

YEAR 11 CAREERS JOURNEY: PARENT GUIDE



January–February

Your child starts sixth form, college, apprenticeship, or training.

Parent action: *Check attendance and settling-in. The first weeks matter.*

July – August

Schools offer results day support and advice. Some apprenticeships still open late.

Parent action: *Be ready to act quickly if your child doesn't get the grades they need.*

March - April

Conditional offers arrive from colleges/sixth forms. Mock exams take place. Apprenticeship providers may start interviews.

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October-December

1:1 Guidance with Marie
College & sixth form open events (critical – parents should attend with their child).
First deadlines for some selective sixth forms.
Apprenticeship opportunities start to appear online (but competition is fierce).
Encourage students to draft personal statements / CVs

Parent action: *Visit open evenings. Help your child draft a CV or personal statement.*

August (Results Day)

Collect results and confirm next steps (college, sixth form, apprenticeship, training).
If grades don't meet requirements, contact colleges/training providers straight away.

Parent action: *Go with your child on results day if possible. Stay calm – there are always backup routes*

May – June

GCSE exams begin. Last chance to adjust applications if something has been missed.

Parent action: *Support with exam routines (sleep, revision space, wellbeing). Double-check all applications are confirmed*

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Most college and sixth form application deadlines. Careers adviser follow-up interviews.

Students should have a backup option confirmed

Parent action: *Make sure applications are submitted on time. Encourage your child to apply for more than one place*

September–October

Parent's Information Evening (Date TBC)
School careers interviews begin (students should start thinking about realistic options).
Colleges, sixth forms, and training providers publish prospectuses.

Parents should help research local options and entry requirements.

Parent action: *Talk with your child about what interests them. Check entry requirements early.*

