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8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 all Year 11 pupils will be involved in a Next Steps Day where they will experience what it is like to be a Sixth Form pupil at Barr Beacon School. Year 12 teachers will be involved in the day and will therefore be setting Year 12 students independent study work to complete at home.

This will also be an ideal opportunity for students to explore what their 'Next Steps' are going to be. They should consider using some of this time to research possible university courses or higher apprenticeships. A good place to begin is the UCAS website, which draws together information from all universities and now includes guidance on careers, apprenticeships and gap years too: <a href="https://www.ucas.com">www.ucas.com</a>.

There is also a 'Parents' section specifically for you. We would also highly recommend apprenticeship guidance found at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship">www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship</a>. Finally for general careers advice, students can also visit the National Careers Service: <a href="https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk">https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk</a>.

Together we will get everyone to their pathway of their choice.

Yours sincerely

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