

Parent/Guardian Information from our Independent Careers Adviser

For you as the parent or guardian trying to support your young person, Year 11 is likely to be a turbulent year. Every student at Pathways Learning Centre has endured some difficulty in mainstream education so it may be daunting to think they are going back to an environment which caused distress and negative emotions.

Statutory guidance from the Department of Education says:

“The law requires all young people in England to continue in education or training until at least their 18th birthday.”

The same guidance also sets out the need of local authorities including:

“To secure enough suitable education and training provision to meet the reasonable needs of all young people in their area who are over compulsory school age but under 19.”

I would like to reassure you that we support to find a suitable place for every Year 11 student, and it does not necessarily have to be at a mainstream college or Sixth Form centre. We invite Post 16 providers in to school to talk about their provision. We will notify you of open days and may also be able to arrange visits to Post 16 providers for small groups or even just with you and your young person if needed, to find out more and reduce the fear of going into an unknown environment. I am also always happy to talk to you and support in any way I can to answer questions and concerns.

Year 11 students can apply for any courses of interest if they think they will get the entry requirements needed. Decisions do not need to be made until after GCSE results in August.

Check each provision for deadline dates – A Levels are usually by end of Term 2.

If you apply it will give you a chance to meet tutors, look around and find out more about the courses. If they offer you a place, it does not mean you have to accept

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