



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 2021. We also realise that this year has not been easy and that there have been many changes in the world which may impact on the future generations.

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 2020, 99% of students in the most recent Year 11 cohort were engaged in education or training.

In order 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:

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 accompany video <https://youtu.be/2nBhftZPOIk> where we explain the different options that are available.

Southmoor Blog

Each week, in the Southmoor blog, which is issued on a Friday, we highlight key information about careers events and activities, and the latest Apprenticeship vacancies.

Google Classroom

We have set up a Year 11 Careers Information class on Google Classroom that we would encourage all Year 11s to join and to regularly read to find out about careers events and opportunities that are taking place. The code is: **psz5cy6**

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	Places are still available for the fantastic range of A Level and Vocational Courses that are offered within our own dedicated Sixth Form.
	For more information on each course, to hear from the Sixth Form team, to take a virtual tour, or to apply, visit the Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening website: https://www.thesixthformatsouthmoor.co.uk/virtual-open-evening/
	Email: southmoor6th@southmoormat.co.uk

Sunderland College	Vocational courses Virtual Assembly: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9P2-JJvXK0
	Information on the new T Levels: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WYcQIJJCvs
	<i>Sunderland College are also hosting an exclusive 'Live Chat' afternoon for Southmoor students and parents to answer any questions directly. This will take place on Monday 1 February between 2.30pm and 4.30pm. To access this live chat, go to www.sunderland.ac.uk and click on the Live Chat icon which appears bottom right of the screen.</i>
Newcastle College	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
	<i>The next virtual open event for Newcastle College takes place on Wed 3 February between 4.30pm and 7.30pm. To register, visit: https://ncl-coll-virtualopenhouse2020.vfairs.com</i>
	For more information on Newcastle College directly, email: katie.mccluskey@ncl-coll.ac.uk
Gateshead College	Information video giving an introduction to the College, and the range of courses available: https://youtu.be/qYq3RvzYZUA
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-Documents-2020-SA.pdf
	Amazing Apprenticeships produce a parent/carer information pack every month. Here is the link to the January edition: https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2021/01/Parent-Pack-Jan-2021.pdf
Seta	Seta (Sunderland Engineering Training Association) 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/ They are hosting a virtual open event on Tuesday 2 February between 3pm and 4pm. Students can virtually meet employers, tour Seta's facilities and find out more about the apprenticeship opportunities. Booking is essential: https://bit.ly/3nRzIPv
YH Training	Military Preparation Course designed to prepare young people for the challenges of the selection process for a chosen career path in the Armed Forces. Here is a virtual assembly video about the course: https://bit.ly/3bRKjYq

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.

NCS (National Citizen Service)

NCS is an amazing four-week programme that is available for all Year 11 students taking place in the summer holidays, which is ran by the NCS Team at the Foundation of Light. It is a fantastic opportunity for Year 11 students to gain experience and skills, which are vital for the future. *Information about NCS will be provided to parents and students soon.* In the meantime, have a look at the NCS website to find out more information:

<https://wearencs.com>

Careers Guidance Interviews

All year 11 students are guaranteed an individual careers guidance interview with Mrs Robinson, our Careers Advisor. Many of these interviews have already taken place; however, Mrs Robinson is continuing these interviews, by telephone, 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 emailed to the student. 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

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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