

# TIBSHELF COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

## Post-16 Progression – Dates for your diary

It is never too early to consider your child's future, indeed, the options they choose later in life may well be affected by the decisions they make now about their further education. There is no such thing as the best pathway but your child must choose the best pathway for them. For example if they aspire to complete a University course, then the entry will depend upon the right choices being made. The best advice is to gather as much information and advice as they can. Consider all options based on advice, information and reflection before making a decision.

In order to assist with the decision-making after Year 11, I have attached the dates for the open day/evenings of all the local colleges and Sixth Forms which I hope you find useful and am sure your child will benefit from attending as many as possible.

Whilst emailing I also wanted to bring to your attention the forthcoming Post 16 careers event we are hosting in school on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 4pm-6pm. The event will give students and parents the opportunity to meet and talk with a large number of post-16 education and training providers. Attendees that have confirmed to date are:

- *Tupton Hall Sixth Form*
- *Ashfield School Sixth Form*
- *Bilborough College Sixth Form*
- *Chesterfield College*
- *Swanwick Hall Sixth Form*
- *David Nieper Academy*
- *Learning Unlimited Apprenticeships (part of Chesterfield College)*
- *West Notts College*
- *Vision Apprenticeships (part of West Notts College)*
- *Carmel Haughey – Independent Careers Advisor for Derbyshire County Council*
- *Armed Forces*

It goes without saying this is an extremely important time for your child to begin thinking about their transition from Tibshelf Community School and I look forward to supporting them in this process and hopefully seeing you on the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

Yours sincerely,

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## INFORMATION YOU MAY FIND USEFUL

At the end of Year 11 your son/daughter can choose to:

- **Apply to Sixth Form** to study A Level exams or BTEC courses at Level 3 in Year 12 and Year 13. Sixth Forms offers a wide range of subjects at A Level and BTEC Level 3 courses and have an extensive enrichment programme to enhance the Sixth Form experience. Students then have the option to apply to university, apply to more specific courses at Further Education Colleges or seek employment.
- **Apply to Further Education Colleges** such as Chesterfield College, Vision West Notts College in Mansfield or Derby College. These Colleges all offer both BTEC and vocational courses at Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 and also have a selection of A Levels. Level 1 and 2 courses are one year courses for students who do not have the required 5 GCSE grades needed for direct entry to Level 3. Students can then progress to Level 3 courses which are the equivalent of A Level. Students then have the option to apply to university, apply to more specific courses at FE Colleges or seek employment.
- **Apply to a more specialist Further Education College** such as Broomfield College, Derby which offer land based and animal care courses or Nuast specialist academy based in Nottingham which offers educational opportunities for anyone with a passion for science, computing or engineering Courses are available at different levels.
- **Apply for an apprenticeship** with a company which offers industry approved training – a good starting point is [www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship) which has details of all apprenticeships offered in the UK. Students can then apply directly to the company. Alternatively they can seek apprenticeship schemes through the Colleges.
- **Seek employment** – we are finding that more companies are offering training schemes for both 16 and 18 year old students. These vacancies are advertised in the local press, on company websites or the school is contacted by the company direct and we pass this information onto students. Under new arrangements for the raising of participation in learning to age 17 any job would need to provide training to an approved standard.

All the schools/colleges publish details of all courses in their online prospectus together with the dates of Open Days and Taster Days (see attached document). We would always recommend that your child visits the school or college before applying so that they can discuss the courses offered with the staff. Students can apply to more than one institution and then make the final decision once they have the GCSE results.

