Life After Stringer: 2024-25 Post-16 Events, Information and Opportunities

# **Leaving School**: <https://www.gov.uk/know-when-you-can-leave-school>

The following provides up to date information about post-16 pathways to current Year 11 students and their families to inform next step decisions.

Information about Post-16 Pathways from Amanda Carroll (Independent Careers Advisor)

We recommend that you watch this introductory video presentation by our Independent Careers Advisor**:** [Post 16 IAG Evening Introduction 2024](https://youtu.be/FHiS35PNk6I)

If any of our students or their families have questions about post-16 choices, they should contact Amanda Carroll, Independent Careers Advisor: [amanda.carroll@dorothy-stringer.co.uk](mailto:amanda.carroll@dorothy-stringer.co.uk). Students can also speak directly with their PSHE teacher or Form Tutor, who support students through the application process. Alternatively, you could contact the post-16 provider directly.

We appreciate that not all students want to attend college full-time; some may want to apply for an apprenticeship. Details about how to apply for an apprenticeship will be provided later in the year. Meanwhile, we ask all students to submit a college application, even if it is their ‘Plan B’.

**To make sure that no college deadlines are missed, we expect all Year 11 students to submit applications to post-16 providers by Thursday 28 November 2024.**

**2024-25 Dorothy Stringer School Year 11 Post-16 Progression Programme.**

**Form time and lessons**

* Form time: Students will watch a wide selection of promotional videos provided by Post-16 establishments and discuss the pros and cons of each establishment in regard to what they provide.
* PSHE: Students will be introduced to the variety of pathways they can take next year and shown how to complete college applications. Students will learn about job related qualifications (e.g. NVQs), A-Levels, The International Baccalaureate Programme, T-Levels, BTEC and Apprenticeships.
* Other lessons: To help students identify what they want to study next year, class teachers have been asked to provide Year 11 students with specific information about how their subject is delivered Post-16.

**Library**

Most college and university prospectuses have moved online. Students can view prospectuses on the computers in the school library. If students are thinking about going to university, it is important to look ahead to university entrance requirements; this website is very good: <https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/>.

**Post-16 Progression Evening: Thursday 17 October (6.00-7.30pm – Dorothy Stringer School Hall)**

Each year, we invite representatives from multiple post-16 establishments into our school for an informal evening at which students, parents and carers can circulate between information stalls to ask questions, face-to-face, about the different options available to students. More details about this event will be provided closer to the time. **Please hold the date in your diary**.

**1:1 Careers appointments**

All our students are offered a 1:1 appointment with our Independent Careers Adviser during the Autumn or Spring term. We strongly recommend students attend these appointments when invited. If they wish to be seen as a priority, before college applications/interviews, they should email [amanda.carroll@dorothy-stringer.co.uk](mailto:amanda.carroll@dorothy-stringer.co.uk) or drop into her office (next to M010) on a Monday or Friday lunchtime to book an appointment.

College Open Events (in first event date order)

**We strongly recommend that you check the websites for the colleges students are hoping to visit.** Some of the colleges are in the process of updating their information and are a little confusing. **The below list is created to the best of our knowledge at the time of publication**. **Some of these events require online booking or registration in advance.** Questions about these events should be sent directly to the college.

Please note:  **If you wish to attend an open event or taster day during school hours, your parent/carer must complete a request for absence form**. Contact [attendance@dorothy-stringer.co.uk](mailto:attendance@dorothy-stringer.co.uk)

**Brighton Girls School**

Open Morning 21 September 2024

<https://brightongirls.gdst.net/>

**BRIT School**

Open Evenings – 24 September 2024

<https://www.brit.croydon.sch.uk/openevents>

**Plumpton College:**

Open Evening - 25 September 2024 5–7.30pm

Open Days – 12 October & 23 November 2024 9–12pm

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

**BN1 Arts**

Open day – 28 September 2024

10am–12pm and 1–3pm

<https://bn1arts.co.uk/>

**Varndean College**

Open Day – Sat 28 September 2024

International Baccalaureate Evening – 8 October 2024

Open Evenings – 6 & 7 November 2024 5–8pm

<https://varndean.ac.uk/events/>

**Lancing College**

Open Evening –5 October 2024 9.15am

<https://www.lancingcollege.co.uk/>

**Greater Brighton Metropolitan College (MET)**

Brighton MET: - 9 October & 23 November 2024

<https://www.brightonmet.ac.uk/search/?_s=open+events>

**SUPAJAM**

Open day / evenings: Oct 9th 5pm - 6pm

Jan 18th 11am - 12 noon

March 13th 5pm - 6pm

<https://www.semmuk.com/>

**BACA**

Open Evening – 17 October 2024 6 - 8pm

<https://www.baca-uk.org.uk/BACA-College/>

**Worthing College**

Open Evening – 17 October 2024 & 22 October 2024

<https://www.worthing.ac.uk/study-courses/open>

**ICTTheatre Brighton**

Open Day - 19 October 2024

<https://www.semmuk.com/>

**East Sussex College**

Hastings: 24 October & 21 November 2024

Lewes: 17 October & 14 November 2024

Eastbourne: 10 October & 7 November 2024

Newhaven: 22 November 2024

<https://www.escg.ac.uk/whats-on/open-events/>

**Shoreham Academy Sixth Form**

Open Evening – 7 November 2024 6 – 8pm

https://www.shoreham-academy.org/sixth-form/open-evening

**Cardinal Newman College**

Open Evening – 21 November 2024

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

**BHASVIC**

Open Evenings 13 & 14 November, 4pm - 8pm

<https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/admissions/open-evenings>

**College Open Event dates to be confirmed / private tours available:**

**Military Preparation College, Eastbourne**

<https://mpct.co.uk/>

**Pro-direct Academy**

<https://prodirectacademy.com/>

**Kings Sixth Form**

<https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/sixth-form>

**Brighton College (Scholarship Applications)**

<https://www.brightoncollege.org.uk/openingdoors/>

**DV8 Sussex**

<https://www.dv8sussex.com/>

Additional Sources of Information

* We are pleased to work closely with Get Careers Confident, a Sussex based organisation, who have posted a range of on-line resources to support young people and parents with post-16 options. Information can be found on their website at: *(Navigate to the parent or student pages via the drop down menu at the top left of their homepage.):*

<https://www.getcareerconfident.co.uk/>

* Free careers information and advice online or by telephone: <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>
* Entry requirements and exploration tools for university courses: [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
* The Russell Group represent 24 of the most competitive universities in the UK and this report offers some guidance with regard to making choices at 16 and 18 and the impact on higher education choices. <https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/>
* A free, online guide to higher education and planning produced by Which? Magazine. <http://university.which.co.uk/>

Exploring Careers

* Students should be used to exploring careers on this website: <https://www.unifrog.org/>
* Recommended for the Job Profiles section (under Careers Advice). This government-funded service also offers a free, telephone and online-based careers advice service which is available to young people (13+) and adults:

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>

Volunteering

* The National Citizen Service is a government funded, volunteering and personal development scheme for 15-17-year-olds. Y11 students will have an assembly about this opportunity later in the year. <http://www.ncsyes.co.uk/>