



Date: Monday 16th December 2024
Our ref: LPH/sjt

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Careers Guidance and post-16 pathway support for Year 10 and Year 11

We are writing to share the range of support we offer to students as they prepare for their post-16 options. It is crucial that students understand the opportunities available to them as they work towards their GCSE examinations. To help students make informed decisions about their next steps, we provide:

- **Careers Guidance Meetings:** Personalized sessions at key transition points.
- **Careers Education:** Delivered during form time, PSHE lessons, and dedicated activities.
- **Work Experience Opportunities:** Hands-on experiences to develop skills and workplace insights. Year 10 placement week will be 7-11th July 2025 – information will follow in January.
- **Partnerships with Providers and Employers:** Collaborations with organizations across Essex to give students meaningful encounters and insights into various industries.

Technical Pathways

Technical pathways offer qualifications designed with employers that will give students the skills the economy and society need. There are a high-quality options available to your child. Options in full-time education are [T Levels](#) and [Higher Technical Qualifications](#).

Options that combine work and study are [apprenticeships](#), [traineeships](#) and [supported internships](#). You can explore all the education training choices on the [Get the Jump Campaign website](#).

We are pleased to inform you that on Tuesday, 15th October, South Essex College provided valuable information to our students about post-16 options. The session covered a variety of pathways, including T-Levels and a range of Level 2 and Level 3 Vocational Qualifications, such as BTECs, AAT, UAL, CACHE, and OCR

For further information about South Essex College, please visit: [South Essex College](#)

On Tuesday 26th November, students heard from two providers, Amazing Apprenticeships and USP. Amazing Apprenticeships (The ASK Programme) provided information on their Post 16 Options. They are a leading organisation in the education sector, working with schools, colleges, and employers, to increase awareness of apprenticeships, traineeships, and T Levels.

For further information about Amazing Apprenticeships and ASK, please visit:

[About Us - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[About ASK - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)



USP College (formerly Seevic College and Palmer's College) also -shared information on their Post 16 Options, such as, T Levels, and Level 2 and Level 3 Vocational Qualifications, such as, BTECs, AAT, UAL, CACHE and OCR.

For further information about USP College, please visit:

[Home \(uspcollege.ac.uk\)](http://Home(uspcollege.ac.uk))

We warmly encourage you to support your child as they navigate their post-16 options. This is an important stage in their education and future planning, and your involvement can make a significant difference.

Here are some ways you can help:

- Encourage your child to think carefully about their values, personality strengths, and transferable skills. Discuss how these qualities might translate into potential employment opportunities in the future.
- Suggest that your child logs into Unifrog, the universal destinations platform which St. Bernard's now subscribes to. Using Unifrog regularly will provide valuable insights and guidance to help with decision-making : [Unifrog - The universal destinations platform.](#)

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need further information.

Yours sincerely,

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