

Dear Parent/Carer,

October 2026

Year 11 Pupils - The College Application Process

This week, we launched our Year 11 college assemblies, with local colleges and training providers visiting the school to introduce pupils to the range of post-16 courses and pathways available on leaving school. Pupils are encouraged to submit their first applications before the Christmas break. Early applications are advised, as some courses can become oversubscribed.

Dedicated time is provided each week during registration for pupils to research options and work on applications. Pupils are also encouraged to continue this at home. Applications should be made online directly to each college or training provider, and pupils are encouraged to apply to multiple colleges and courses. Final decisions can be made after GCSE results in August.

Each Year 11 pupil has access to **Unifrog**, our online careers platform, which provides a wealth of information and guidance to support pupils with their next steps. This includes information about college courses, apprenticeships and employment opportunities, as well as a comprehensive Careers Library and careers quizzes to help pupils explore different options.

Unifrog also provides practical support with the application process, including searching for courses and apprenticeships, developing a CV, writing application letters and preparing for interviews.

<https://www.unifrog.org/> - pupils should use their school email to sign in.

To help pupils make informed careers 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 impartial 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:

- **Thursday 12th November 2026** – Year 11 'Steps to Success'
- **Thursday 26th November 2026** – 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 College	www.bishopburton.ac.uk
John Leggott College	www.leggott.ac.uk
North Lindsay College	www.northlindsey.ac.uk
Humberside Engineering Training Association	www.heta.co.uk
Club Doncaster Sports College	www.clubdoncastersportscollege.co.uk
Wakefield College, Castleford College	www.wakefield.ac.uk
Wyke College	www.wyke.ac.uk
CATCH	https://catchuk.org/
New College Doncaster	New College Doncaster
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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