



**GUISELEY
SCHOOL**

A THINKING SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware your child is rapidly coming to the end of Year 11 and is in the process of deciding what to do next year. It is compulsory that all students stay in education or work with education until they are 18. In practice this means that all students need to either continue their education in a Sixth Form or College or start an Apprenticeship.

During form time students have informed their Form Tutors of their intentions for next year. In order to guide students to the right course Guiseley School is holding post-16 events for students in January. The events will be as follows:

Thursday 17 January: There will be two different activities taking place depending on student preference. An introduction to the Sixth Form followed by taster lessons or a visit to Bradford College to take part in a campus tour, learn about the College environment and look into the role of Apprenticeships.

Friday 18 January: Either a continuation with lesson sampling and an introduction to the Sixth Form or visits to Leeds College of Building or Leeds City College, to sample lessons in some subject areas and learn about the College environment.

If students have said that they are intending to go into the Sixth Form, either at Guiseley or elsewhere, then they will be in school on both days. Students will have an introductory talk about Sixth Form life and expectations. They will then sample six lessons in order to get a "flavour" of different subjects. Students are expected to study for three or, in some cases, four A levels or Cambridge Nationals and by sampling six subjects they will be able to make an informed choice. Therefore, students should not complete their UCAS Progress application, to the Sixth Form, until after the 18 January.

If students have said that they intend to go to College or start an Apprenticeship, then they will visit two different Colleges. I will be enrolling each student for different taster sessions according to the information that they passed onto their Form Tutor. Every effort has been made to match courses with student interest. In some cases, it has not been possible to find an exact match. However, the days at College will give students information on what it is like to study at different types of College.

There will be a coach to transport students from school to College and back. Members of staff will accompany students on College visits.

In some cases, students have not decided between College and Sixth Form. In these cases, students can attend the Sixth Form introduction and a College visit.

I will be sending home a permission slip for College visits in due course.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Director of KS5