



Year 11 Careers Provision

Dear Parent /Carer

At Ark Alexandra Academy, we recognise that an effective careers programme can help prepare young people for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences that lie ahead. The Government has since updated the Careers Strategy for schools and sets out clear guidelines and benchmarks to help support schools with their delivery of a structured and informative careers programme.

As a Year 11 student your child will receive support with their choices for their Post 16 education. On Wednesday 13th November students were involved in a Careers Fair which involved several Colleges, Universities and Businesses. Over the next few weeks your child will also receive a Career interview delivered by a qualified professional. This is a chance for them to discuss their options in further detail and but also get some advice on what routes/courses to take.

Leading on from this, students will need to start applying for the courses that they would like to study at College. The careers fair would have helped the students to find out more about different courses that the Colleges offer. Although, applications can be made using paper forms, the preferred way is via a website called Careers East Sussex. The address for this website is as follows <https://careerseastsussex.co.uk/login/>. Your child's login in details have been given to them on a personalised letter.

Your child will be given time and support in using this and making their applications. However, please do support them with this process. The deadline for most Colleges is before Christmas but some are even earlier. **It is expected that they make 2 applications** so that they have potential choices once they receive their results in August.

Please do visit the local Colleges at their open evenings. On Thursday 21st November both Ark Sixth Form and East Sussex College have their open evenings. This is a good chance for you to see what courses are on offer and speak to staff about what each subject involves.

For further support and guidance please see our newly created Careers website which can be found by going to the main Ark Alexandra website and selecting the Careers tab at the top of the page. Please also feel free to complete a survey on the quality of our careers provision that we provide to the students which can be found on the main page of the careers section.

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Furthermore, as our careers programme continues to grow and provide advice and guidance to students, we are always looking to engage more businesses and their employers to support the programme by delivering talks/workshops or activities to our students. If you feel that you could offer something towards our careers programme, please contact myself to arrange a meeting to discuss further.

Finally, I know that your child will be having several discussions about how important this year is, but it is true. This is the next step of their career, one which should be something that they are in full control of.

If you have any further questions about our careers programme or anything we can do to support your child, please don't hesitate to contact myself via email at g.morris@arkalexandra.org.

Yours Faithfully

Mr Morris
Careers Lead