

# What to expect in Year 11

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# Moving you forward to YOUR GOAL....

- Discuss with you what YOU would like to do after Year 11
- Move you closer to YOUR career goal.
- I AM NOT here tell you what to do....
  - its your life not mine
- Listen and advise
- Help YOU make a -  
well informed realistic decision.

# My Role as a Careers Adviser?

- **In school 3 days a week**
  - Wednesday - Friday
- **1:1 guidance interviews**
  - small office in the Library – KNOCK and wait
- **Interviews 30 minutes long –**
  - Informal chat with an action plan
  - Apologies as sometimes I do go over
  - You will be called for interview on the day and handed a slip with the time
- **Interviews will start towards the end of Sept**
- **referrals by SLT,HOY and Form Tutors**
- **Large number in school versus 1 careers adviser**
- **Also will be having meetings with 6<sup>th</sup> formers**

# How can you get in touch?

## **Self referral by**

- **emailing me directly**  
**[p.knowles@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:p.knowles@fairfax.fmat.co.uk)**
- **Pop in to see me in the Library during lunch or break times**
- **Let your form tutor, head of year or student support know and they will inform me.**

## **In attendance at parent evenings –**

**YOU DO NOT NEED AN APPOINTMENT**

# Post 16 options



What will YOU Choose?

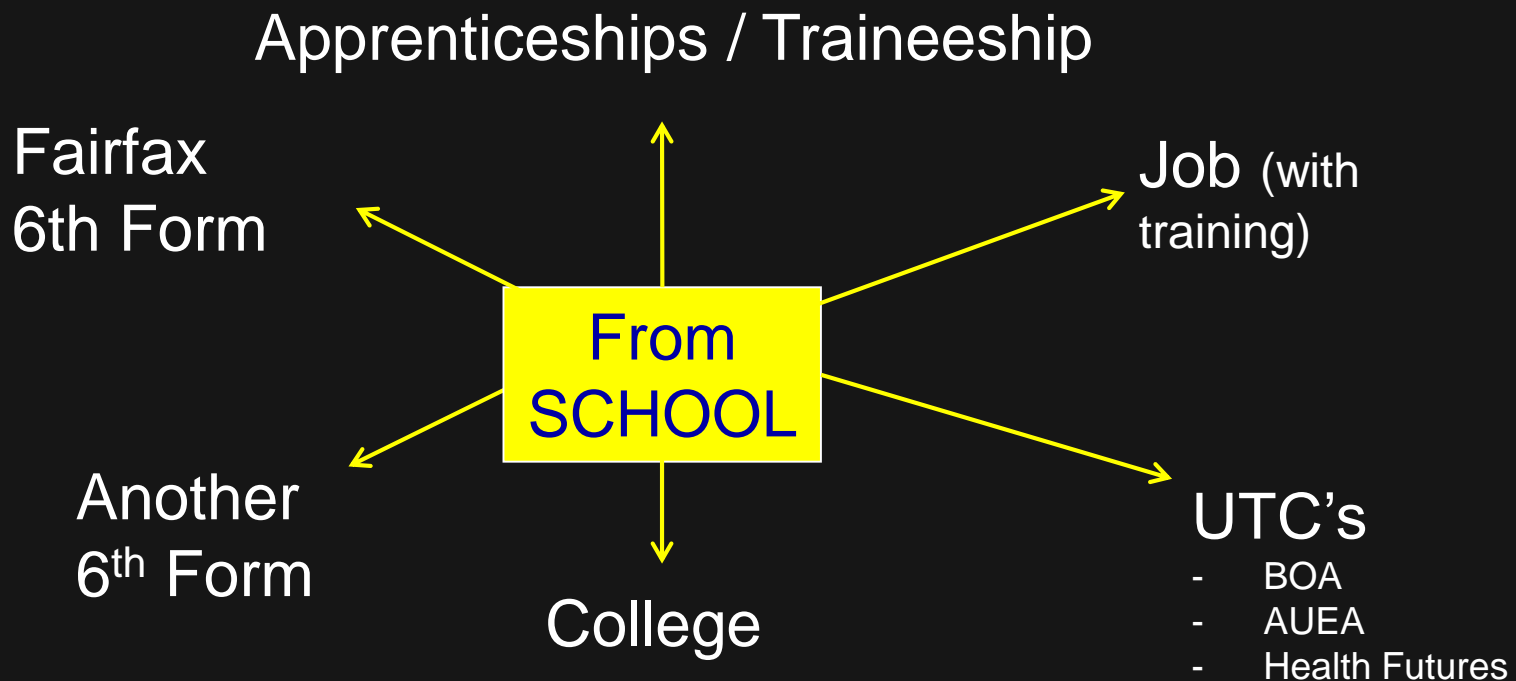
# Choose what's right for you?

- Alevels- more written work with final exam – Now linear which means it's a straight 2 year course  
\*\*If you are predicted 3/4s then Alevels may not be for you\*\*
- Diplomas – (Tlevels & Btec) Career related qualifications more practical and coursework based (Tlevels –more academic Btec- more course work based)  
Level 3 Extended diploma = 3 Alevels can still move into Uni
- Industry Qualifications - AAT, Children and Young Peoples Workforce, Motor Vehicle, Hair and Beauty, Construction
- Apprenticeships – earn and learn –different levels
- Traineeships– Extended work experience – stepping stone into an apprenticeship

You want to aim to get a good range of GCSEs to open more doors for you

# What are your Post 16 Options?

Not your History, German, Art or DT *options* but the options available to you after Year 11



# How to Decide

- **Chose the course that's right FOR YOU** – start researching courses on school/college websites
- **It's a Career Journey** – don't worry too much if you keep changing your mind - its part of the process
- **- IF UNDECIDED**
  - **use My Career Springboard or SACU**
    - Produces list of career suggestions
    - More details in the library including passwords
  - **Looking at the college websites**
  - **Read about the different courses and their levels**
  - **Look at entry requirements**
  - **Where they can lead**
  - **Think about how best YOU learn - A levels versus Btec**



# Important pieces of information

- School is the only place you can take a wide range of GCSEs
- There is only provision to resit 'set' GCSEs
- If you do not pass your Maths and English at grade 4 or above then you will need to resit up until you either get the grade or you are 18.
- A back up plan is not just applying to another 6<sup>th</sup> form that has the same entry requirements as Fairfax.  
A back up plan is a course at the same level but with lower entry requirements eg Btec or other A levels
- The only place this side of the city to do A levels other than a school 6<sup>th</sup> form is Sutton Campus or Landau Forte in Tamworth

# What you need to achieve?

For Fairfax 6<sup>th</sup> form

We offer a range of Alevels and Btec qualifications

Entry:

5 GCSEs grades 9-4 including English & maths

Subjects you wish to study

Subject specific grades are required – range from grades 5-7 depending on subject.

Also

- if you have not studied the subject before then a 5 in English/maths is needed
- For Physics, Chemistry and Maths you need grade 7s
- For Btec courses grades 4's are accepted apart from Applied Science where you need grade 5
- Remember Fairfax is an ACADEMIC 6<sup>th</sup> form
- Look at 6<sup>th</sup> form prospectus on the school website

**APPLICATIONS OPEN - DAY AFTER 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM OPEN EVENING**  
**ON TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

# What you need to achieve?

For other 6<sup>th</sup> forms and College

- Need to check entry requirements for each individual 6<sup>th</sup> form and college as they will all differ slightly.
- Grammar school will be looking at 7, 8 & 9s
- Some operate a point system ie Vesey require 52 points to get into their 6<sup>th</sup> form – more info on their website
- Work out your scores from your predicted grades – set yourself a goal
- College will offer a wider range of courses including full Technical Diplomas such as T levels, Btec's and OCRs

Check out their websites for the range of courses.

# When do I apply for Sept 2023 place?

- Fairfax – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November
- Grammar school
  - Have very early open days
  - Close their applications early
  - Check each of their websites
- Other 6<sup>th</sup> forms
  - Usually before Christmas –  
PLEASE CHECK THEIR WEBSITES
- Colleges
  - Like applications before Christmas although their applications run up until September
  - Apply early to secure your place

| School 6th Form Open Days  | Date and Time (  |
|--|--|
| Arthur Terry 6 <sup>th</sup> Form<br>Tel 0121 323 2221<br><a href="http://www.arthurterry.bham.sch.uk">www.arthurterry.bham.sch.uk</a>     | Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 6:00-8:00pm                                     |
| Bishop Walsh<br>Tel 0121 351 3215<br><a href="http://www.bishopwalsh.bham.sch.uk">www.bishopwalsh.bham.sch.uk</a>                          | Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 7:00 -9:00pm                                   |
| Bishop Vesey<br>Tel: 0121 250 5400<br><a href="http://www.bvgs.co.uk">www.bvgs.co.uk</a>   | Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November from 4:30–7.30pm                                 |
| Fairfax<br>Tel: 0121 378 1288<br><a href="http://www.fairfax.bham.sch.uk">www.fairfax.bham.sch.uk</a>                                      | Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 6.30-8.30pm (tbc)                                 |
| Great Barr 6 <sup>th</sup> Form<br>Tel:0121-366-6611<br><a href="http://www.greatbarrsixthform.org.uk">www.greatbarrsixthform.org.uk</a>   | Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 6:00 -8:00pm                                    |
| <u>Handsworth Grammer</u><br>Tel: 0121 554 2794<br><a href="http://www.handsworth.bham.sch.uk">www.handsworth.bham.sch.uk</a>              | Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 4:30-6:30pm                                     |
| Joseph Chamberlin 6 <sup>th</sup> Form<br>Tel:0121 446 2223<br><a href="http://www.jcc.ac.uk">www.jcc.ac.uk</a>                            | Please check website as no date confirmed<br>(last year was beginning of November) |
| John Wilmott<br>Tel: 0121 378 1946<br><a href="http://www.jws.bham.sch.uk">www.jws.bham.sch.uk</a>   | Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November from 6.30 pm                                   |
| King Edwards VI (Aston)<br>Tel: 0121 327 1130<br><a href="http://www.keaston.bham.sch.uk">www.keaston.bham.sch.uk</a>                      | Monday 10th November 5:30-8:00pm   |
| King Edwards VI Camp Hill for Boys<br>Tel: 0121 444 3188<br><a href="http://www.camphillboys.bham.sch.uk">www.camphillboys.bham.sch.uk</a> | Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 6pm start  |
| King Edwards VI Camp Hill for Girls<br>Tel: 0121 444 2150<br><a href="http://www.kechg.org.uk">www.kechg.org.uk</a>                        | Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 7:00-9:00pm                                     |

# 6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Days

Check deadline dates for applications

This years will be available the end of September



| College Open Days 2014          |  |  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Access to Music                 | Heath Mill Studios<br>68 Heath Mill Lane<br>Birmingham B9 4AR  | Wednesday 8th October 6pm-8pm  |
| Academy of Music                | 3, Lionel Street<br>Birmingham West Midlands, B9 1AG   | Saturday 18th October 1pm-4pm<br>Saturday 29th November 1pm-4pm<br>Saturday 31st January 1pm-4pm   |
| Aston Engineering Academy       | 1 Lister Street<br>Birmingham B7 4AG   | Wednesday 19th November 5pm-7.30pm - please book a place<br>AUEA organise a range of open sessions dates and you need to apply online to attend. Please check their website. |
| Birmingham Metropolitan College | Sutton Coldfield Campus<br>James Watt Campus<br>Matthew Boulton Campus<br>Edington Skills Centre<br>(EGC is a separate location) | Wednesday 8th October 5pm-8pm<br>Saturday 8th November 10am-1pm<br>Tuesday 9th December 1pm-8pm<br>Check website for more dates for next year                                |
| BOA Academy                     | Birmingham Ormiston Academy<br>1 Grosvenor Street<br>Birmingham B4 7QD   | Thursday 23rd October at 6.30PM<br>Open week 20-24th October 2014<br>9.30-10.45 (Please check website for more details)  |

# College open days

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Both are displayed in A block by the Library – look for the picture of me!

# Why go to an Open day

- *Enable you to look at the campus you will be POTENTIALLY studying at.*
- *Compare courses*
- *Speak to tutors about course content.*
- *Find out about specific entry requirements*
- *It is ESSENTIAL for your Plan B*



BMET - Sutton



South Staffs College - Tamworth

# APPRENTICESHIPS

[WWW.APPRENTICESHIPS.GOV.UK](http://WWW.APPRENTICESHIPS.GOV.UK)



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# What about Apprenticeships?

- Larger companies such as JLR, BMW, Dunlop, Rolls Royce all start their application process early

Smaller and Medium sized companies tend to start looking around March.

Stay ahead of the game:

Register on:

- [www.apprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk)
- [www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk](http://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk)
- [www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk](http://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk)
- [www.indeed.co.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.indeed.co.uk/apprenticeships)

Register with Training Providers, For example:

Engineering – Lema. Make uk InComm

Hair and Beauty – Reflections, Heart of England, Francesco group

Childcare – Gordon Franks, SwiftAci,

Sport – Aspire Sports

Electrical – Birmingham Electrical Training, JTL

# What you need to achieve?

## For Apprenticeships

- Different levels of apprenticeships
- Different durations of how long the apprenticeship last
- It is not necessarily 'the easy option!'

| Advanced                          | Level 3 | A levels or Btec L3 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Intermediate                      | Level 2 | GCSEs A-C/ 9-4      |
| No apprenticeships<br>Traineeship | Level 1 | GCSEs D-G/3-1       |

## Helping you to decide

- Careers fair in School tbc
- Plan your trip to the NEC for the Skills Show for those interested in apprenticeships – Free admission - November
- Apprenticeship Event next spring – your chance to listen and speak to employers

# Your Career's Timeframe

| Month                                 | Event  | Where  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Oct – Easter 2023                     | Year 11 career interviews                                      | In school  |
| Oct onwards                           | Open evening at 6 <sup>th</sup> forms and colleges             | See the lists to be handed out at end of September                         |
| Oct – December 2022                   | Applications to be made to 6 <sup>th</sup> forms/ colleges     | At home or in school with the adviser                                      |
| October 2022<br>- for Sept 2023 entry | Apprenticeship vacancies start to open for large organisations | <a href="http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk">www.apprenticeships.gov.uk</a> |
| End of November – December 2022       | Closing dates for 6 <sup>th</sup> form applications            | Check application forms and websites for closing dates                     |
| Feb 2023<br>March 2023                | National Apprenticeship & Careers Week                         | Various activities in and out of school                                    |

***I will provide you with the information you need,  
in order for you to succeed  
But neither I, your parents, guardians or teachers  
can do it for you.  
It's Your Life...Your commitment...Your outcome  
Let YOU be the best YOU can achieve!***

