

Our Career Adviser will run workshops from December – March to support students who wish to apply for apprenticeships. Apprenticeships are very competitive, so we advise all students to do at least one college application, even if they think they may not go to college. They do not have to take up the offer, but it is then there as a backup.

We have further information about careers and future choices on our School website under the 'Information' tab. Please feel free to get in touch via phone or email if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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