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Principal: Lorraine Taylor

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Careers Interviews

I am writing to introduce myself as I am the Careers and Employability Manager- Debbie Partridge, I work with Caroline Denny our Careers Advisor to support your child with their Post 16 career plans.

We will be interviewing all Year 11 pupils at Hartshill Academy to offer them impartial information, advice, and guidance on their options after leaving Year 11 in June 2024. Each pupil will have an action plan produced within the interview which we recommend you look at so you can support your child in making the best decisions.

As you may be aware the Government has changed the rules about leaving school and every pupil now must 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.

We will be providing our pupils with lists of local open days for all local Colleges and Sixth Forms which start anytime from October onwards and we would encourage both yourselves and your child to attend to have a look around at local provision before making any big decisions.

Online applications to providers through the institution's own websites will then start from October 2023 onwards (usually after open evenings have taken place) and we are going to be encouraging all pupils to complete this task before the end of January 2024 if possible. If your child needs support to complete applications either contact myself or your child can speak to their HART Coach. Interviews for colleges and sixth form then take place from January 2024 onwards and these normally take place before exams season starts.

We are also keen to involve parents in this process as making choices can often seem daunting to both pupils and parents. We are 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*. We will also be available to speak to you at Progress Evenings.

If you would like to take up this opportunity to arrange an appointment, simply ring me on **07813450650** or contact me by email at debbie.partridge@midlandAT.co.uk to book an appointment.

We look forward to supporting your child with their career ideas and Post 16 plans,

Yours faithfully,

D.Partridge

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