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To: Year 11

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11, Post-16 - Next Steps Update: Supporting your child/ward with their next steps

The Autumn term is an exciting and important time for our Year 11 students as they begin exploring their options and planning their next steps beyond Year 11.

This term, students have been developing their understanding of the opportunities available to them during Personal Development lessons and about the different pathways they could take. Our Year 10 Careers Expo also provided students with a valuable opportunity to speak directly with colleges and apprenticeship providers and find out more about their future options.

What should my child/ward be doing now?
We encourage all Year 11 students to start thinking carefully about where they would like to study or train after Year 11. There are a range of exciting pathways to explore, including sixth form, college, training providers and apprenticeships.

At this stage, we strongly recommend that students:

- Attend Open Days and Information Evenings to find out more about courses, facilities and entry requirements.

- Apply to more than one provider. Having a range of options is important, as students may not meet the entry requirements for every course, or a course may not run due to low numbers or capacity restrictions.

- Research their options carefully to ensure that their chosen courses match their interests, strengths and future aspirations.

Applying for Sixth Form, College and Apprenticeships
Applications for Taverham High School Sixth Form opened on Friday 9 October 2026, following our Sixth Form Open Evening. Students wishing to apply should do so via Applica.

For applications to other providers, we recommend using Help You Choose, which provides information about post-16 courses and open events.

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For students interested in an apprenticeship, I would encourage them to register on the Find an Apprenticeship website and begin exploring available vacancies. Apprenticeships can be a fantastic route into employment, combining practical experience with learning and training. However, vacancies can be competitive and may not always be available in a student's preferred industry. Additionally, many young people choose to follow the apprenticeship route into employment after studying for A-levels. While many young people successfully secure apprenticeships each year, we strongly advise students to also apply to sixth forms and colleges as a back-up plan, should they not secure an apprenticeship.

Careers Guidance and Support
I am keen to ensure that every student feels supported and confident when making these important decisions. If your child/ward would like an individual careers guidance appointment with me, please encourage them to email me at: A_warwick@taverhamhigh.org

I will also be holding lunchtime drop-in sessions, with dates communicated to students through their morning briefings.

In addition, I will shortly be sharing further information and a booking link for a Careers Clinic on 17 November 2026, following the Year 11 mock examination results. This will be an opportunity for parent/carers to meet with me, discuss their child/ward's progress and explore any questions or concerns about their next steps.

Finally, we recognise that this can be an exciting but sometimes overwhelming time for both students and families. Your support and encouragement at home can make a real difference in helping your child/ward feel positive about the opportunities ahead. Also, there are lots of useful links on our Future Pathways Padlet: Future Pathways - Useful Websites and Resources

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or would like further advice. We are here to support you and your child/ward throughout this important stage of their journey.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Warwick
Careers Lead