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Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Arrangements for Progression for Year 11 Students

I am writing to you with information regarding the choices available for your son/daughter when they leave Mill Chase Academy at the end of Year 11.

All young people are required to continue in education or training until their 18th birthday. This does not mean staying in school; young people have a choice about how they continue in education or training post-16, which could be through:

- Full-time study in a school, college or with a training provider.
- Full-time work or volunteering, for at least 20 hours a week, combined with part-time education or training.
- An Apprenticeship or Traineeship.

In order to prepare our Year 11 students for the decisions ahead of them, all students have at least one individual interview with a careers adviser. Those students that need further support have follow up appointments. In addition to this, all students have followed a curriculum programme at the end of year 10, which was designed to explain their choices to them. We also have visits from a number of the local colleges.

All students are strongly encouraged to investigate colleges and the courses they offer. With recent changes to education, colleges now offer a wide range of academic and vocational courses and it is important for all students to be aware of the opportunities available. We strongly advise students and parents to take advantage of the many Open Evenings that are arranged by the Colleges, a list of these has been sent home and can also be found on our website. Students can apply to more than one college should they wish to keep their options open.

In the next few weeks, I will be going through the application process with students in detail.

COLLEGE APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms for most of the colleges can be found in the individual prospectus or on the colleges' individual websites. However, several colleges now prefer students to make on-line applications. The prospectus for most colleges will be available from school, although some colleges now operate a completely online version. Please check websites where you wish to view a particular prospectus, that we do not have in school.

Please ensure that forms are completed in full and any requested enclosures are submitted. All students have/will be given guidance and time in school to prepare a Personal Statement which can be used to help fill in their forms or can be attached to their applications where requested.

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