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Dear Parent/Carer

Planning your future Post-16 – guide for parents, carers and young people

All young people in Year 11 will soon begin to identify options for their continuing participation in education and training in the autumn of 2021. Current regulations mean that they will participate in some form of education or training until at least their 18th birthday. The majority will continue throughout Year 13 and beyond.

Young people in this city have a wide choice of options and our institutions provide post-16 education that is amongst the best in the country. At this stage, it is important that young people and their parents/carers are aware of all the options available, how they can be accessed and where further information and support can be found – staying in education and training does not necessarily mean staying in school.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, most Year 11 students were not able to attend school from the end of March to the end of the summer term. Added to this, at the time of writing, arrangements for GCSE and other examinations in 2021 have not yet been confirmed, although a three week delay to the usual timetable has been announced. This means that our young people find themselves in an uncertain situation – we want to support them through this difficult period as well as possible so that they can progress successfully to their next stage.

A copy of “***Planning your future post-16 - a guide for parents, carers and young people***” is available on the following link:

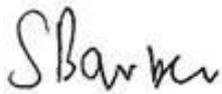
<https://www.york.gov.uk/LBYParentStudentSupport>

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This guide has been produced by City of York Council on behalf of all the York secondary schools, York College and Askham Bryan College with funding from the FutureGoals project. Schools have statutory duties to provide impartial careers education and guidance to their pupils and this booklet contributes to this.

The booklet gives details of the range of qualifications available in post-16 education and where they can be studied. Employment and training options, including apprenticeships, are also covered along with important information about issues such as financial support. Finally, because many of our young people go onto Higher Education, there is comprehensive information about access to it and the latest financial arrangements for tuition fees and loans.

Yours sincerely



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(Sent on behalf of the Headteachers and Principals of York Secondary Schools and Colleges)

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