

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find below some information to help guide your son/daughter **NOW**.

Sixth Form

If you want to go to Sixth Form: Choosing the right A-Levels/BTECs

Questions to ask:

Have I chosen subjects I enjoy?

Have I researched specific careers to find out entry requirements?

Have I chosen the right balance ie. If all coursework or all exam based? Will I be able to cope with workload?

Websites to research: www.careerpilot.org.uk – look at job sectors/different types of jobs

College

If you want to go to College:

Check out websites for Open Events: www.cityofbristol.ac.uk; www.sgscol.ac.uk

Prospectuses are in our library and information on open events are on the back page.

You need to start investigating, attending open events and applying now.

Apprenticeship

If you want to do an apprenticeship - decide if an apprenticeship is the best route for you.

If you are interested in a specific job area and want to develop the skills and knowledge for a career, getting a wage as you study.

If you apply to do an apprenticeship with a Learning Provider eg. A Further Education College, you will have to find a work placement to support this. **If you are applying to college you need to be applying now.**

If you apply through the apprenticeship website you will be applying for a specific job which offers training through a College/Learning Provider.

To apply for an Apprenticeship/view vacancies

www.gov.uk/apprenticeship-guide: Click on Search for a Vacancy - Click on Start Now - This will take you through to the main apprenticeship website page. You can type in key words eg. Plumbing, electrical, hairdressing and type in a location and it will show you current vacancies. You will need to register in order to apply (vacancies will be advertised in Spring 2014).

Traineeship

If you want to do an apprenticeship but feel you lack qualifications and experience:
What is a Traineeship?

Traineeships are designed to help get you into an apprenticeship. Traineeships last between six weeks and six months and include the following:

Work Preparation Training – you will gain new employability and customer service skills

English and Maths – these are part of every apprenticeship framework and a traineeship will help get you started on improving these skills to meet.

To find out about Traineeships, contact KTS on (0117) 9605184 or SGS College on 0800 0567 253

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