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Urmston Grammar School

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Dear parent/carer,

As the school Careers Adviser, I will be supporting students in Year 11 during this key year for transition, and I hope the following information is useful to you regarding their future post-16 plans.

On Friday 11th, I will deliver a Careers talk to all students to inform them of key information relating to their post-16 choices. Later that day students will be e-mailed the presentation, along with useful resources including the open day dates for all local Sixth Forms and Colleges, and useful websites for career planning.

Also from Friday 11th, I will begin holding Year 11 one-to-one careers guidance meetings lasting 30 minutes. I am hoping to complete these by mid-November, allowing time for reviews with students in late November and December where necessary. This includes providing ongoing support to students applying for apprenticeships and supporting those who are interested in returning to Urmston Grammar School Sixth Form but would benefit from a Plan B if not already in place. Students are e-mailed their Careers Action Plan following these careers guidance meetings, and I e-mail parents/carers at the end of the day to inform you that your child has been seen so that you are aware and can discuss this with them.

I firmly believe that all students benefit from having a Plan A and Plan B in place. However, if a student wants to return to Urmston Grammar School Sixth Form and at any point during the year is just above, on or below the entry requirements, I strongly advise exploring another option as a back-up plan. Urmston Grammar School Sixth Form currently requires 2 GCSEs at grade 7, 4 GCSEs at grade 6, and grades 5 in English Language and Maths, and there are subject specific requirements for studying A Levels too.

Many Sixth Forms and Colleges have deadline dates for applications which are often in December or January, however some could be as early as November. It is important to check admissions processes for places of interest to ensure not missing out on an offer of a place. Oversubscribed options benefit from applying far earlier than the specified deadlines, and they often also require a separate supporting/personal statement to be completed as part of the application, which needs to be done to a very good standard. If you need to download an application form, rather than apply online, please also ensure plenty of time is allowed for Mr Gough to complete references and post to the institutions well in advance of the deadline dates.

Urmston Grammar School are committed to ensuring that all students are informed about their future pathways and career options. For information on the Careers provision for Year 11 students over the next few months, please view the attached document **Year 11 Careers Autumn Term 1 Schedule 2026-27**. Further information can be found within the Careers section on the school website. We hope that you are finding the weekly Careers Newsletters informative and useful. The first edition will be sent out next week.

Please do contact me at any point if you would like to discuss your child's future.

Yours faithfully,

Amy Marshall
Careers Adviser & Co-ordinator