

Year 11 Careers Newsletter

One important aspect of Year 11 is making applications for your Post-16 choices, whether you are considering moving on to Sixth Form, starting a course at college or beginning your employment journey through an apprenticeship.

Post-16 Options and beyond

The Careers Department team look forward to working closely with you during Year 11 to support you in planning the best transition for you. We will meet with you first within form group registration in the Autumn term to provide a more detailed overview of your available options which will be followed up by individual guidance meetings during the Spring term to give you the opportunity to explore your own preferences in greater detail. Parents and carers are welcome to attend this meeting. Please email us at: careersstaff@staidans.co.uk to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Typical Progression

Associated Sixth form	76%
Other Sixth Forms	2%
College	19%
Apprenticeships	3%

Everyone needs a Plan B. This term is the ideal opportunity to get ahead with researching your options:

Associated Sixth Form

Studying A Levels and Level 3 Applied Courses in the Associated Sixth Form enables you to continue your GCSE subjects in greater depth and/or discover new subjects that are only offered after Year 11. You can look at the prospectus on the St. Aidan's website for course content and entry requirements and watch the subject videos for a brief course overview.

<https://www.staidans.co.uk/sixth-form/sixth/>

Key Points:

Familiar... *but different*

Study **3** subjects in Year 12 and 13

Check entry requirements – General Sixth Form entry *and* specific subject requirements

Additional Offerings:

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Core Maths/AS Maths

GCSE Maths/English Language re-sit (for students not achieving a grade 4)

4th A Level

A Level courses	A minimum of five GCSE subjects at grade 5 including Mathematics and English Language depending on individual course requirements.
Combination of A Level courses and Applied courses	From two GCSE subjects at grade 5 plus three subjects at grade 4, to five subjects at grade 4 including Mathematics and English Language depending on individual course requirements.
Applied courses	Four GCSE subjects at grade 4 including Mathematics and English Language.

Further Education Colleges

Some colleges offer a range of A Level subjects such as York College and Leeds City College, however all offer vocational and practical courses. These are related to a broad employment area such as business, engineering, IT and health and social care and provide the opportunity to gain relevant qualifications and train for a specific career.

If you are considering making an application to college it is important to research courses and entry requirements on individual college websites and sign up to attend open/taster days which will take place in the Autumn. These give an opportunity for students and parents/carers to view facilities and discuss courses with admissions tutors

Our local colleges are:

College

Harrogate College

York College

Askham Bryan College

Leeds City College

Leeds College of Building

Leeds Arts University

White Rose Beauty College

Website

<https://harrogate-college.ac.uk/>

<https://www.yorkcollege.ac.uk/>

<https://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/>

<https://www.leedscitycollege.ac.uk/>

<https://www.lcb.ac.uk/>

<https://www.leeds-art.ac.uk/>

<https://www.whiterosebeautycolleges.co.uk/>

Next Open Event

Open Event, 6 Oct, 16.00– 19.00

Open Event: 14 Oct, 17.30-20.00

Open Event: 13 Nov, 10.30-13.30

Open Event: 13 Oct, 16.00-19.00

Open Event: 21 Oct, 17.00-19.00

Open Event: 20 Nov, all day

Apply direct to organise

Taster Days

Most colleges offer taster days in January and February. These are an opportunity for students to sample courses and facilities and to experience travel arrangements. Advanced booking is necessary, please check individual websites for further information.

Check entry requirements, as a general guide:

Level 3 – 4/5 grade 4's

Level 2 – 4/5 grade 3-4

Level 1 – 2/3 grade 1-3

Entry Level– no formal qualifications needed

Apprenticeships

As an apprentice you will work for an employer and earn as you study for nationally recognised qualifications which are relevant to your job, such as NVQs. Training can take between 1 and 2 years before you are fully qualified. You will be learning as you learn, typically £110-£300 per week. There are over 1,500 job roles across 170 industries. There is no upper age limit as to when you can complete an apprenticeship and so are also an option post 18.



Visit www.apprenticeships.org.uk and www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk for more details of apprenticeships.

Work Experience

We are delighted that our work experience programme will once again be offered to Year 11 students in 2022. Students will be encouraged to arrange a 1-week placement with a local business or organisation to fit around any other end of Year 11 activities that may be taking place. A letter will be sent home with pupils this week inviting students to apply and Mrs Farrar will visit all form groups during October to provide further details of the programme and the help available.

We would also encourage you to take a look at some of the virtual opportunities advertised on the school website: www.staidans.co.uk/careers-st-aidans/work-experience. Click on the red button at the top of the page to see all the placements coming up in the next few weeks and over half term, many from national companies or well known brands. Over 100 students took advantage of these high quality opportunities last year and this is a typical example of their feedback 'Our 3-day workshop, focused on the different stages of the National Grid recruitment process. The skills learnt could be applied to any application. It has been amazing, and I've gained so much confidence! It certainly wasn't what I was expecting!' The list is updated weekly and there will be many more opportunities throughout the year.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: careers-staff@staidans.co.uk We look forward to working with you all.

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