

# CHS Year 11 Parents / Carers 2020 - 2021 Calendar of Events

## September October November



- Research has shown that parents and carers are the biggest influence on the career choice of young people. It's good to start talking to your son or daughter about their ideas for the future as early as possible in year 11.
- Help them find out about sixth form and college open days and evenings. Go along with them for support and prompt them to ask questions about things you feel they may be unsure about.
- Help them research their career ideas. There are some useful careers information websites you can look at together. Look on the Colton Hills School 'Careers' website for this information.
- There will be an opportunity for them to talk to Miss Lopez, Colton Hills School Careers Advisor about their ideas. You can also talk to Miss Lopez if you want to by attending the interview with your child in school. To organise this to happen email her on [elopez@coltonhills.co.uk](mailto:elopez@coltonhills.co.uk) or call 01902 558420.

## December January February



- Make sure you and your son or daughter understand fully the types of courses that are on offer in school sixth forms and colleges. Information about these is often available in printed prospectus form, or on the website of the school or college.
- Now is the time for them to start applying for courses. You can work with them on their application forms.
- Check when the school or college deadline is for applications to be received. For some popular courses it is best to get applications in as early as possible.
- Make sure they understand what GCSE grades they need for their chosen course. If they are worried about their results you could help them develop a revision plan.
- Full time education is not the only option. There are also apprenticeships available for school leavers. If your son or daughter is unsure about 6<sup>th</sup> form or college being the right path for them you could look at the National Apprenticeships website together to see what else is on offer.

## March April May



- If your son or daughter is looking for work or apprenticeships Miss Lopez is in school and can advise them on where to find vacancies and how to apply. Most jobs and apprenticeships require good GCSE (or equivalent) grades.
- You can help them apply for jobs and apprenticeships. They will need to make the most of what they have to offer, and you can assist them in understanding their strengths and abilities.
- It's still not too late to apply for colleges, but it is getting late.
- Make sure your son or daughter has a back-up plan. It is fine to apply for all three main options – sixth form, college, and work or apprenticeships.
- They may start to get invited for interviews at this time. You can help them prepare for these by thinking about the questions they might be asked.

## June July August



- It is still possible to apply for apprenticeships and jobs at this time. Vacancies can be found on the National Apprenticeship website.
- School leavers are allowed to start full time work or training any date after the last Friday in June.
- GCSE exams finish in June.
- GCSE results are available in the third or fourth week of August. On results day Miss Lopez and Subject Tutors are available in school to discuss future course options with those who may have done better or worse than expected.
- Your son or daughter should have their school or college place confirmed during the week after GCSE results. Check carefully what they have been offered. It can sometimes be different to what they applied for.
- Also, Connexions PAs can help your son or daughter with their plans all through the summer. You can speak to them at the Connexions Centre in person or by phone on 01902 554499.

