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Dear Parents/Carers

The Autumn Term is a very busy period for Year 11 students as they start their next steps applications. So far this term, Year 11 pupils have had an assembly from the Department for Work and Pensions about the options ahead. The Careers Fair has also given pupils the chance to speak with colleges and apprenticeship providers about their next steps.

Next term, pupils will receive more information in assemblies, take part in a taster day at Sixth Form or College and they will receive a mock interview. We are also planning CV workshops.

What should my child be doing now?

Your child should be thinking carefully about where they wish to study after Year 11. They can apply to Sixth Forms, Colleges, Training Providers and for Apprenticeships.

We would recommend you attend local Sixth Form and College Open Days and we always advise our Year 11 pupils to apply to more than one provider. It is useful to have back-up options in case a pupil does not meet the entry requirements or if their chosen courses do not run at their chosen provider due to number restrictions.

The school's Sixth Form application will be launched on Thursday 28th November following our Open Evening. College applications can be made directly on the provider website.

For pupils interested in apprenticeships, you may find our [Apprenticeship and Training Provider Directory](#) helpful. Apprenticeship are very competitive and vacancies may not always be available in the industries your child wants, but every year more and more Year 11 pupils are ready for work and succeed on this pathway.

Careers Advice Interviews

Most pupils in Year 11 will have already had a guidance interview with our Careers Adviser and those who are yet to be seen are on our priority list. If your child wishes to book an appointment, they can do this via their tutor or by emailing postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk. Parents can also request to meet with our Careers Adviser or you can ask your child to see a copy of their Action Plan.

At this exciting but sometimes overwhelming time, we appreciate your support at home. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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