

Welcome to



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Post 16 Choices

Parent's Information Evening



Aims Of The Session



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To give you as parents/carers:

- An understanding of what options are available for pupils Post 16
- A better understanding of how to support your child in making their Post 16 choices.
- An opportunity to speak directly to the vast majority of our Post 16 providers.



Current Year 11



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GCSE English and Maths now in Grades 1-9

All other subjects still in Grades A* - U



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Post 16 Education



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- Pupils must stay in some form of 'education or training' until at least the age of 18
- Year 11 pupils who do not achieve a '**good pass**' in English and Maths will have to continue these subjects at college or sixth form
- A '**good pass**' was at least a Grade C now likely to be a Grade 5.

Choices Post 16



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Does not necessarily mean staying in school or college; pupils 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 combined with part-time education or training.
- An Apprenticeship



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Applying to Colleges or Sixth Forms – In School Help



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- Advice available from the school – Y11 Mentor.
- Local colleges/sixth forms come into school to discuss application process – 14 October Inspire Day
- Pupils encouraged to visit / apply to more than one sixth form or college.

How As A Parent/Carer You Can Help



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- Make time to go to college/sixth form open evenings.
- Look at the college/sixth form prospectus' which are also available on-line.
- Check course/s entry requirements.
- Check transport links in advance.
- Encourage them to look at several places so they can make an informed choice.



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How As A Parent/Carer You Can Help



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- If your child is considering going to university ask them what degrees they might be interested in.
- Check university websites for entry requirements



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Informed Choices – Russell Group



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Traditional 'Red Brick' universities are represented by the Russell Group.

The Russell Group has released a document called 'Informed Choices' it states clearly what A-Levels pupils need to achieve to get on to their different degree courses.

There is a link to this document on our school website.



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HEALTHIER SCHOOLS



Healthy School



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL
UNICEF



YOUTH SPORT TRUST



Quality Mark



LEADING EDGE
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME



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Challenge Award
FOR EXCELLENCE IN PROVISION FOR
ABLE, GIFTED & TALENTED PUPILS

Where To Study



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Most popular for academic pupils wanting to take 3 A-Levels or more (pupils should be gaining at least 5 GCSE's at Grade B or above including English and Maths Level 5 or above)

- Queen Elizabeth (Darlington)
- St John's RC School Sixth Form
- Durham Sixth Form Centre
- Durham New College
- Durham Johnston Sixth Form



Where To Study



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Academic A-Level and vocational courses are also offered locally by:

- **Wolsingham Sixth Form**
- **King James Academy Sixth Form**
- **Whitworth Park School Sixth Form**
- **St Leonards R C School Sixth Form**
- **Framwellgate School Sixth Form**
- **Bishop Auckland College**
- **East Durham College**



College Open Evenings



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- Ask them tonight
- Visit college/sixth form websites for this information
- Contact the colleges/sixth forms directly



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Travel



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Some colleges have made their own transport arrangements for pupils.

You will need to speak to the colleges for further information on this.



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School's Website



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All the information from tonight will be placed on the school's website in the:

Parents section – Post 16 choices.



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Useful Websites



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www.russellgroup.ac.uk/informed-choices.aspx

www.ucas.com

www.university.which.co.uk

www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

www.apprenticeships.org.uk

www.totalprofessions.com

www.plotr.co.uk



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