

September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

YEAR 11 NEXT STEPS

This is the time when Year 11 students need to plan for the next stage of their future. They might consider transferring to a sixth form college or decide that an apprenticeship is a preferred route for them. St. Monica's is planning for this by organising the Next Steps Morning for ALL year 11 students on

Wednesday 3rd October 2018 from 8.45am until 1.10pm.

At this event we invite many of the colleges to which your child might consider making an application for September 2019. Also in attendance will be representatives from Training and Apprenticeship Providers involved in placing students with companies offering apprenticeships, Positive Steps Career Service, the Armed Forces and others to be confirmed at time of writing.

- Students will have the opportunity to visit the college stands and discuss with their staff important issues such as the success of the college, the subjects it offers? The qualifications required for various courses offered? Where the college is? How easy is it to get to? What is the social life of the college like? When is the Open Evening? Do they have 'Taster Days'? and so on.
- This approach can be used to find information on a range of Apprenticeship places or professional training in The Army, Royal Navy or Royal Air Force.
- Then, they can check out Positive Steps, whose staff will assist them, through this period, in making informed decisions about their career development.
- Students must obtain as much information as they can on a range of colleges and particularly read the prospectuses offered. Students will be briefed on the types of questions they might ask.

Of course we consider the role of the parent as essential in this process. To this end we would encourage you as parents to join the session your child is involved in and assist in making these decisions.

The plan of the day is as follows:

8.30am - Introductory assembly for students - Mr. Mullin will introduce the day and focus on important issues.

8.45 – 9.45 Session1 - 11B and 11C go immediately to the Sports Hall, all other students go to lesson

9.50 – 10.50 Session 2 - 11F and 11G to go to the Sports Hall, all other students go to lesson

10.50 – 11.05 Break

11.05 – 12.05 Session 3 - 11K and 11L to go to the Sports Hall, all other students go to lesson

12.10 – 1.10 Session 4 - 11R and 11W to go to the Sports Hall, all other students go to lesson

1.10 Finish – Lunchtime for students

We understand that it may be difficult for parents to attend in the morning, but this is an important opportunity to become more familiar with the choices that are available for future decision making. You will be welcome to pop into any session, but may prefer to choose the session your child will be attending, outlined above. If you are planning on coming, could you please TICK and SIGN the reply slip below and return it to your child's FORM TEACHER. We look forward to meeting you on the day.

Of course, if you need any more assistance, please contact me via email k.mullin@stmonicas.co.uk or via telephone 0161 – 773 6436 ext. 325.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. K. Mullin
Careers Leader



PLEASE TEAR OFF REPLY SLIP AND RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO YOUR CHILD'S FORM TEACHER

Please Tick your required response

I will be attending the Guidance Morning on 3rd October 2018

Unfortunately, I cannot attend the Guidance Morning on 3rd October 2018

Signed _____

Parent / Guardian