



“Success For All”

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Supporting Your Child's Future – Year 11 Careers Programme

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family have had a lovely summer and positive start to the new school year.

Most of you know me but I wanted to introduce myself again as we look to the year ahead for our Y11 pupils. My name is Sarah Timberley, I am NLC's Careers Adviser. I am looking forward to working with our Year 11 students as they begin making some exciting decisions about their next steps after school.

Year 11 is a significant and often fast-paced year. Alongside preparing for examinations, students will be exploring a range of opportunities for their future, including college, sixth form, apprenticeships, training, and career pathways. My role is to support them throughout this journey, helping them feel informed, confident, and ambitious about the opportunities available to them.

As part of our careers programme, every Year 11 student will have a one-to-one Careers Guidance Meeting with me during the academic year. These personalised meetings provide dedicated time for students to discuss their interests, strengths, aspirations, and any questions or concerns they may have about their future.

During these conversations, we will:

- Explore career interests and ambitions.
- Discuss post-16 options, including colleges, sixth forms, apprenticeships, and training providers.
- Review entry requirements and application processes.
- Consider the pathways that best match each student's strengths and goals.
- Develop clear action plans for their next steps.
- Build confidence in making informed decisions about their future.

The guidance provided is independent, impartial, and tailored to the needs of each individual student.

Throughout the year, students will also have access to a wide range of careers and employability activities designed to broaden their horizons and inspire future ambitions. These include:

- Mock Interview Days
- Careers Fairs
- Aspirations and Progression Events
- Meet the Colleges Events

- Parents' Evenings featuring Colleges and Training Providers
- Apprenticeship Academy Sessions
- Employer talks and encounters
- Skills and employability workshops
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These experiences help students gain first-hand insight into the world of work, further education, and training opportunities, enabling them to make well-informed decisions about their future.

We would strongly encourage families to attend college and sixth form open events over the coming months to build on the taster visits we completed in Year 10. Visiting different providers is one of the best ways for young people to understand the courses, facilities, support services, and opportunities available to them. Information regarding local open evenings, application windows, and important deadlines will be communicated throughout the year as well as being available on the college websites.

Students can also access a wealth of careers information through the Careers section of the school website, where families will find useful resources, guidance, key dates, labour market information, links to colleges and training providers, and updates on upcoming careers events. In addition, all students have access to Unifrog, an excellent online careers platform that supports them in planning their future.

Through Unifrog, students can:

- Research hundreds of careers and education pathways.
- Explore labour market information and future employment trends.
- Compare colleges, sixth forms, universities, and apprenticeship opportunities.
- Create and store CVs and personal statements.
- Record achievements and experiences.
- Access information about applications and progression routes.
- Discover careers they may never have considered before.

We encourage parents and carers to ask their child to show them what they are exploring on Unifrog and to use it as a starting point for conversations about future aspirations. I will also shortly be providing information regarding Parent Unifrog accounts where you will be able to access your child's unifrog account as well.

Alongside careers events and individual guidance meetings, students will continue to develop their knowledge and skills through our programme of Thrive lessons, covering topics such as:

- Exploring career pathways and opportunities
- Understanding apprenticeships and technical education routes
- College and sixth form applications
- CV writing and employability skills
- Interview preparation
- Goal setting and future planning
- Understanding local and national labour market trends
- Developing confidence, resilience, and decision-making skills

To complement the above there will also be lunchtime and after school drop in sessions for application support and careers advice.

By combining careers education, encounters with employers and providers, online resources, and personalised guidance, we aim to ensure that every student leaves Year 11 with a clear plan and the confidence to take their next step successfully.

Parents and carers play a hugely important role in helping young people make decisions about their future, and we value your support throughout this process. We look forward to working in partnership with you to help every student achieve their ambitions and realise their potential. If you have any questions regarding careers guidance, post-16 applications, apprenticeships, or progression routes, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to meeting many of you at our upcoming events throughout the year.

Kind regards,



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Key Year 11 Careers and Progression Dates

We have already planned several exciting opportunities for students and families to explore post-16 pathways, develop employability skills, and engage with employers and education providers.

1st October 2026 - John Smith's Stadium "Inspire Your Future" Event – External Parents & Pupils (tickets via CK Careers)

4:30pm - 7:30pm

A large-scale careers and progression event bringing together employers, colleges, universities, training providers, and apprenticeships. This is an excellent opportunity for students and families to explore a wide range of career sectors and future opportunities.

3rd October 2026 - Greenhead College Open Day – External Parents and Pupils

9:30am - 2:30pm

An opportunity for students and parents to visit Greenhead College, explore courses, meet staff and current students, and learn more about life at one of the region's leading sixth form colleges.

10th October 2026 - Huddersfield New College (HNC) Open Day – External Parents and Pupils

9:30am - 3:00pm

Students and families can tour the campus, speak with subject teachers, attend talks, and gain valuable information about courses, enrichment opportunities, and student support.

14th October 2026 - Year 11 Parents' Progression Event – Parents and Pupils

Colleges, sixth forms, apprenticeship providers, and training organisations will be attending. This event will help students and families explore the many pathways available after Year 11 and ask questions about courses, applications, and future plans.

15th October 2026 - CMSS Sixth Form Open Evening – Parents and Pupils

3:30pm - 7:30pm

Students and families will have the opportunity to find out more about courses, enrichment opportunities, and the support available within the sixth form.

17th October 2026 - Kirklees College Open Event – External Parents and Pupils

10:30am - 12:30pm

An opportunity to explore vocational and technical pathways, meet tutors, and learn more about apprenticeships and industry-focused qualifications.

4th November 2026 - Year 11 Mock Interviews (In school during the day Pupils only)

Students will participate in realistic interview experiences with employers and business professionals, helping them build confidence, communication skills, and interview techniques.

18th November 2026 - Careers Fair (In school during the day Pupils only)

Students will meet employers, colleges, universities, apprenticeship providers, and training organisations from a variety of sectors. The event is designed to raise aspirations, broaden horizons, and support informed decision-making about future pathways.

A Reminder About Applications

Many colleges and training providers begin accepting applications during the autumn term. Students are encouraged to attend open events, research their options carefully using **Unifrog**, and submit applications well before published deadlines. Support will be available through Careers Guidance Meetings, Thrive lessons, and careers events throughout the year.

We will continue to share additional dates and opportunities as they become available. We encourage families to attend as many events as possible to help students make confident and informed choices about their future.