



September 2023

Dear parent/carer,

**SUBJECT: Post-16 Careers Guidance Information for Parents/Carers of Y11 Pupils**

I am writing to you, as we have now come to a very busy time of year for our Year 11 pupils, with decisions, dates and deadlines to be met this term and next, for their Post-16 destinations. A range of information will be distributed to our pupils through Tutor Time, assemblies and parent/pupil emails, culminating in their college applications being completed by 21st December 2023 to avoid disappointment with course availability.

During the Autumn term, Year 11 pupils should be thinking about which colleges they would like to attend and which possible choices of courses they would like to study. At this point, they can make as many applications as they want, to as many colleges as they choose.

Once the colleges have received their application forms, pupils will be invited for interviews, usually from February onwards. College Open Evenings start from October and I highly recommend that you and your child attend these events before submitting any applications. Please see page 2 of this letter for local college Open Evenings/Days

Richmond Sixth Form and Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form interviews will be taking place here at Risedale School – dates and timings to be confirmed.

Darlington College interviews have to take place at Darlington due to the vast choice of vocational courses, and interviews are arranged when Heads of Department are available.

Once these interviews have taken place, the pupil will be given a 'conditional offer' of a place on their chosen course(s). This is subject to the pupil's exam results in August – this does not mean that the pupil has 'got into college' automatically. They will still need to work hard throughout Year 11 and gain their GCSE grades, especially English and Maths.

Please ensure that the school office has your correct contact details held on file as I will be sharing important information via text alert and email regularly with you and your child. We now have a dedicated [Careers Parent Portal](#), accessible via the school's [Careers](#) webpage and other general Post-16 and careers information can be found on our school social media pages:

Facebook: [@RisedaleFamily](#) | Twitter: [@RisedaleFamily](#) | Instagram: [@RisedaleFamily](#)

If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me on 01748 833501 or at [porritt.h@risedale.org.uk](mailto:porritt.h@risedale.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs H Porritt**

Careers Leader / Service Children's Advocate / Pupil Support Manager



## Local College Open Evenings/Days

Date	College	Timings
04.10.23	<a href="#">Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form</a>	5.00pm – 7.30pm
10.10.23	Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form	5.00pm – 7.30pm
18.10.23	<a href="#">Askham Bryan College - York</a>	4.30pm – 6.30pm Please book online at <a href="#">Open Events at Askham Bryan College</a>
19.10.23	<a href="#">Darlington College</a>	5.30pm – 7.30pm
26.10.23	<a href="#">Richmond Sixth Form College</a>	5.30pm – 7.30pm
26.10.23	Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form	5.00pm – 7.30pm
22.11.23	Darlington College	5.30pm – 7.30pm
25.11.23	Askham Bryan College - York	From 10.30am
25.11.23	Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form	10.30am – 2.00pm
20.01.24	Askham Bryan College - York	From 10.30am
23.01.24	Darlington College	5.30pm – 7.30pm
09.03.23	Askham Bryan College - York	From 10.30am
21.03.24	Darlington College	5.30pm – 7.30pm
12.06.24	Askham Bryan College - York	4.30pm – 6.30pm
24.06.24	Darlington College	3.30pm – 6.30pm

## Year 11 Assemblies

- 27.09.2023 Darlington College
- 06.10.2023 Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College
- 19.10.2023 Richmond Sixth Form College