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Dear Parent / Carer

As your son/daughter is now in Year 11 they need to begin to apply for their post 16 provision. It is expected that all young people will remain in education or employment with training until they reach the age of 18.

As an academy we offer a range of support for your son/daughter to support them with identifying the correct route for them. This includes:

- The annual Careers Fair on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November, at this event students will be able to talk to a range of local post 16 providers including colleges, sixth forms, service organisations e.g. the Army and apprenticeship providers.
- Careers Day - students will consider college applications, apprenticeships and CVs as part of this day
- All students will receive a 1:1 careers advice session. Dependent on the outcome of this sessions some students will be offered additional sessions
- All students will take part in mock interviews with local employers
- Opportunities to log into our careers information platform Unifrog. All students have access to this and can use this from home as well as in school.

It is important that your son/daughter carefully considers the courses they wish to study and the entry requirements for these. This information can be found on provider websites and by visiting open events which are run by the providers. Students can also find a library of information in the key stage 4 hub which they are welcome to use.

If your child has a career in mind which may require a university degree or degree level apprenticeship it is also worth looking at the entry requirements for this to help them with their decisions. These can be found by looking on university websites or through a search on Unifrog.

If your son/daughter is interested in applying for an apprenticeship they can find out more at the following link: <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>

For students to enter a level 3 programme of study they will usually need 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or higher, however many A levels will ask for a GCSE grade 6 in that subject. Whilst colleges will offer the opportunity to re sit GCSE maths and English it is worth noting that this is on a much-reduced time to that at school and will limit the courses which they may apply for. Gaining at least a grade 4 in English and Maths this year will help to ensure that your son/daughter is able to gain access to the courses which they want to study.

#### Upcoming Open Events:

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| Doncaster College               | 7 <sup>th</sup> October   |
| Lincoln College                 | 8 <sup>th</sup> October   |
| John Leggott College            | 9 <sup>th</sup> October   |
| North Lindsey College           | 14 <sup>th</sup> October  |
| Queen Elizabeths High School    | 15 <sup>th</sup> October  |
| Riseholme                       | 18 <sup>th</sup> October  |
| Air and Space Institute         | 22 <sup>nd</sup> November |
| (part of Lincoln college group) |                           |

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Please check each providers website and social media for more information on times and whether you need to register for the event. The dates listed above are the upcoming events, however there are additional dates throughout the year which we will share with you at various times. Your son/daughter can find new dates as they are added on the display boards in the Key Stage 4 Hub or by speaking to Mrs Bass.

When your son/daughter applies to college or sixth form they will be asked for their predicted grades. You have recently received these following the Year 10 mock exams. Predicted grades will be updated again following the mini mocks at the end of October. To support your child in improving their predicted grades and final attainment please encourage them to attend all of the intervention sessions which they have been invited to and to complete revision at home.

Should you have any questions about Post 16 options please contact Mrs Bass at the school who will be happy to help you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'R. Skelton'.

Mrs R Skelton  
Headteacher