

YEAR 11

Through the Super Learning Day programme all of our students have had guidance and information on education pathways, the world of work, good interview practice and CV and personal statement writing by the time they reach Year 11. Early in Year 11 our students attend assemblies delivered by the main local colleges and sixth-forms in our area, including Loreto, Xavarian, Trafford College and Manchester College. These institutions are also invited to all Welcome, Information and Parents' Evening events across Key Stage 4. We also share information from other education providers, including a comprehensive list of open day/evening events in Trafford.

We recommend that all students apply to at least two college/sixth-forms or other training providers. Students planning to apply for apprenticeships ([click here to find information on apprenticeships on the school website](#)) should also apply to at least one college or sixth form.

Whilst dates vary year to year, the following is a useful guide to the post 16 application process in Year 11:

September/October:

- College and 6th form assemblies in school; Open evenings and taster days at colleges and sixth forms
- Year 11 Welcome Evening – a range of colleges, sixth forms and other training providers will attend
- Tutors support the writing of applications and personal statements during form time

December

- College and sixth form applications submitted to our Careers Advisor (Grainne McGuigan – Connexions) or the main office by mid December. The school will complete the attendance and predicted grade sections, attach references and send to the college or sixth form

January onwards

- Conditional offers issued by colleges and sixth-forms (please be aware that each institution has its own process and timescale for processing applications. If you are concerned that you have not received an offer, please contact the admissions office of the college or sixth form or contact school)
- Invitations to taster days
- Interview appointments at some colleges/sixth-forms

August

- GCSE Results day – hopefully your child will have achieved the results they need to secure a place at their chosen college, sixth-form or training provider. Sale High School staff will be on hand on results day and thereafter to offer support and guidance for any

Please find the following links to colleges and sixth forms in our area:

<https://trafford.ac.uk/school-leavers> Trafford College

<https://www.tmc.ac.uk/> Manchester College

<http://www.xaverian.ac.uk/> Xaverian College

<https://www.loreto.ac.uk/> Loreto College

<https://www.salegrammar.co.uk/154/sixth-form> Sale Grammar Sixth Form

<https://www.altrinchamcollege.com/sixthform> Altrincham College of Arts Sixth Form

<http://www.bthcc.org.uk/sixthform/welcome-to-our-sixth-form/> Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College, Sixth Form

<https://www.trinityhigh.com/sixth-form/> Trinity Church of England High School, Sixth Form

Careers Advice and Guidance in School

Our careers advisor, Miss McGuigan from Trafford Connexions, provides impartial advice and guidance. She is based in the school's Connexions office and is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. Students can drop in at lunch or break-time to make an appointment.

Year 11s are prioritised for appointments with our advisor during the first term of Year 11. They will have already met with our advisor during year 9 and/or 10 and will have at least one scheduled appointment during Year 11. Students can request additional appointments at any time.

A careers interview is a confidential conversation. Parents can attend these appointments by contacting the careers advisor at gmcguigan@salehighschool.org.uk

How can I support my child?

- Ask your child about their aspirations and ambitions.
- Education, qualifications and the world of work are constantly changing. Your child is likely to have a very different experience to the one you had. Be open minded and prepared to do some research.
- Make sure you and they have accurate information about the pathways and options available to them when they leave school.
- Have conversations about education pathways post 16.
- Attend school 'Welcome' events and Parents Evenings – they are a great opportunity to ask questions and gather information
- Encourage your child to attend open evenings at colleges and sixth forms, and where possible go along!
- In Year 11, support them in writing applications and personal statements and check that they are meeting deadlines (as detailed above).
- If in doubt, contact school for support and guidance