



13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parent/carers

### **Year 11 Letter to Parents**

As your child begins Year 11, we would like to make you aware of the next steps that your child will need to take this year and the support in place. Firstly, please be aware that, despite leaving WMA at the end of this year, all children are expected to be in education or training until they are 18. This is compulsory and could include: full-time education, starting an apprenticeship or traineeship.

As a school, we wish to support our students with this next step. Throughout their school life they have taken part in a comprehensive careers programme to help them to understand their options after GCSE and they will continue to follow this programme in Year 11.

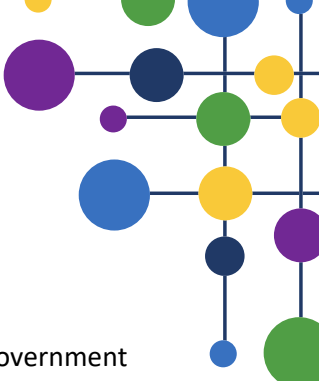
If you would like to support at home, all students have access to the Unifrog website which allows students to research careers and complete skills profiles to allow them to understand what they may be suited for after school. You (and they) can access Unifrog on any device and from anywhere using student log in details. For more information, please follow this [link](#).

There are lots of open evening events coming up for post-16 providers we would recommend that students attend as many of these events as possible. Please note that many of the providers require a parent to accompany them to the event. [Follow this link](#) for the dates of open evenings for local providers.

There are larger events organised by C & K Careers which brings together lots of providers. Our local events are at **Batley Town Hall on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 from 4:30-7:30pm** and the **John Smith's Stadium Huddersfield on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 4:30pm-7:30pm**. At these events you will be able to talk to employers, training providers, school sixth forms, colleges, universities and C&K Careers.

As a school we will also hold our own **Careers Fair on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024** which be part of the Year 11 Parent Information Evening. We will share exact times closer to the date. At our last Careers Fair, we had 20 providers in attendance, and we are aiming to make it bigger and better this year!

Students will be given time in Personal Development Time and Learning for Life to create personal statements and search for providers. However, ultimately it will be the students' responsibility to apply for college, sixth form or to training providers themselves. Please support students in not missing deadlines and if you need any support with this please do not hesitate to contact us, either through the main office or emailing [joseph.loxam@sharemat.co.uk](mailto:joseph.loxam@sharemat.co.uk).



For students who are looking to complete an apprenticeship it is important to note that **most apprenticeships with a September 2025 start will not appear until after January 2025**. The government offer this gateway [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk). We will also run targeted support for students who wish to apply for an apprenticeship. It is vital that all students apply for a full-time college placement even if they wish to apply apprenticeship in case the apprenticeship falls through or circumstances change.

Finally, we would encourage students to apply for and accept as many college places as possible to give them as much choice as possible.

Thank you for your continuing support in making sure that all our students work towards being their best.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Loxam". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mr Loxam  
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