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Dear Parents / Carers

Here is some further guidance when considering post 16 options for your child:

- **Visit more than one setting:** Attend open days and ask questions so you can compare different colleges, sixth forms, and specialist provisions.
- **Consider your child's strengths, learning pathway and qualifications:** Look at whether your child is currently following a formal or semi-formal curriculum pathway, and choose courses that match their learning needs, ability levels, interests, and any qualifications they have achieved or are working towards. Selecting a provision that aligns with their existing pathway can help ensure they are appropriately challenged and supported to make progress.
- **Focus on needs, not just the course:** Check what support is available for communication, learning, therapies, behaviour, independence, and wellbeing.
- **Think about the future:** Choose a provision that helps your young person work towards their long-term goals, such as gaining independence, furthering basic life skills, gaining employment skills, further education
- **Ask about travel and independence:** Consider how your child will get there, what travel training is available, and how independence skills are developed.
- **(where appropriate) Listen to your young person:** Their interests, preferences, and aspirations should be central to the decision, helping them feel happy, confident, and engaged in learning.

Below are some added some useful questions to ask Post 16 providers when you visit on Open Days:

- How big is the college site - how do pupils move around, is it safe and secure? Do they mix with mainstream?
- Will the environment be too overwhelming for a child with sensory sensitivities?
- Are there quiet spaces for children to work 1:1, have interventions, or as a "regulation" space?
- What additional support will my child receive? How is SaLT and OT delivered?
- How are classes organised? What in class support will my child receive?
- These are my child's qualifications what are the options for them?
- What will my child learn in supported learning? How do the vocational options work?
- How do travel arrangements work? What days will my child be at college?
- Do you do anything to help my child transition from school to college?

Please keep going to as many open days and college visits as possible. Your class teacher and I will be available to support you through any questions and queries at the upcoming Annual Reviews.

Kind regards,

Jake Gowers

AHT – Head of KS4

We put well-being at the heart of everything we do.

Our Vision – Every pupil will learn the skills and develop the confidence needed to become a valued integrated and independent member of their community.

Nurture – Challenge - Inspire