



10 February 2021

Post 16 Pathways Guidance Meeting

Dear Parents and Carers

Your child will be given an appointment to speak with one of the following people from the Post 16 Team and Temple Moor High School: Mrs Pearson or Mrs Cuddy from Sixth Form, Mr Beecroft, Miss Foden or Mr West from the Senior Leadership Team and Mrs Pasfield from Careers.

Appointments will commence from the week beginning Monday, 22 February via Microsoft Teams. Students should make sure that they have downloaded this to the device they intend to use. A calendar invitation will be sent to their student email address. It will remind them on the day and at their appointment time, all they need to do is click JOIN.

The purpose of this guidance appointment is for students to ask questions about their Post 16 Pathway – a pathway is just a name for what they intend to do after they have left Year 11 so would usually be further education at college, an apprenticeship or a Sixth Form. It doesn't matter whether students are staying in the Sixth Form with us or not, we can advise about all pathways, university, degrees, specific career paths such as medicine, training providers and vocational courses. Should there be a need, we can arrange a follow up appointment. This is by no means the only source of support available for students and we will continue to keep in touch with them until September.

In preparation for their guidance meeting, students should have an awareness of what is on offer in the Sixth Form and the grades they need to achieve. They have had specific lessons around choosing A Levels and have had experience of using our online prospectus which includes videos on all subjects. They will be asked about what they think they would like to study and about any future career aspirations they have but we do not expect them to have a definite answer yet. I would strongly recommend that you visit the prospectus with your child. They should also have a list of questions to ask. I have included some FAQs at the end of this letter which should help you to assist your child in their decision making.

Once the guidance meetings have ended, we will open up the Parents' Evening Booking System for any parents who would like to make an appointment to talk to Mrs Pearson or Mrs Cuddy about their child's choices. I will write to you again to give you the details.

We will be here to support throughout the remainder of Year 11, after results day and until they start their courses in September.



It is important to remember that children can and will change their minds. They should feel excited about the process and should look at all their options. They are under no pressure to make any decisions just yet.

We are very happy to be able to support you and your child towards their next steps.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Pearson
Pastoral Leader for Post 16



FAQs

I haven't applied for TMHS Sixth Form, why do I need to speak to you?

No matter what you want to study, we have the knowledge and expertise to be able to advise you on your next steps. It is natural and perfectly OK for you to change your mind about where you want to study so we want to give everybody the opportunity to consider their choices.

I don't know what I want to do yet. How can you help?

Lots of people feel this way and this is why we are here to guide you. We can give you helpful starting points and activities to get you exploring your options. We have knowledge of Labour Market Information – industries where jobs are increasing, apprenticeship opportunities and further study. We can help you make a plan and then check in with you to see how you are getting on. It is nothing to worry about and it should be something to get excited about!

I can't decide which subjects to study. How can you help?

If you have a specific career path, consider whether you need a professional training course which is going to qualify you to do a certain job. Does your job require a degree? What do you enjoy learning at the moment? Have you looked at the prospectus?

What if I don't get the grades to come to Sixth Form?

If you feel that Sixth Form is an option for you but you need a safety net, make an application to college as well for an alternative course. We will be transparent and honest with you about the entry requirements for our Sixth Form.

I haven't applied for TMHS Sixth Form. Can I change my mind?

Of course you can. These are your decisions and they are important so, we want to help you get it right. You can make a late application on and even after, results day. Please bear in mind that some courses may be full so, if you are not sure, make an application just in case.

What if I change my mind about what I want to study?

You can change your mind at any point up until September. We won't take your firm choices for Sixth Form until your enrolment appointment at the end of August. The cut off point for changing courses is the second week in September.