

Dear Parent/Carer,

October 2025

Year 11 Pupils - The College Application Process

This week, we launched our Year 11 college assemblies, where local colleges and training providers are visiting school to speak with pupils about the range of courses and pathways available. These sessions will lead into the official launch of the college application process in October. Pupils are encouraged to submit their initial college applications before the Christmas break. Early applications are strongly advised, as many local colleges now have application deadlines and some courses become oversubscribed, with waiting lists forming in certain subject areas.

To support this process, dedicated time has been set aside each week during registration for pupils to research options and begin their applications. However, we also encourage pupils to continue this work at home. A selection of college prospectuses and information is available in school and can be taken home to support decision-making. Applications should be submitted online directly to each college or training provider. Pupils are welcome and encouraged to apply to multiple colleges and courses. Final decisions do not need to be made until after GCSE results are released in August.

For those interested in apprenticeships, we still recommend submitting college applications. Many local colleges offer apprenticeship programmes and can provide valuable support in securing placements.

To help pupils make informed choices, I will continue to arrange individual careers guidance appointments during the school day. These one-to-one sessions allow us to explore each pupil's aspirations and provide personalised advice during this important transition.

Useful Information

This year, a selection of colleges and training providers will be visiting school to speak with pupils and parents at the following events:

- **Wednesday 12th November 2025** – Year 11 'Steps to Success'
- **Thursday 27th November 2025** – College Fair.

Further details on which colleges will be attending, will be shared closer to the date.

Overleaf are details of some of our local college websites where you will find a wealth of information on courses available, entry requirements, virtual tours, pre-recorded college presentations, frequently asked questions and travel information

You will also find a table of upcoming College Open Events (attached to this email). These events are a valuable part of the research and decision-making process. Wherever possible, we strongly encourage pupils and their parents/carers to attend.

Local Colleges & Training Providers Websites:

Selby College	www.selby.ac.uk
New College Pontefract	www.ncpontefract.ac.uk
York College	www.yorkcollege.ac.uk
Askham Bryan College	www.askham-bryan.ac.uk
Bishop Burton	www.bishopburton.ac.uk
John Leggott	www.leggott.ac.uk
North Lindsay	www.northlindsey.ac.uk
Humberside Engineering Training Association	www.heta.co.uk
Club Doncaster Sports College	www.clubdoncastersportscollege.co.uk
Wakefield College, Castleford Campus	www.wakefield.ac.uk
Wyke College	www.wyke.ac.uk
CATCH	https://catchuk.org/
Doncaster College	www.don.ac.uk
Doncaster GTA	www.doncastergta.co.uk
Humber Energy Skills Training Academy	https://humberenergy.co.uk/
South Hunsley Sixth Form	https://southhunsley.org.uk/sixth-form/

Useful Websites:

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/parent-zone/all-questions/what-are-the-choices-for-my-child-at-16>
<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/career-choices-at-16>
<https://www.ucas.com/further-education/post-16-options/getting-started>
<https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/your-childs-options>
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>
www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

Should you require any further information on careers or college applications, please do not hesitate to call me on 01405 860327 or email: careers@thesnaithschool.org.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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