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Dear Parent/Carer

Post 16 College Open Events

Welcome back! I hope all of your sons and daughters have had a lovely break and it's been lovely to see everyone make such a positive start to the new term at Eaglewood School!

Although it may seem a long way off, now is the time to really start to think and plan for your child's next steps once they have completed their last year with us.

We have found that many students start to worry about what next year will look like, long before they actually have to leave us. We can alleviate many of these worries by discussing and planning with them early so they have a clear idea of their destination and a renewed motivation to get there.

If your child is currently in year 11, it is extremely important that they have the opportunity to visit one or more of our local further education providers. This will allow them to get a feel for the surroundings and to discuss course options. In order to help you organise this, we have listed details of all the open events at our local colleges for the upcoming term.

These visits will help them to make an informed decision about their immediate future after school and we would very much like you to go along with them to have a look at what is available. The places need to be booked in advance and this can be done online via each College's website.

We also encourage our Year 10 students to actively start thinking about their future plans and life after School. Therefore, these events are also open to current Year 10's who are welcome to attend also.

Miss Smart is The Eaglewood School Post 16 Coordinator/Careers Advisor and welcomes you to contact her for support and guidance in your child's future, including help with completion of applications.

Every young person in year 11 **MUST** have a realistic plan in place by Christmas to ensure they continue in education or training. The enclosed leaflet details the different routes open to your child for post 16 which we hope you will find useful.

If you have any queries or would like some support with this, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Smart at d.smart@eaglewoodschool.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

Mr Nigel Himmel
Headteacher

Name of Further Education Provider	Date and Time of Open Event	Website Address
Bournemouth & Poole College	Wednesday 22 nd September 2021, Open Event 4.00pm – 8.00pm	https://www.thecollege.co.uk
Wiltshire College, Salisbury Campus	TBA	http://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/salisbury-campus
Brockenhurst College	Saturday 9 th October 2021, 9.30am - 12.30pm Thursday 21 st October 2021, 4.00pm – 8.00pm Saturday 6 th November 2021, 9.30am – 12.30pm	https://www.brock.ac.uk
Totton College	Thursday 9 th September 2021, 5.30pm – 7.30pm	https://www.totton.ac.uk
Sparsholt College	Saturday 9 th October 2021, times TBA	https://www.sparsholt.ac.uk
Kingston Maurward College	Sunday 12 th September 2021 Sunday 17 th October 2021 Sunday 14 th November 2021	https://www.kmc.ac.uk

What next after GCSEs/functional skills exams?

What happens after you take your year 11 exams?

Recently the government introduced a new policy called “Raising the participation age” which means you have to stay in education or training until you are 18.

This is great news because it means you can gain qualifications and training to support your career options for FREE up to the age of 18, rather than finishing at 16 and returning to study later on as an adult and having to pay for your education.

So, what are your options.....?

Full time education

There are 2 different choices here: -

- Go to a school 6th form and study level 3 subjects – A levels or BTECs
- Go to a local 6th form college such as Brockenhurst, Totton or Bournemouth and Poole where you can study a range of qualifications – A levels (L3) and vocational course from levels 1 up to 3 in a variety of areas.

Part-Time education

If you`re working in self employment or volunteering for more than 20 hours per week, you can also study part time as well to support you in further improving your work skills. For example, doing a motor vehicle skills course on day release at college if you are working part time in a garage.

Apprenticeships

These are now a very popular option as the government are offering employers incentives to take on young apprentices.

With an apprenticeship, you work for an employer for no more than 40 hours per week and receive a wage as well as on the job training. This may also involve going and doing day release once a week at a local college or training provider. You get a qualification at the end of your apprenticeship. You can find further information at getingofar.gov.uk