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Dear Year 10 Parents and Carers

Post 16 Awareness Days for Year 10

I am writing with further information about the **two different Post 16 awareness events** taking place on **Tuesday 2nd July**. Students have been presented with details by myself and Mr Donovan about the two options on offer.

A Level Awareness Day

This will take place across both the Colfox and Beaminster sites. Students will try real A Level lessons and have the opportunity to speak to A Level teachers, and will be given information about university, apprenticeships and the world of work. We hope that the day will provide them with a clearer picture of what to expect from the Sixth Form and Higher Education in general. This event is suitable for any student who is considering taking an A Level programme of study (or the BTECs in Sport or Food) after GCSEs. It is ideally suited to those students thinking about university after Sixth Form.

*Please note that as for **all** sixth forms, students must achieve a minimum of 5 grades at '5' or above in GCSE to be considered for A Levels in our Joint Sixth Form.*

Students attending the A Level Awareness day should register as normal in the morning.

School uniform is not required.

We will visit the Sir John Colfox Academy site in the morning, returning to Beaminster for the afternoon session. Travel between our two sites will be by link bus.

Yeovil College Open Day

Students will choose subject-specific workshops to gain experience of the various vocational courses that might be available to them. These include T-Levels which are subject specific and equivalent to 3 A Levels.

Yeovil students will leave by bus at 8.45am from Beaminster School, returning before 3.30pm.

School uniform is not required.

Students should bring either a packed lunch or money for food from the canteen at Yeovil. (Students eligible for Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch).

All students should bring a water bottle.

Some students have already expressed an interest in the Yeovil College Day and selected courses they are interested in. However, if, on reflection, they would prefer to experience the A Level Taster Day, they should speak to either Mrs Walters or Mr Donovan as soon as possible please.

Students opting for the A Level Awareness Day will have the option of attending a choice of workshops and lessons.

Please could **all students** complete this short online survey to make their choices:

<https://forms.office.com/e/y7AMhLwMXh>

We hope the day will be both informative and stimulating, helping all students start to think about their options post-GCSE.

Their choice of event does not commit them to any particular route, and I would urge students to approach this opportunity as a fact-finding exercise. We will monitor students' choices carefully to ensure they are appropriate to their needs.

Finally, we are hosting a **Post 16 Information Evening** at Beaminster School on **Tuesday 2nd July from 6–7pm** to explain more about post 16 options and introduce details about the Joint Sixth Form. If you would like to attend, please indicate this on the online form.

If you have any questions, as always, please contact your child's Tutor in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

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