

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 10/11 Careers Interviews

I am writing to introduce myself as I am the Midland Academies Trust Careers Adviser Debbie Partridge. I will be interviewing all Year 11 pupils at school to offer them impartial information, advice and guidance on their options after leaving school in June 2022. Each student will have an action plan produced within the interview which I recommend you take a look at so you can support your son/daughter in making the best decisions.

As you may be aware the Government has changed the rules about leaving school and each student now has to stay in some form of education or training until the academic year they turn 18 so making good informed decisions is more important than ever.

I will be providing our students with lists of local open days for all local Colleges and Sixth Forms which start anytime from October onwards and I would encourage both yourselves and your son/daughter to attend to have a look around at local provision before making any big decisions. However due to Covid-19 many open events may be virtual online events but I will provide regular updates during the year.

Online applications to providers through the institution's own websites will then start from Oct/Nov 2021 onwards (usually after open evenings have taken place) and we are going to be encouraging all students to complete this task before the end of January 2022 if possible – if your son/daughter needs support to complete applications either contact myself or your son/daughter can speak to their form tutor. Interviews for colleges and sixth form then take place from January onwards and these normally take place before exams season starts.

I am also keen to involve parents in this process as making choices can often seem daunting to both students and parents. I am keen to meet up with parents and this can be done ***in school time or after the school day ends, please contact me to arrange an appointment.*** I will also be available to speak to you at school parent's evenings.

If you would like to take up this opportunity to arrange an appointment, simply ring me on my mobile **02476 243039** or contact me by email **careers@MidlandAT.co.uk** to book an appointment.

Yours faithfully,

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