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10<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Next September may seem like a long way off, but planning for your child's next steps has already started. Like last year, many colleges started to accept applications mid/late November, sixth form applications across many schools open January/February, and many apprenticeship vacancies open in January too.

I am writing to you today to highlight some key dates and events designed to support your child in planning their next steps. Our aim is for all students to find a post-16 pathway which will allow them to reach their goals and potential, whilst always ensuring they have a Plan B.

### School Events and Support

**Mock Interview Day:** On 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024, all students in year 11 will have the opportunity for a 1-1 interview with a local employer. This will allow the students to put the skills they've learned during their time at Morton Academy into practice.

**1:1 Careers Advice and Guidance Appointments:** During this term students will all have an appointment with a Level 6 qualified Careers Advisor to discuss next steps and post-GCSE options. This will be followed up with a document containing suggested next steps and support for your child.

**Careers Fair:** On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November all students in year 11 will visit the careers fair where they will meet over 20 local employers to find out more about opportunities within the local area, but can also talk with staff from the local colleges, and apprenticeship providers.

**Personal Development (PD) lessons:** For the autumn term PD lessons will have a careers focus. The lessons will cover topics such as: planning your next steps, CV writing, interview skills, etc.

The following assemblies have been organised to support students with options available to them:

Carlisle College Assembly – 15<sup>th</sup> October  
Richard Rose Sixth Form – 8<sup>th</sup> November

We also keep students informed of other Sixth Form Open Evenings, whenever we get passed this information.

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## Other Key dates:

- Carlisle College Open Evening: 10<sup>th</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> December 4.45pm to 6.30pm - to register or to see additional events please use this link: <https://www.carlisle.ac.uk/open-days-events/>
- Kendal College Open Evening: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November A-level Open Evening and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November for all other courses and apprenticeships. <https://kendal.ac.uk/visit>
- GEN2 Open Evening: GEN2 offer apprenticeships in engineering, business administration and teaching assistant apprenticeships. Their first Carlisle Open Evening is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Please contact Gen2 to book a place.
- Carlisle Skills Fair: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025, The Carlisle Skills Fair will be held at Carlisle College and is an opportunity to meet a large range of employers and find out more about apprenticeship opportunities in the area. A very useful event for anyone looking for an apprenticeship after year 11. [10th Carlisle Skills Fair – John Stevenson \(johnstevensoncarlisle.co.uk\)](http://johnstevensoncarlisle.co.uk)
- RRSF Sixth Form Open Evening: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - a chance to visit the sixth form, talk with A-level subject teachers, and learn what studying in sixth form is like by talking with current sixth form students.

If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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