

BME/JEV/GHA

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Year 13 - Post 18 Options

I wanted to remind you of the information, advice and guidance available to support your son/daughter with the important decision regarding their post-18 pathways. In light of the current Lockdown and University deadlines approaching, I wanted to ensure that every student at our academy still has access to support and guidance, should they require it. Please also be aware that the UCAS deadline for the majority of courses has been extended from 15 January to 29 January 2021, for 2021 entry.

With regards to Post-18 options, young people can pursue the following routes; higher education, an apprenticeship, employment, University, or a gap year. It is important to note, that due to the current situation, both apprenticeship and employment opportunities have significantly reduced. Whilst they are still available, this is a very competitive route.

If you require a more in-depth understanding on each option available to your son/daughter, in addition to the providers that offer the above qualifications, please use the link below to access the '**Post-18 Information Booklet**':

<https://www.plume.essex.sch.uk/careers-hub-post18options>

To support our students in sourcing employment and apprenticeship opportunities we have introduced a blog and twitter account to the Careers Hub. Both the blog and the twitter account will be used to share regular updates regarding employment opportunities. In addition to this, the Careers team will regularly share such opportunities with students directly, via email. You can follow us on twitter @PlumeCareers and the blog can be found via the following link:

<https://www.plume.essex.sch.uk/careers-hub-homepage>

If you feel your son/daughter requires further support with this decision, I would like to remind you that every student in the academy has access to an independent and impartial careers advisor and can book an appointment directly by emailing Louise Brazier at deslb@plume.essex.sch.uk. Whilst the academy is closed, appointments will be taking place over the phone.

I do hope you find this information useful and if you have any questions following my correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact me via b.meltzer@plume.essex.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely



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