

October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As your child starts Year 11, they will be facing a number of challenges and major decisions. This coming academic year is an extremely important one for all students in Year 11 and we would like to offer support every step of the way in ensuring that the decisions that they make are both well-informed and the right ones for them.

Every student in Year 11 will be offered careers advice, the chance to fill out an application form as well as interview practice throughout the year to support each student in their future pathway decisions. If your child indicates to us that they have a different pathway (college, apprenticeship etc.) then they will be supported with these applications by our careers advisor, Mr O'Callaghan.

We wanted to explain to you at the start of the year the timeline of events your child can expect this year.

Thursday 20th October – Year 11 Subject Evening 6pm-7:30pm. The main focus of this evening will be how to support your child through their exams but there will also be a talk from the Sixth Form Team explaining the TENC Open Evening.

Wednesday 2nd **November** – TENC Open Evening at Rushden Academy 6pm-8pm. You will be invited to the TENC Open Evening at Rushden Academy where you and your child will have the opportunity to speak to A Level and BTEC teaching staff across the consortium and begin putting thoughts together about future pathways.

Early November – Applications for TENC will be sent home and students have the chance to inform us of their initial future pathway plans. Students wishing to attend TENC will be offered an interview with the Sixth Form Team in November.

November/December – Subject Lunches. Students will be able to sign up for Subject Lunches where they are invited to spend a lunchtime with the subject teacher to again find more out about the subjects and answer any questions that have arisen.

December – Heads of Department review the students' choices and gives suggestions on the suitability of the course for that student.

January - Students are sent offer letters for TENC.

If you have any questions regarding child's application, please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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