



Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Next Steps Day- Friday 20th November 2026

To ensure that your child makes a careful choice of destination for September 2027, we have organised several careers events that will take place throughout the academic year. One of these is Next Steps Day, which will take place on **Friday 20th November 2026**. Your child can select to either attend Barr Beacon School to experience Sixth Form lessons, or one of two Birmingham Metropolitan (BMET) colleges.

Option 1 - Barr Beacon Sixth Form Experience Day

- Pupils will choose 6 subjects from the extensive list of A Level and BTEC Level 3 courses on offer (see table below) and have a 30-minute taster session in each subject throughout the day. **Please note that these courses are subject to change.**
- Pupils will arrive to school at their normal time and will depart at 12:30pm.
- Pupils may dress smartly in-line with the 6th Form dress code, which can be found on our website or wear their normal school uniform. Pupils do not need to purchase a suit for this day.

A-Level Courses

Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
English Language and Literature
French
Further Mathematics

A-Level Courses

Geography
German
History
Mathematics
Philosophy and Ethics
Physics

A-Level Courses

Psychology
Sociology
Statistics

Vocational Courses

Applied Law
Art and Design
Business
Creative Media
Health and Social Care (AAQ)
Information Technology (AAQ)
Sport and Exercise Science

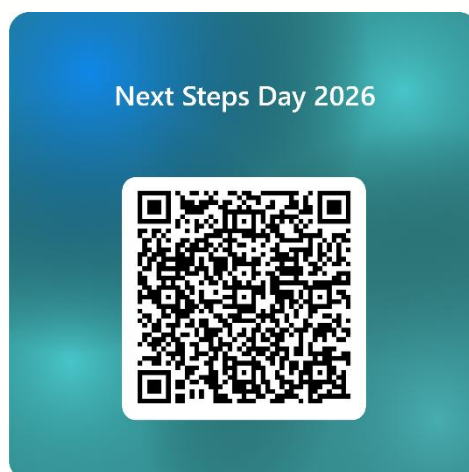
Option 2 – Birmingham Metropolitan College Experience Day

- Pupils choose a first choice and a reserve choice from the table below. The college will aim to accommodate as many first choices as possible.
- Regardless of the college they attend, each pupil will have a presentation about college life and will be assisted with how to complete a college application.
- Pupils will make their own way to and from their selected college and meet Barr Beacon staff at the allocated meeting point at 9am. They will depart at approximately 12:35pm. **Please note that Matthew Boulton College is located in the centre of Birmingham with the nearest train station being Birmingham New Street or Birmingham Moor Street.**
- Pupils should wear smart attire, no low-cut tops, short skirts, hoodies or sportswear are permitted. Sensible footwear should also be worn. Pupils should not wear any clothing that contains logos or statements that others may find offensive.



Matthew Boulton College	James Watt College
Fashion Business Law and Criminology Graphic Design Creative IT Dental Pharmacy Science Health and Social Care Early Years Architecture Art and Design	Construction Engineering Games Design Media Health and Social Care Early Years
For more information about these courses and September 2027 entry requirements visit www.bmet.ac.uk	

You will now need to decide with your child, what they want to do for Next Steps Day. Please complete the Microsoft Forms for either Birmingham Metropolitan Colleges or Barr Beacon Sixth form by **Tuesday 29th September 2026**. If the form is not completed by Tuesday 29th September it is likely that the pupil's place will be assigned to Barr Beacon Sixth Form.



[Click here to complete the Microsoft Form](#)

Our Sixth Form Open Evening will be held on **Thursday 26th November from 6.00pm -8.00pm**. This evening will start with a brief presentation and it will be an opportunity to find out more about the courses that are available to your child. If you have any further queries about Next Steps Day, please contact Mr Ball (Deputy Headteacher) via postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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