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To Prime Parents of: 

To School Members: 

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Dear Families,

It is now time to plan your young person's next steps into further education. Please see attached letter with further details. In brief, they have the following options to choose from -

- **A-Levels** - an academic choice for students who enjoy classroom learning and comfortably predicted at least Grade 5s or above in their chosen **three subjects**. Studied at 6th Form schools or colleges.
- **T-Level** - **One subject**, 80% classroom 20% workplace, so after two years of study they will have had that in valuable in work experience arranged by the college as part of the course.
- **BTEC Level 3 - One subject** . Largely coursework based rather than all about those end of year exams. Can be hands on and practical such as hairdressing, carpentry, games design, Business and Accounting etc
- **Apprenticeships**- Designed for practical learners where you get paid, work and study at the same time. Available at Levels 2-7 (Level 6 are degree apprenticeships) in hundreds of different professions such as Law, Engineering, IT, Paramedic Science etc. Students can attend after school clubs on Tuesdays to help with CV writing and applications.

At these local colleges and 6th Forms :

- Vocational Colleges (BTECs and T-Levels) - [West Suffolk College \(Bury\)](#) [Suffolk New College \(Ipswich\)](#) [Colchester Institute](#)
- 6th Form Colleges/Schools (mostly A-Levels but some also offer BTECs) - [TGS 6th Form](#) , [Colchester 6th Form](#) , [Abbeygate 6th Form \(Bury\)](#), [Suffolk One \(Ipswich\)](#)

This is by no means an exhaustive list, there are other local private schools who have 6th Forms, several offer bursaries. You can apply to more than one college or 6th form. **Ideally all students will have applied somewhere by the end of this calendar year to ensure they get their first choice of course/subjects.**

If there is any risk of your young person not meeting the entry requirements, please ensure they have a backup course with lower requirements in place. You can find college and 6th Form open evening dates advertised in our [careers newsletter](#) sent to you weekly on a Friday.

Any questions please let me know, I will be running parent information sessions next week during ARD day in the Symphony Hall, details are on the ARD letter.

Kind regards
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