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Dear Sir/Madam

Post 16 Careers Guidance Information for Parents/Carers of Year 11 students

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. All Year 11 pupils will have completed their 1:1 interviews with the school's Careers Adviser (on a Tuesday), continuing into the second half of the Autumn Term. A range of information will be given out to our pupils through Tutor time, assemblies, through parent/student email, culminating in their college applications being completed by 17th December 2021, to avoid disappointment with course availability.

At this moment in time, 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. Once the colleges have received their application forms, pupils will be invited forward for college interview usually from February onwards. Our window for input of applications starts after October half term.

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**, as they still need to work hard through Year 11 and gain their GCSE grades.

Please can I also ask that you ensure that our main office have your correct contact details, as many sources of information I receive are forwarded to you by text alert, posted on the school Facebook page or emailed directly to you. There is now a new Careers Parent portal, accessible via the school's Careers webpage. If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me on 01748 833501 or porritt.h@risedale.org.uk .

Yours sincerely

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Careers Leader

Service Children's Advocate

Student Support Manager

