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Dear Parents/Guardians

As we prepare for the new academic year we thought this would be a good time to outline all of the Careers information, advice and guidance programmes your son/daughter will experience as they progress through year 11.

### Careers Parental Information Evening

On the evening of 10th September we will be offering a presentation from Barton Peveril highlighting the benefits of further education study in general, not just at their establishment. Additionally, we will also have a guest speaker outlining other alternative pathways and qualifications available to our student's. This is a face to face event.

The link to sign up to this event is here: [Booking Form](#)

### College Assemblies

From the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> September local FE providers will be coming in each morning to talk to Y11 during assembly time, which will be running up until Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. There will be an opportunity for students to understand the main attributes of each local college and help them further to make informed decisions about next year.

### College Applications/Open Events

Students are encouraged to be spending time at home researching college courses or apprenticeships locally, and actively applying for these colleges/apprenticeship providers. Many colleges offer open evenings and the majority of post 16 providers have application deadlines of the end of the year, or January at the latest. Please refer to the Summer Term Careers Newsletter (attached to the Wildern Weekly) for a list of local college open days for your convenience.

Students can apply to as many post-16 destinations as they like, have as many interviews as they like, and indeed accept as many places as they like, without making their final decision until the summer after leaving school. Therefore, we encourage all students to be online, applying everywhere that interests them.

### Careers & Apprenticeship Fair

During the day of the 1st October, our annual careers fair will take place. The rationale for the careers fair is to enable students to gather key information about post 16 education/work. We will be looking forward to running this with the students, who will be invited to take part for one hour during the day.

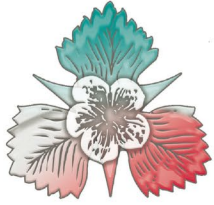
On the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> February from 5-7 we will be holding our Apprenticeship Fair. This will give students and Parents/Guardians the opportunity to talk to providers and discover more about Apprenticeships and the pathways open to them. Sign up for this event will be shared closer to the event.

### Careers Advice

Our Careers Adviser, Mrs O'Leary, has begun seeing individual students during the school day for a careers interview. If you feel your son/daughter requires any intervention before Mrs O'Leary speaks to them, then please contact us and we can arrange a sooner appointment.

We hope you find the above useful. If you need to contact us at school, please email [careers@wildern.org](mailto:careers@wildern.org). You can also follow @wilderncareers on X for any news on careers events at Wildern and information from colleges and employers, as well as @wilderncareers on Instagram and Wildern Careers on YouTube. Students are also encouraged to access their cohort's Careers Google Classroom and our online tool Unifrog to track careers





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activities. All information on the careers provision that we provide can also be found in the careers section of the parents handbook, as well as on the school website.

Finally, we wish your son/daughter every success with their final year at Wildern.

Yours faithfully

**Mr L Fenner, Senior Leader of Learning (Careers)**

**Mrs J O'Leary, Careers Adviser**

**Mrs S Jeffries, Careers Coordinator**



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