

THE WESTGATE SCHOOL

Hampshire's First 4-16 'All Through' School

*"The Westgate School is a community of learners where partnerships inspire success for all:
learning together – achieving excellence"*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Year 11 Post 16 information evening follow-up

Please find the presentation from last week's Post 16 information evening [here](#). Thank you for completing the evaluation survey; I am pleased to say that 100% of parents found the evening useful and would like to take this opportunity to answer the questions we received:

How does the school support those children with SEN with finding work experience?

Our SENCOs and learning support team can provide guidance and support for individual pupils and parents so that pupils choose the right college and course for them.

Are there any military options at post 16?

Yes! We will make sure we include these from now on. Please visit any of the armed forces websites for more information.

Does the government plan to scrap BTECs?

The previous Education Secretary was planning to defund BTECs; however, this has not officially been announced yet.

What are the application deadlines for college?

Deadlines differ between the colleges so please check their websites.

What does a college day look like?

This will depend on the course and the college you choose from. But normally pupils will be expected in college for lessons and also for independent study.

What is the deadline for the National Citizenship Service? Does it conflict with work experience?

Search from your nearest programme [here](#) and pupils can do NCS instead of work experience.

What are the dates for work experience?

Work experience should start on Monday 27th June 2022 and finish on Friday 8th July 2022. These dates have been adjusted to consider the new examination dates just published.

How do we organise work experience?

Pupils need to organise their own placement by contacting companies or family members. We will be sending out the work experience packs soon which will explain this in greater detail. Pupils who are struggling to find a placement can book an appointment with the Careers Advisor.

How do we apply for college?

Pupils usually apply through the college website or by post. Please double check the college website.

Thank you for joining us and a reminder that the Year 11 Curriculum & Revision Evening is on 14th October. This virtual event will take place from 6 - 7pm and can be joined via MS Teams [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Searle

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