

18 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Careers Support

As I am sure you are aware this academic year is a very exciting and busy one and your child will need to make some decisions about their next steps in the coming months. We are fortunate to have a wide range of providers of academic and vocational training locally and would recommend that you take some time to explore all the options available and always have a first choice and a back-up plan.

Over this term your child will receive a careers guidance appointment from a qualified careers adviser to explore their post sixteen options. An electronic action plan will be produced and emailed to their academy email or personal account. Applications for sixth forms, including our own, will close around Christmas time and I would recommend that applications to college are also completed by Easter, as competitive courses will fill up quickly. Many Apprenticeship applications also go live from January 2024 for school leavers and further support will be offered next year for students wishing to explore this route. However, for further information please visit <u>www.apprenticeships.gov.uk</u>

Many providers will hold open days and below are some key dates of events you may wish to attend with your child. Please note many require booking in advance so please visit the provider website in advance:

The Bourne Academy Sixth Form

The Bourne Academy Sixth form has grown considerably since its launch. We offer a variety of both A level and BTEC courses and were recently awarded the National BTEC School of the Year award.

The majority of our 6th formers go on to university, while others have gained prestigious apprenticeships or gone into work. Year 11 students will have an information assembly about our Sixth Form on Tuesday 17 October. They will then have an opportunity to learn more about specific subjects and speak to staff at the Sixth Form Fair on the morning of Wednesday 18 October. There is an open evening for parent/carers to attend to find out more on **Wednesday 18 October from 5.30pm-6.30pm**.

Canford School

Opportunity for a scholarship place for highly academic students Saturday 7 October Open Morning - Canford School 2023

Bournemouth and Poole College

Saturday 7 October and Wednesday 18 October Open Events | Bournemouth and Poole College (thecollege.co.uk)

Brockenhurst College

Saturday 14 October and Saturday 4 November Open events | Brockenhurst College

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Kingston Maurwood College

Specialises in land based and animal care courses Sunday 15 October and Saturday 11 November College Open Events - Grow Your Career - Kingston Maurward College (kmc.ac.uk)

Ferndown Upper

Offers T-Levels in Digital Software Developer, Digital Support Services and Childcare Wednesday 8 November 6.30pm – 8.30pm <u>Homepage - Ferndown Upper School Sixth Form (fernup.dorset.sch.uk)</u>

All our students have access to a careers online platform called 'Unifrog' which has a variety of information on jobs, CV's and careers information. Students can access this from a welcome email in their Academy email account.

If you have any concerns of queries regarding your child's careers provision or if you wish to attend a careers meeting with your child , please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at <u>Vicky.woodings@thebourneacademy.com</u>

Yours sincerely,

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