

21 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11, Choosing Post-16 Options & Careers Fair

This year, your child will make decisions about where they would like to study or train for (at least) the next two years. Your child has received information over the past few years about the choices they have this year and they will be supported in school to make their decision by having an **Information, Advice & Guidance (IAG) appointment** this term. Following the IAG appointment, your child will receive a personalised Action Plan via their school email account, which will contain important information and resources. **It is important that you discuss this with your child.**

Overleaf you will find some information regarding some local education and training provider Open Events. **The majority of open events happen during this term.** Please note that event dates, times and locations may be subject to change: check with the individual provider for details. It is recommended that you book in advance for each open event you wish to attend.

It is important that your child attends some, if not all, events to enable them to make an informed decision about their post-16 provision. Parents/Carers are also actively encouraged to attend with your child, so you can see first-hand some of the fantastic opportunities and services offered to young people in post-16 education and training in our area.

In addition, your child will attend the 'Find Your Future' Burnley Careers Fair. Burnley high schools, in collaboration with Burnley Council and the Burnley Bondholders, have come together to arrange an amazing, interactive careers fair for all of our Year 11 students. Over 40 employers, colleges, sixth forms, universities and training providers will be in attendance, so it is a perfect opportunity for your child to explore a range of future opportunities.

Date	Wednesday 7 October
Times	Leave Shuttleworth at 12.30pm, return by 2.30pm.
Transport	Transport will be provided to and from Burnley Football Club.
Cost	£5, payable on ParentPay <i>Those in receipt of Free School Meals should amend their contribution</i>
Uniform	Your child will be expected to wear full school uniform as normal.

Shuttleworth College students will be supervised by Shuttleworth College staff at all times. Please note that you must now complete the **medical consent form 3a**, for which you will be sent a link. Without the form 3a, your child will not be permitted to attend this visit.

Students must bring any medication they may need on the day as per the medical information we hold for your child, for example, an inhaler or epi-pen. Photographs may be taken on this trip which may be used on social media channels and/or college websites. We will use existing photograph consent for your child. If you do not wish your child's photograph to be taken you must send a letter to Mrs Hardacre **before** the trip takes place.

Our school website also has a careers section with a list of links and guidance for students and families. <https://www.shuttleworthcollege.org/curriculum/careers/> You can find a summary of the different types of providers, courses and subjects on offer in the sections 'Encounters with further and higher education' and 'Year 11 support'.

Please note that **application deadlines** vary between providers: some are as early as mid-December. Applications are made from mid-September onwards and interviews and offers for places are given on a conditional basis based on reports and predicted grades. Supported application sessions will be offered in school.

If your child would like to apply for an **apprenticeship**, they should have a completed CV and be prepared to do extra research around their chosen role, industry and local employers. Securing an apprenticeship vacancy has become very competitive and employers expect to see extra effort from applicants who are serious about entering the workplace. I am available in school to provide a CV template, check CVs and provide specific advice when I return from maternity leave in November.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me on fackroyd@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs F Ackroyd
Careers Leader

Sixth Form/ College/ Training Provider	Course types available	Date	Time
Accrington & Rossendale College https://arc.eastlancslearning.ac.uk	T Level Vocational Apprenticeship	Thurs 1 October Tues 17 November	5.30-7.30pm
Blackburn College https://www.blackburn.ac.uk/	A Levels T Level Vocational Apprenticeship	Tues 22 September Weds 14 October Sat 14 November	4.30-7.30pm 4.30-7.30pm 10am-1pm
Burnley College https://www.burnley.ac.uk/	A Levels T Level Vocational Apprenticeship	Thurs 24 September Weds 21 October Tues 17 November Tues 9 February 2027 Weds 24 March 2027	5.30-8.30pm
Craven College https://www.craven-college.ac.uk/	T Level Vocational Apprenticeship	<i>Skipton</i> Mon 5 October Weds 18 November <i>Aviation Academy</i> Weds 7, Thurs 8 October Weds 14 October Weds 25, Thurs 26 November	5.30-7.30pm
Myerscough College (Multiple sites) https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/	T Level Vocational Apprenticeship	Sat 3 October Sat 21 November Sat 6 February 2027 Sat 17 April 2027	10am-12.30pm tbc
Nelson & Colne College https://www.nelson.ac.uk/	A Levels T Level Vocational Apprenticeship	Sat 26 September (A Levels) Thurs 8 October Tues 10 November	10am-2pm 5.30-7.30pm 5.30-7.30pm
Alder Grange Sixth Form https://aldergrange.com/ag6-home/	A Levels only	Thurs 19 November	5-7pm
BRGS Sixth Form https://www.brgs.org.uk/sixth-form	A Levels only	<i>To be confirmed</i>	<i>To be confirmed</i>
CRGS Sixth Form http://www.crgs.org.uk/	A Levels only	Weds 4 November	5.30-7.30pm
St Christopher's Sixth Form https://www.st-christophers.org/sixth	A Levels only	Tues 13 October	5.30-7.30pm
Training 2000 https://www.training2000.co.uk/	Apprenticeship only	Weds 27 January 2027 Thurs 28 January 2027	4.30-7.30pm
North Lancs Training Group https://www.nltg.co.uk/	Apprenticeship only	<i>Please contact NLTG individually as they do not typically hold a general Open Event.</i>	