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Dear Parent and Student

Post 16 Pathways

We hope you're well, and looking forward to the summer.

As we approach the end of the school year, it's time for Year 10 students to begin thinking about what they will do after their GCSEs.

As you may or may not be aware, all children must now stay in some form of education until they are 18 years old. However, this includes a few options, so students have the choice of where and what they do.

There are four main pathways...

- **Grammar School** - to complete A Levels (Level 3 courses) - typically suited to students achieving Grade 7 or above at GCSE, exam only route
- **Sixth Form** - to complete a mix of Academic and Vocational courses
 - Level 3 courses, equivalent to 3 A Levels minimum (International Baccalaureate and Career Related Study routes) - typically suited to students achieving Grade 4 or above at GCSE, mix of coursework and exams
 - Level 2 courses, equivalent to GCSE (including English/Math's resit's) - typically suited to students achieving Grade 3 or below at GCSE, mix of coursework and exams
 - Basketball/Football Academy, taken alongside Level 2 and 3 courses. Includes daily training sessions and weekly games (Wednesday) in the 'Kent Academies League for Football' the 'National Academies Basketball League' and 'National League' at a weekend for basketball

- **College** - to complete a more specialised Vocational path such as Construction, Mechanics... (Level 1-3 courses) - students typically take 1 subject, as well as English/Math's resit's if applicable
- **Apprenticeship** - completed with an employer, involving days in college alongside employment - please be aware, these are difficult to secure before the age of 18

During Year 11, your son will have a team of staff, working to support him in making the right choices for him, based on his career aspirations, plan for post-18, and ability.

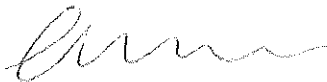
Can we please ask that you start having conversations with your son about where and what he might like to study after Year 11, and what is most suitable for him. If you would like to look in more detail at the options available, you will find most colleges and sixth forms have information on their websites, showing courses being offered from September 2022, and the entry requirements. While these may differ slightly for students starting courses in 2023, it will give some indication on what is available. If you are interested in looking at what NTC has to offer, you will find all the information on our website: <https://sixthform.ntc.kent.sch.uk/joinus>

Applications typically begin opening late September/early October; with Open evenings taking place from late September. The deadline for applications is normally around Easter and in most instances, applications are submitted via a website called KentChoices (<https://www.kentprospectus.co.uk>), and again your son will have a team supporting this process.

If you have any immediate questions, please contact your son's Progress Manager, or contact the sixth form team (sixthform@ntc.kent.sch.uk).

We hope you have a successful Term 6, and lovely summer and look forward to working with you and your son.

Yours faithfully



Ms E Campbell

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