



9 November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we continue our learning journey through Year 11 and the lead up to your child's GCSE exams, attention also needs to turn to Post-16 destinations. Since the start of Year 11 your child has received extensive careers advice from a variety of sources, culminating in them having a Post-16 interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team at Heanor Gate Spencer Academy. Whilst it is important to keep options open, after guidance and conversations with the member of the Senior Leadership Team, your child has indicated that it is their preferred intention to attend an FE college or begin an apprenticeship at the end of this year.

Some college courses and most apprenticeships are very competitive so this is something that your child should be looking to secure as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. It is for this reason that I would like to direct you to the following open evening at Derby College Roundhouse on Thursday 11 November (5.00pm-7.00pm). You can register for the event using the link below:

<https://www.derby-college.ac.uk/event/the-roundhouse-open-day/>

Other colleges which may be of interest to your child are holding open evenings on the following dates:-

Nottingham College – Tuesday 9 November 2021 – Construction and Sport

Nottingham College – Wednesday 10 November 2021 – Automotive and Engineering

Whilst the Heanor Gate Spencer Academy Sixth Form open evening has passed, our application system remains live, should your child be considering our Sixth Form as one of their potential options. They can apply via the following link - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1PfQy-7J5db32YdR7Z7X-m6YIXfv3qwzofYvCkfxQQOE/viewform?edit_requested=true

Our Sixth Form application system closes on Friday 10 December 2021. After this date your child will be contacted about their application with formal offers made to students. These offers are made to students who have positive attendance and behaviour track records, and appear to be making the progress required to meet the entry requirements for Sixth Form study. The upcoming mock examinations will play a role in indicating this and I wish your child the best of luck with these.

We completely understand that for many students, choosing courses for Post-16 study is a very difficult decision and, therefore, I wanted to make you aware of the ongoing support available. Should your child wish to discuss their options further at any stage, please don't hesitate to contact me yourself or ask your child to do so.

As ever, we are committed to securing the best outcomes for your child and we will continue to offer them guidance throughout the year, including during our immersion day on Thursday 18 November, which has a careers and employability focus.

Yours sincerely

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