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Dear Parents

During the lead up to half term our year 11 students will be completing their post 16 applications for either Sixth Form, College, or an independently sought apprenticeship. Whilst these are exciting times for our students, there are still some that are unsure of their future path and require more support than normal due to Covid restrictions.

The completion date for these applications is 24 October and during this time I ask that you support your child in the following ways:

- Partake in a career conversation with them about potential areas of interest.
- Look at virtual tours of post 16 providers to get a feel for each establishment.
- Know the qualification requirements for each course your child is considering.
- Encourage your child to aim high. It is easier to come down a level rather than go up.
- Check your child's progress with regards to their application. (Help you Choose website)
- Ensure they have a confirmation email for any post 16 provider outside of Norfolk.
- Ensure they have a confirmation email for any approved apprenticeship placement.
- Encourage your child to work on applications at home as well as in school (we only have a limited amount of form time available).

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support as we settle into the new term.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Knott
Assistant Headteacher

