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Dear Parents and Families,

RE: Year 11 Post-16 Information and Events

This time of year is extremely busy for our Year 11 students. Between now and the end of January they will be making decisions about their future beyond Rye College. I am writing to provide you with information regarding the support available for our students.

Rye College has the privilege of working with 'Trust Careers' to support post-16 progression. They provide specialist careers information, advice and guidance, to work alongside the delivery of our careers programme. *Trust Careers* will shortly be commencing a programme of guidance interviews: where each year 11 student will receive a 40 minute interview and personal action plan. For further information, please visit <http://www.themytrust.org>. Identified students will also working with the 'MY Trust' on the Uni Connect and My Choices programme.

In order to get Year 11 switched on to post-16 options, I have recently delivered an assembly to explain their Post-16 choices and application process. This followed on from a presentation that was shared with students over lockdown. Both of these presentations can be found on our website. <https://ryecollege.co.uk/curriculum/careers>

In these challenging times we are unable to offer face-to-face assemblies from Post-16 providers as we have done in previous years. To replace this, during Tutor Time after half term students will be able to watch various promotional videos from our providers to give them an idea of what they can expect. Details have already been shared with you regarding virtual open evenings and it is hoped that providers will offer tours in the new year. Much of this information is added to or is subject to change, so please do keep an eye on the websites for each individual establishment. I will also continue to share relevant information with you via email and through our social media.

In terms of applications, these will be done through a system run by Careers East Sussex. www.careerseastsussex.co.uk This is a centralised system and allows students to apply to as many establishments as they wish through one application. This is also a really useful website as it contains a wealth of information careers advice, tips on completing applications and alternative post-16 pathways. Students were sent their log-in details in July and many have already logged-in. I have administration rights to the site so am able to track the progress of applications and can also reset passwords. Please ask your child to come and see me, or email me if this is required.

I am aware that many of our students will want to apply to establishments in Kent. Unfortunately this cannot yet be done through the careers East Sussex website, although they hope to provide information on Kent providers on their site and to link with Kent for applications in the future.

Applications to Kent providers can be made through creating an account on the website <https://www.kentprospectus.co.uk/> This has exactly the same layout as the East Sussex site so students should be able to copy and paste their information, personal statements etc. If you require any help with this then please let me know.

After half term I hope to run a few application workshops for students to attend. These will be really informal and will allow me to work with students on a 1:1 basis. These will take place after school, on an ad-hoc basis.



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Sadly, due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to run our annual Success at 16 evening. Students will instead, be attending a virtual post 16 showcase event in school on 4th November. This event will also be streamed for parents in the evening at 6:00pm. You should have already received details about this but here is the link for information. [What Next Sussex?](#)

I am hoping that over the next few months we may have more opportunities and events to support our Year 11 students. I will keep you informed as and when these arise.

I have attached the contact details for all of our local post-16 providers. Please follow the links to their websites.

If you have any questions or require any other information, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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