



25th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Support for Year 11 Transition to Year 12

It is the time of year that applications to Colleges and Training Providers must be made by pupils in preparation of their move from year 11 at St Bede's to year 12 with either a college or training provider.

This is a very challenging time particularly for our current year 11 pupils who are making big decisions in their life. There is however, support in place in order to help you support your child through this time:

- **1-1 Careers Guidance:** many pupils have already had a 1-1 careers guidance interview in school, with a Careers Officer from New Directions which is part of Blackburn with Darwen Council. This service is both confidential and impartial. At the end of the careers guidance interview your child is given an action plan. This service is to resume and will now take place virtually using Microsoft Teams in a similar way that live lessons have been held since the latest restrictions have been in place. Your child will be invited to join an interview via their calendar. I will introduce your child to the Careers Officer who will then carry out the careers interview. The interview will be recorded for monitoring and training purposes. The recordings will be held securely on the St Bede's network until September 2021. The careers interviews will take place from 2.30 pm so that lessons are not interrupted. Please note that some of these interviews may take place after your child has made applications to colleges and training providers, they are however still useful because courses can be changed up until enrolment day in August.
- **St Bede's Careers Enquiries:** if you have any questions or require any assistance please contact me via e-mail ahey@stbedesblackburn.com
- **Virtual Careers Noticeboard on Show My Homework:** your child has access to resources via Show My Homework, this is updated on a regular basis.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Heyes
St Bede's Careers Coordinator