

Year 11 Parent and Carer Information Pack

Autumn

one to one career appointments * network event *
mock interviews * FE provider assemblies * work
experience * mock exams * college open events *
review day * college applications * careers lessons

Spring

college visits and transition planning * apprenticeship
searches * college interviews * revision *
apprenticeship applications and interviews * exam
preparation * Gateways visit * college offers made

Summer

revision * college events and new starter days * exam
preparation * GCSE exams * prom * GCSE results day *
college enrolment

Key Dates

12 th Sept	Rochdale 6 th Form Applications open
14 th Oct	Mock interviews
7-18 th Nov	Mock exams
18 th Nov	Deadline for work experience forms
1 st Dec	Network Event
2 nd Dec	Mock GCSE results day
5-9 th Dec	Work experience week
15 th December	Deadline for Rochdale 6 th Form Applications
	Advised deadline for Hopwood Hall applications

Support

Mrs J Livesey
Career and Futures Adviser
liveseyj@falingepark.com
01706 631 246 ext.3223

Please check the school website for support materials and regular updates.
www.falingepark.com/careers-at-falinge-park/

Options after Year 11

	Description	Duration	Style of Assessment	GCSE Requirements	Work Experience	Leads to...	Offered at...
A Levels	Carry on studying subjects you took for GCSE to a higher level, or pick new ones you may not have done before like economics, law or psychology. You could take 3 very different subjects you are interested in to keep your career options open or choose more closely related subjects if you need them for a specific career.	2 years	Mostly exams at the end of the 2 years	Typically 5-6 GCSEs at grade 4 (must include English and Maths) Some A Levels have additional requirements, it is advisable to check on individual college websites.	Some colleges may offer a short work experience, usually during Year 12	University Apprenticeship Employment	Rochdale 6 th Form College Oldham 6 th Form College Bury 6 th Form College Holy Cross 6 th Form College
T Levels	Designed in partnership with employers to give you the skills and knowledge to get on in the workplace. You'll combine classroom learning with real work	2 years	Exams, project work and practical assessments	Typically 5 GCSEs at grade 4 (must include English and Maths). Some T Levels have additional requirements, it is advisable to check	Minimum of 45 days work experience. Placement should be linked to the T Level.	University Apprenticeship Employment	Hopwood Hall College Oldham 6 th Form College Oldham College Bury College

	placements. 1 T Level is the equivalent of 3 A levels.			on individual college websites			Manchester College
Vocational (BTEC)	These courses teach you the practical skills and knowledge for a particular area of employment. They can prepare you for a broad employment sector, like engineering or travel and tourism, or for a specific job like a chef or a hairdresser. Qualifications which teach you how to do tasks specifically related to the industry and role you want to be involved in.	Level 1 course is typically 1 year Level 2 course is typically 1 year Level 3 course is typically 2 years Students start on a level appropriate to their GCSE results	Coursework, practical assessments, exams	Level 1 typically requires GCSEs at grade 1-2 Level 2 typically requires 4 GCSEs at grade 3 (must include English and Maths) Level 3 typically requires 5 GCSEs at grade 4 (must include English and Maths)	Work experience is course dependent. Some colleges have on site facilities to offer work experience. For example, a working restaurant open to the public and run by students and college staff.	Level 1 can progress to Level 2 Level 2 can progress to Level 3 Apprenticeship Employment Level 3 can progress to University Apprenticeship Employment	Hopwood Hall College Oldham 6 th Form College Oldham College Bury College Manchester College
Traineeship	A course that includes a work placement that will get you ready for an	6 weeks to 1 year			You'll spend a minimum of 70 hours in a work placement with the rest of your	Vocational courses Apprenticeship Employment	Speak to your Career Adviser

	<p>apprenticeship or a job. You'll get work experience and some help to apply for your next steps. You can also improve your maths and English skills. You'll get work experience and some help to apply for whatever you do next.</p>				time in college or a training centre		
Apprenticeship	<p>Combine practical on-the-job skills training with off-the-job learning. You'll get training that is relevant to your job and be paid a salary.</p>	Minimum 1 year	<p>Practical assessments, coursework, observations</p>	<p>Can vary as requirements are set by individual employers.</p> <p>Typically require 5 GCSEs at grade 4 (including English and Maths)</p>	<p>You'll spend 80% of your time in the workplace and 20% off-the-job with some study in a college or training centre</p>	<p>Employment</p> <p>University</p>	<p>Speak to your Career Adviser</p>

College Open Event and Application Information

Please check individual college websites before attending as some colleges ask you to register your attendance in advance.

College	Contact Details	Open Events	Application deadline
Rochdale 6th Form College	College Road Rochdale, OL12 6HY 01706 769 800 www.rochdalesfc.ac.uk	Saturday 15 th October 2022 10am – 2pm Thursday 17 th November 2022 4pm – 7pm	Applications via college website Applications open 12 th September 2022 Application deadline 15 th December 2022 at 12 noon
Hopwood Hall College	Rochdale Campus St Marys Gate Rochdale, OL12 6RY 01706 345 346 Middleton Campus Rochdale Road Middleton, M24 6XH 0161 643 7560 www.hopwood.ac.uk	Saturday 8 th October 2022 10am – 2pm Thursday 20 th October 2022 4.30pm – 7pm *Please check which campus your course runs from. This is the campus you will visit.	Applications via college website No application deadline but early submission is advised for popular courses
Oldham 6th Form College	Union Street West Oldham, OL8 1XU 0161 287 8000 www.osfc.ac.uk	Saturday 8 th October 2022 10am – 2pm Monday 17 th October 2022 5pm – 8pm	Applications via college website Application deadline Friday 3 rd December 2022

Oldham College	Rochdale Road Oldham, OL9 6AA 0161 785 4000 www.oldham.ac.uk	Saturday 8 th October 2022 10am – 1pm Saturday 12 th November 2022 10am – 1pm	Applications via college website No application deadline but early submission is advised for popular courses
Bury College	Market Street Bury, BL9 0BG 0161 280 8280 www.burycollege.ac.uk	Wednesday 5 th October 2022 5pm – 7.30pm Tuesday 11 th October 2022 5pm – 7pm Saturday 26 th November 2022 10.30am – 1pm Book a place via college website to attend.	Applications via college website Applications open Monday 3 rd October 2022 Priority application deadline Monday 28 th November 2022 Priority deadline for construction and engineering courses Tuesday 1 st November 2022
Holy Cross 6th Form College	Manchester Road Bury, BL9 9BB 0161 762 4500 www.holycross.ac.uk	Saturday 8 th October 2022 10am – 1pm Monday 17 th October 2022 5pm – 8pm	Application via college website Applications open – date tbc Application deadline – date tbc
Manchester College	Various campuses 0333 322 2444 www.tmc.ac.uk	Thursday 13 th October 2022 5pm – 7pm *Please check which campus your course runs from. This is the campus you will visit.	Application via college website No application deadline but early submission is advised for popular courses
Army Careers	Army Reserve Centre Nelson Street Bolton BL3 2RW	Wednesday 19 th October 2022 7pm	Applications via army website

	01204 364 111 www.army.mod.uk	booking is essential, email or phone to secure a place ARTD-RG-ACCBoltonGroupmail@mod.gov.uk 01204 364 111	
Rochdale Training (Apprenticeship provider)	Fishwick Street Rochdale, OL16 5NA 01706 631 417 www.rochdaletraining.co.uk	Thursday 29 th September 2022 3pm – 6.30pm	Applications via provider website No application deadline

Information correct as of 06.09.2022

PLEASE CHECK COLLEGE WEBSITES BEFORE ATTENDING AS DATES MAY CHANGE

Applying for College What to Expect

The process of applying to college can seem like a long one!
Here is a rough guide of what will happen and the things you need to do

September.....

Research, Research, Research!

Get online and start looking at different colleges and the courses they offer. Pick up a prospectus from the Maths Block (ground floor)

Speak to family and friends about your plans and ideas

Attend college open events (check the school website and your emails regularly for details)

.....October

November.....

Applications and Deadlines

Choose the colleges you want to apply to (its always good to apply for a few and keep your options open)

Most colleges ask for online applications through their website. A small number may want you to download a form and complete it by hand before posting it to the college.

Colleges set their own application deadlines. Make sure you are aware of these and submit your application on time. A late application could affect your chances of getting a place

.....December

January.....

Interviews and Offers

You will be asked to attend an interview. This could be in school or at the college, it could be face to face, by telephone or remotely through Zoom or Teams.

Interviews are a chance for the college to check you have applied for an appropriate course and that you meet their entry requirements. They are also a chance for you to ask questions and confirm your choices.

If you are successful a college will make you an offer and explain what you need to do to accept.

May.....

Exams, Results, Enrolment

GCSE exams take place in May and June

GCSE results are available in August (you'll need to come into school to collect your results as you will need these to enrol with a college)

Enrolment is when you go into college and formally sign up for your courses. The college will contact you with instructions over the summer to explain what to do when you get your GCSE results and how to enrol.

.....September

Applying for Apprenticeships What to Expect

The process of applying for apprenticeships can be a challenge, but there are several things you can do to increase your chances of success.

Here is a rough guide of what will happen and the things you need to do

September.....

Research, Preparation, Networking!

What kind of apprenticeship are you looking for? What do these apprenticeships typically involve and which employers are based locally? Find out as much as you can!

Do you have the skills and personal qualities required? If not can you develop these by volunteering, taking part in work experience or getting involved with school clubs and events.

Speak to friends, relatives and teachers about your plans they may be able to help

Begin searching for apprenticeship vacancies online

.....October

November.....

Applications, CVs, Deadlines and Back up Plans

You can search for apprenticeships online via dedicated apprenticeship vacancy sites, you can apply for an apprenticeship through a college or training provider, you can apply directly via a company website.

Prepare a CV – this way you'll be ready if you see an apprenticeship vacancy you want to apply for. Some employers prefer a CV, others prefer you to complete an application form. Its always worth checking.

All employers set their own application deadlines and it can be hard to keep track of this. Try setting aside some time each week so you can search for new apprenticeship vacancies regularly.

Have a backup plan! We would advise you to apply for a full time college course (this can be linked to your apprenticeship goals).

.....December

January.....

Interviews and Offers

Lots of employers don't start advertising apprenticeships until around Easter time so don't be disappointed if you don't find much to start with.

Each employer decides how they want to interview. This may be face to face, over the phone or online. Some interviews happen in stages and can include assessments, questions, practical tasks, presentations or even a work trial.

If your application and interview is successful an employer will contact you directly to offer the apprenticeship. Please check you are happy with the offer (wages, hours, working conditions, etc) before you accept.

May.....



Exams, Results, Starting an apprenticeship

GCSE exams take place in May and June

GCSE results are available in August and you will need to come into school to collect these.

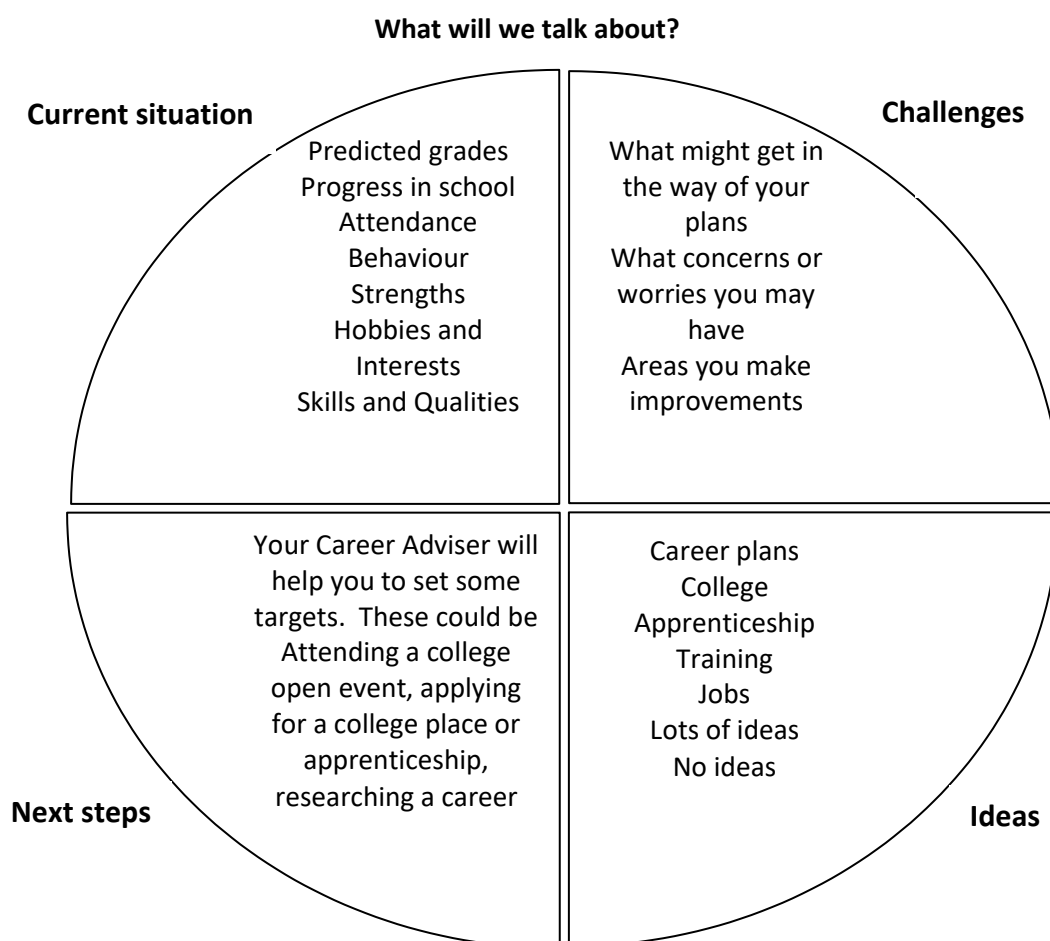
If you haven't secured an apprenticeship you can enrol at college on your backup course. If you have secured an apprenticeship you may have already started. You can start an apprenticeship from 1st July (not before, even though school will have finished) and the employer will decide on a start date.

.....September

What is a Careers Interview?

During the Autumn term of Year 11 all students will be invited to attend a careers interview. This is a chance for you to talk to a qualified Career Adviser about your plans for the future and find out more about all of the options available to you after Year 11. You may also want to explore ideas you have about different jobs.

Some people have lots of ideas they want to discuss or questions they want to ask during a careers interview. Some people aren't sure what to talk about. Don't worry if you are unsure, come and have a chat.



After your interview your Career Adviser will complete an action plan. This is a summary of your careers interview and any actions you have agreed to take. Your action plan will include information for you to consider and any next steps you need to complete. Your action plan will be emailed to you.

Your Career Adviser will be coming in to form rooms to give out appointment times for career interviews. But you don't need always need an appointment, if you have any questions, concerns or ideas you would like to discuss, call and see Mrs Livesey in the Careers Room (ground floor, Maths Block).

Useful Websites

All Falinge students have access to Xello. This is a programme with a variety of career planning tools, information and advice. Students can log into the site from school or home using their school log in details.

<https://login.xello.co.uk/>

General

<https://gmacs.co.uk>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk>

<https://icould.com>

Local 6th Form Colleges

Rochdale 6th Form College www.rochdalesfc.ac.uk

Oldham 6th Form College www.osfc.ac.uk

Bury College www.burycollege.ac.uk

Holy Cross 6th Form College www.holycrosss.ac.uk

Local Vocational Colleges

Hopwood Hall www.hopwood.ac.uk

Bury College www.burycollege.ac.uk

Oldham College www.oldham.ac.uk

Manchester College www.tmc.ac.uk

Choosing A Levels

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/student-advice/what-to-study/choosing-a-levels>

Choosing T Levels

<https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students/why>

Choosing BTEC

<https://www.ucas.com/further-education/post-16-qualifications/qualifications-you-can-take/btec-diplomas>

Apprenticeships

www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/apprenticeships/what-is-an-apprenticeship

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

www.rochdaleapprenticeships.org