



7 November 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 – FE Applications and Open Events - Post 16 Choices

We hope you enjoyed your October Half Term break and your son or daughter had an opportunity to study, as well as rest and relax, too.

We would like to share some important and helpful information and advice relating to students taking action in preparation for their next steps after Year 11.

We recommend students in Year 11 do the following:

- Attend a variety of sixth form and Further Education college open events – we recommend attending at least 3 events, if possible. Dates for open events at a wide variety of sixth forms and colleges, along with school/college website links, can be found at the end of this letter (students have already received these dates via google classroom).
- Apply for at least 3 places – for example 3 sixth forms, 3 colleges or a mixture sixth forms and colleges.
- Apply for a variety of places which encompass different entry requirements – for example some F.E. college or sixth form grade boundaries are slightly higher and others slightly lower. By applying for a variety of places you can ensure you cover all bases – just in case things don't go quite to plan on exam day. A variety of places may include different types of courses at sixth forms and colleges – e.g. A-Levels and BTEC or T-Levels.
- Make a note of application deadlines.
- Ensure applications are submitted by the deadline to avoid disappointment. We would suggest to apply this term for sixth forms and colleges - even if the deadline is in 2023.
- Apply for popular courses with fewer places this term. These courses may include:
 - Animal Care/Management at BCA in Maidenhead.
 - Construction courses (for example Carpentry, Electrical Installation, Plumbing, etc.) at Activate Learning colleges such as Reading College and Bracknell & Wokingham College.
 - Hair and Beauty courses – at Activate Learning colleges such as Reading College and Bracknell & Wokingham College.
 - Sport, media and other courses may also be popular – it is best to apply as soon as possible.
- If applying for apprenticeships – start searching now. Search and apply from January 2023 onwards on a weekly basis using www.unifrog.org. Apply for F.E. colleges and/or sixth forms as a back-up – this is very important.
- Keep up with correspondence from schools and colleges applied to regularly. Encourage your son or daughter to check their email, phone, and for correspondence via letter. Ensure a reply is sent / information requested is supplied / relevant action is taken, by any deadlines that are given.

We hope this information is of help to you.

Yours sincerely

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School and F.E. College Open Events 2022 - 2023

School / College Name	Date of Open Event	Open Event Time	Website link
F.E. College			
BCA, Maidenhead	Saturday 19 November 2022	10.00am - 2.00pm	Berkshire College of Agriculture - BCA
Bracknell & Wokingham	Wednesday 23 November 2022	4.30pm - 7.30pm	Bracknell and Wokingham College (activatelearning.ac.uk)
City of Oxford College	Saturday 8 October 2022	9.30am - 12.30pm	City of Oxford College (activatelearning.ac.uk)
Farnborough College of Technology	Wednesday 23 November 2022 Wednesday 8 February 2023	4.00pm - 7.30pm 4.00pm - 7.30pm	Farnborough College of Technology - Outstanding College (farn-ct.ac.uk)
Farnborough College of Technology Aldershot (Construction)	Tuesday 22 November 2022 Thursday 9 February 2023	4.00pm - 7.30pm 4.00pm - 7.30pm	Farnborough College of Technology - Outstanding College (farn-ct.ac.uk)
Farnborough Sixth Form College	Nothing further listed. Please contact college		The Sixth Form College Farnborough
Henley College	Thursday 3 November 2022 Saturday 12 November 2022	5.30pm - 8.00pm 10.00am - 1.00pm	Home The Henley College Oxfordshire
Langley College	Wednesday 23 November 2022	4.00pm - 6.30pm	Langley (windsor-forest.ac.uk)
Newbury College	Please see website for upcoming events	Check college website	Newbury College (newbury-college.ac.uk)

Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke	Thursday 27 April 2023	Time TBC	Build your future at Queen Mary's Sixth Form College. - Queen Mary's College (gmc.ac.uk)
Reading College	Saturday 19 November 2022	9.30am - 12.30pm	Reading College (activatelearning.ac.uk)
Sparsholt College, Hampshire	Saturday 12 November 2022 Saturday 4 February 2023 Saturday 4 March 2023	10.00am - 2.00pm 10.00am - 2.00pm 10.00am - 2.00pm	Sparsholt College Land-based College Ofsted GOOD
Strodes College	Thursday 9 February 2023	4.30pm - 7.00pm	Strode's College, outstanding results all round (windsor-forest.ac.uk)
Uxbridge College	Wednesday 9 November (Uxbridge Campus) Wednesday 23 November (Hayes Campus)	3.00pm - 8.00pm 3.00pm - 7.00pm	Uxbridge College Further Education, Higher Education & Apprenticeships - Uxbridge College Top London College
UTC Reading	Wednesday 2 November 2022	5.30pm - 7.30pm	UTC Reading - Home
Windsor College	Tuesday 7 February 2023	4.30pm - 7.00pm	Windsor College, home of creative college courses (windsor-forest.ac.uk)
School Sixth Forms			
Woodley / Earley / Reading			
Maiden Erlegh School, Earley	Event passed		Maiden Erlegh School - Home
Bulmershe, Woodley	Thursday 3 November 2022	5.45pm	The Bulmershe School
Denefield, Tilehurst	Thursday 10 November 2022	Check school website	Denefield School - Home

Highdown, Emmer Green	Tuesday 1 November 2022	From 5.30pm	Highdown School & Sixth Form Centre - Home
Blessed Hugh Farringdon, Reading	Thursday 24 November 2022	Check school website	Blessed Hugh Farringdon Catholic School
John Madejski Academy, Reading	Wednesday 12 October	Check school website	https://www.johnmadejskiacademy.co.uk/sixth-form/how-to-apply
Kendrick, Reading	November 2022 - date TBC	Check school website	Kendrick School - Home
King's Academy Prospect, Tilehurst	Thursday 25 November 2022	4.30pm - 6.30pm	https://www.prospect.reading.sch.uk/
Reading Boys (Grammar), Reading	Wednesday 16 November 2022	See school website	Reading School - Home (reading-school.co.uk)
Waingels College, Woodley	Thursday 10 November 2022	Check school website	Welcome to Waingels College
The Piggott, Wargrave	Wednesday 9 November 2022	TBC - please check school website	The Piggott School - The Piggott School
The Wren, Reading	Thursday 10 November 2022	5.00pm - 7.30pm	The Wren School, Reading: Nurture, Challenge & Inspire
Bracknell / Wokingham			
Brackenhale, Bracknell	Thursday 25 November 2022	6.00pm - 7.30pm	https://brakenhale.co.uk/
Charters, Ascot	Thursday 13 October 2022	5.30 - 8.00pm	Welcome to Charters School
Easthampstead Park, Bracknell	Please check website/contact school		Easthampstead Park Community School Bracknell, Berkshire (epschool.org)
Edgebarrow, Crowthorne	Thursday 17 November 2022	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Edgbarrow School
Emmbrook, Wokingham	Thursday 20 October 2022	6.30pm - 8.00pm	The Emmbrook School - Home

Garth Hill College, Bracknell	Thursday 13 October 2022	6.00pm - 8.00pm	https://www.garthhillcollege.com/
Ranelagh, Bracknell	Wednesday 12 October 2022	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Home Page - Ranelagh School (bonitas.org.uk)
Sandhurst School	Thursday 6 October 2022	6.00pm - 6.45pm	Sandhurst School - The Opportunity to Succeed
St Crispin's, Wokingham	Thursday 3 November 2022	Check school website	Home - St Crispin's - Excellence for all St Crispin's – Excellence for all (crispins.co.uk)
The Forest, Winnersh	Thursday 20 October 2022	3.30 - 7.00pm	The Forest School
The Holt, Wokingham	Thursday 17 November 2022	6.00pm	The Holt School Be Kind Aim High Work Hard