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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to let you know about the support being provided to your child to help them prepare for their future Post 16 Options. It is important that students understand the options available to them to support them in working towards their GCSE examinations. In addition to receiving careers guidance interviews at key transition points and careers education in form time, PSHE and the opportunity to take part in work experience, we have made partnerships with providers and employers across Essex to give students meaningful encounters with providers of technical education or apprenticeships.

Technical pathways offer qualifications designed with employers that will give students the skills the economy and society need. There are a number of 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](#).

Following on from The ASK Programme's visit on Tuesday 3rd October, South Essex College were invited to visit Year 11 students on Tuesday 28th November. They provided information on Post 16 Options, such as, T Levels, and a range of Level 2 and Level 3 Vocational Qualifications, such as, BTECs, AAT, UAL, CACHE and OCR. Information from the session will be emailed to students. Students were also provided with copies of prospectuses and leaflets.

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We know that this can be overwhelming and challenging for many of our students. However, it is normal for your child to feel unsure and not have answers to questions about their Post 16 Options. We hope that providing your child with as many opportunities as we can, will support them in shaping their future positively.

There are some things you can do to help your child make their Post 16 Options:

- Encourage your child to think carefully about their skills, favourite subjects and strengths and values and help them to translate these into potential employment possibilities for the future.
- Encourage your child to use [Morrisby](#) weekly to support their career ideas and planning. Using Morrisby regularly will help your child understand what they want to do.

As a school, we hope that most of our students will choose to stay with us but recognise that in order to make informed decisions, we are ensuring students, parents and carers are supported to develop the knowledge and understanding of all available routes at key transition points. We hope that promoting all pathways enables our students to make informed and more confident decisions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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