



January 2024

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 2024.

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

unifrog Earlier this year, we sent a letter to all parents about Unifrog, our new online careers platform. Every student has their own login and profile on the Unifrog platform. Unifrog provides a one-stop shop to research post-16 and post-18 options. All further education courses are listed, including apprenticeships, and students can research possible pathways, shortlist these options and have information sent them via email. Parents are also able to have a login to create their own account to support at home. Details are here: <https://www.southmooracademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Parent-letter.pdf>

Southmoor Guide to Year 11 Post-16 Options

We have produced a Post-16 Guide (<https://www.southmooracademy.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.

Careers Bulletin

Every fortnight, we send out our Careers Bulletin via Class Charts, Unifrog, and in the Southmoor Blog, where we highlight key information about careers events and activities, and the latest Apprenticeship vacancies.

Southmoor Careers Information website

<http://www.southmooracademy.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 regularly. 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.southmooracademy.co.uk/careers-explorer/>

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The Sixth Form at Southmoor Academy	Visit the Sixth Form website: https://www.thesixthformatsouthmoor.co.uk/
	Email: southmoor6th@southmoormat.co.uk
Sunderland College	Bede Campus Open Event – 14 March 2024 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm City Campus Open Event – 12 March 2024 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm
	Vocational courses Virtual Assembly: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9P2-JJvXK0
	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>Wed 7 February</i> between 4.45pm and 7pm. 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	Enrolment Event takes place on <i>12 February</i> from 4.30pm to 7pm. Sign-up, click here: https://www.gateshead.ac.uk/events . There are also lots of subject based introductory events listed on the same page throughout February.
	Information video giving an introduction to the College, and the range of courses available: https://youtu.be/INoz2p6n5wA?si=6DzZu1SN_zJEC8qL
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/Apprentice-Documents-2024.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>29 February</i> from 4pm to 8pm. 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-29th-february-2024-tickets-794067706887?aff=ebsoporgprofile

Useful Websites

- <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.

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 and is stored in Unifrog. 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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APPRENTICESHIP EXPLORER

**Thursday
8th February
4pm - 6pm**

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