



Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Post-16 Options

We know that making decisions for future study after Year 11 is very important and that there are many pathways to consider. Throughout their time at Southmoor, we have provided students with careers education to enable them to ensure that they choose the most appropriate route to take in September 2023.

It is compulsory that all students are in some form of education, training or work-related learning until their 18th birthday. This does not mean staying in school, although many chose to continue studying full time within Sixth Form or with a further education provider. As a school, we are proud that from September 2022, 98% of students in the most recent Year 11 cohort were engaged in education or training.

Many students have already made decisions for their post-16 options. However, we are aware that some students have not yet fully decided on their plans and others need to consider back-up options. In order to support students and parents with these important decisions further, we have collated below information about different further education providers, supporting resources and events that are taking place:

Southmoor Guide to Year 11 Post-16 Options

We have produced a Post-16 Guide (<https://www.southmoorschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Post-16-Options-leaflet.pdf>) and accompanying video (<https://youtu.be/cCB59t6-NTw>) where we explain the different options that are available.

Southmoor Careers Bulletin

Each week, we send out our Careers Bulletin via Class Charts, and in the Southmoor Blog, which is issued on a Friday, where we highlight key information about careers events and activities, and the latest Apprenticeship vacancies.

Year 11 Careers Information on Teams

Students have access to our Year 11 Careers Information page on Teams. Here we will highlight key information about careers events and activities in order to ensure that Year 11 do not miss out on any opportunities available.

Southmoor Careers Information website

<http://www.southmoorschool.co.uk/careers-education-information-advice-guidance/>
The careers pages on our school website provide a comprehensive range of information about career choices and pathways which is updated regular. We also have our Careers Explorer website which was developed to provide resources for students who are choosing their future pathways, including a CV writing workshop, virtual Mock Interview practice, Speed Networking and much more: <https://www.southmoorschool.co.uk/careers-explorer/>

The Sixth Form at Southmoor Academy	Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on <i>Wednesday 2 November from 5pm</i> . Come and speak to subject teachers and find out more about the range of courses available. Visit the Sixth Form website: https://www.thesixthformatsouthmoor.co.uk/
	Email: southmoor6th@southmoormat.co.uk
Sunderland College	Bede Campus Open Event – <i>Wednesday 11th January from 4.30pm to 6.30pm</i> City Campus Open Event – <i>Tuesday 10th January from 4.30pm to 6.30pm</i>
	Vocational courses Virtual Assembly: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9P2-JJvXKO
	Information on the new T Levels: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WYcQIJCVs
Newcastle College	Open Events take place every month. The next events take place on <i>Wednesday 2nd November and Wednesday 7th December between 4.45pm and 7pm</i> . To register, visit: https://www.ncl-coll.ac.uk/events/
	Virtual information assembly video, including information on courses, apprenticeships, and how to apply: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zPFJyYw_aJM
	Visit the YouTube playlist to view a bank of videos about the college, including facilities: https://bit.ly/2XI3Hyz
	For more information on Newcastle College directly, email: katie.mccluskey@ncl-coll.ac.uk
Gateshead College	Open Event takes place on <i>Monday 7 November from 4.30pm to 7pm</i> . Sign-up, click here: https://www.gateshead.ac.uk/events/career-choice-event#sign-up
	Information video giving an introduction to the College, and the range of courses available: https://youtu.be/qYg3RvzYZUA
Apprenticeships Awareness	For general information about Apprenticeships, including what types of apprenticeships are available, how to apply for an apprenticeship and what the different levels are, the Apprenticeship service have produced two videos: Student guide: https://youtu.be/gUJS9Z44M-8 Parent guide: https://youtu.be/k-1fMvVizbA
	We have also produced our own guide to apprenticeships and how to apply: https://www.southmoorschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Apprenticeship-Document-2020-SA.pdf
Seta (Sunderland Engineering Training Association)	Seta is the business enterprise partner attached to the school. They offer apprenticeships in Engineering, Manufacturing, Business and associated industries. For the latest vacancies and for more information, please visit: https://seta.co.uk/apprentice/
	Engineering Apprenticeship Open Event takes place on <i>Thursday 1st December from 4pm to 8pm</i> . Students can meet employers, tour Seta's facilities and find out more about the apprenticeship opportunities. Booking is essential: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/seta-engineering-apprenticeship-event-tickets-417487996837

Useful Websites

- <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk> - Provides information, advice and guidance to help individuals make decisions on learning, training and work. Young people can explore over 800 different career profiles and learn more about skills needed for potential new careers.
- <https://icould.com> - Young people can explore a range of different career options and be inspired by real life stories from those who are currently following those career pathways.
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers> - This website is packed full of resources for young people to understand more about the world of work, including advice from people who have found the right path for them. The website also provides access to many BBC programmes featuring careers and the world of work.
- www.ucas.com - The University website allows you to search any course interest across all UK universities. It will also indicate which subjects and grades are required to access specific courses and careers.
- <https://successatschool.org> - Careers Advice for students and parents. Young people and parents can explore careers, find out about top employers, and search for the latest advice, jobs, courses and more. Parents can register for their own newsletter and you can download student and parent guides.

Careers Guidance Interviews

All year 11 students are guaranteed an individual careers guidance interview with Mrs Robinson, our Careers Advisor. Some of these interviews have already taken place; however, Mrs Robinson is continuing these interviews with students who have not yet received one or where there are actions to follow-up. An individual action plan is produced after the interview. If students would like another interview, or if parents would like to take part with their child, please contact Mrs Robinson via email to arrange: careers@southmoormat.co.uk. Mrs Robinson can also be contacted through Class Charts.

We would like to support you and your child as much as possible to ensure that they make the right decision for post-16 study. If you would like any more information, or for any advice and guidance, please email: careers@southmoormat.co.uk

Yours sincerely



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