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Post 16 Choices - What to do in Year 11 2023/24

The law states that Young People have to stay in education, training or employment with training, until they are 18 years of age. This does not mean staying on at school, but it does mean you need to think carefully where you go after your GCSE examinations.

The move into Post 16 is an important one and often difficult to make! There are many different options: Further education at 6th forms or Further Education establishments; Traineeship or Apprenticeship; Training at work or with a Training Provider.

You need to apply for most things that you might be interested in, at the start of term 2. If you haven't made up your mind about where you want to go, you can apply to as many establishments as you wish and decide later.

Sept/Oct	<p>Get together your CV so that you have all the details checked in order to complete any type of Application form, either hard copy or on-line.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You need to know the correct title for all your GCSEs and any other qualification you have taken/are taking, including Functional Skills.• You should have all the details of any Work Experience you have done <p>You should seek advice on your options Post 16 from your tutor, ViP teacher, Careers Adviser (Mr James), Ms Hale and online e.g. Careerpilot or National Careers Service</p> <p>The Bristol Directory containing information on all courses in the Bristol Area for September 2024</p>
Early October	<p>Look at the prospectuses for the local colleges and schools, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Redcliffe Sixth Form 0117 353 2073• City of Bristol 0117 312 5000• South Gloucestershire and Stroud College 0117 931 2121• St Brendan's College 0117 977 7766 <p>Check for open events or for other opportunities to visit and find out more. Prospectuses will be available from the LRC when they arrive. Remember that all providers have their prospectus available on their website as well.</p>
October	<p>Start revising for your mock exams next month! You will have ViP sessions on revision skills - draw up a revision timetable using Prepare it - Learn it - Test it for best results</p>

October/November	Open days/eves - visit as many as you like. Research all your options.
October-June	Continue to look at prospectuses for local Post 16 Centres and attend open evenings.
Early November	Start applying NOW! Check the closing dates, e.g. Redcliffe Sixth Form's is December 11 2023
First 2 weeks of November	'Mock exams' – sort out a revision timetable in advance (and stick to it), especially for the break between Term 1 and 2 (October)
19 October and 8 November	Redcliffe Sixth Form: open evening for students from other schools
Late November	If you are uncertain about your choices speak to your tutor or head of year about a meeting with our careers advisor.
15 and 17 January	Year 11 parents and carers evening
January	Offers will be made subject to entry criteria Look on http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk to see what kinds of opportunities are coming up. Most of what you see will be for people who can take up the posts now but it gives you a good idea of what will be available in July. You can use your post code and specify a mileage area for the search.
February	You may be called for a whole range of interviews
May	If you are thinking about getting a job with training, now is the time to start looking in local papers, social media and jobs websites.
June/July	Post-15 Induction Day. SMRT's is on the 4 July
22 August	GCSE results day Advice about post-16 courses and opportunities will be available for those with unexpected results