Dear Parent/Carer, September 2023

Over the next 6 months your child will be working on applying for post-16 education. In Birmingham there are many options for students when applying for post-16 education, including: Sixth Forms, Colleges, Apprenticeships and Training.

## **Careers Interviews**

Mrs. O'Donnell is the in-school Careers Lead who will help your child to understand and research career paths and subjects that interest them. A Careers Advisor will be available to provide them with a range of information to encourage them to look at a range of options and support making applications to Sixth Form, College and Apprenticeships.

## Parents Role in Post-16 Education

Whilst applying for post-16 education is your child's responsibility and their choice, as a parent, it is your role to:

- 1. Have discussions with your child about their interests and careers that they would like to try.
- 2. Ensure your child has applied for more than one post-16 provider to ensure they have a range of options available to them.
- 3. Ensure your child attends any interviews on time.
- 4. Engage with the Careers advice that is sent out through social media, on the website and handed to students in school.
- 5. Use the Labour Market Information booklet <u>LMI Guide MY WAY Into The World Of Work (1).pdf</u> to find out about jobs in the West Midlands. (right click and open the hyper link)
- 6. A guide to choosing your Post 16 options ITSYOURCHOICE-2022-A4-INTERACTIVE.pdf
- 7. Parents & Carers guide to supporting their child <a href="Parents-2022-A4-4pp.pdf">PARENTSANDCARERS-2022-A4-4pp.pdf</a>

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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