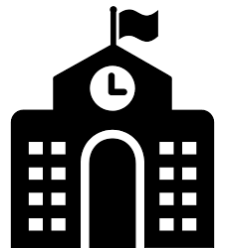


Swanwick School and Sports College

SSSC Year 11 Transition Information



What happens in Year 11?

“We will prepare and support our pupils to ensure a smooth transition to an appropriate Post 16 placement.”



Year 11 and next steps...

- Over the next few months both students and parents may become anxious about the next stage in their life, moving on to a post 16 provision.
- At SSSC we are very passionate about students gaining the knowledge, independence and confidence they need to move on through life, whilst also supporting parents/carers through the process of finding and deciding on a suitable post 16 placement for their child.
- We have dedicated members of staff; Mrs Brooks (Post 16 Link Officer) and Mr Parry (Careers Lead) who work closely with the students, parents/carers and Post 16 provisions.
- Throughout Year 11 Mrs Brooks and Mr Parry will help to facilitate a smooth transition for students. This involves assisting with the completion of college application forms, attending interviews with students and their parents/carers.



Careers Guidance...

- We also have a Careers Adviser from the Derbyshire Education Business Partnership who works on behalf of SSSC every Thursday.
- They are a Careers and Employability Worker who provides one-to-one guidance sessions for all pupils in Key Stage 4.
- The sessions provide:
 - ✓ 1:1 career guidance interview
 - ✓ Application and interview techniques
 - ✓ Information on career pathways
 - ✓ Careers information for Parents/Carers
 - ✓ Student decision making
 - ✓ Exploring future opportunities
 - ✓ Supporting positive transition
 - ✓ Resilience support
- They provide action plans which are seen by staff and parents/carers to help support pupils in making the right next step

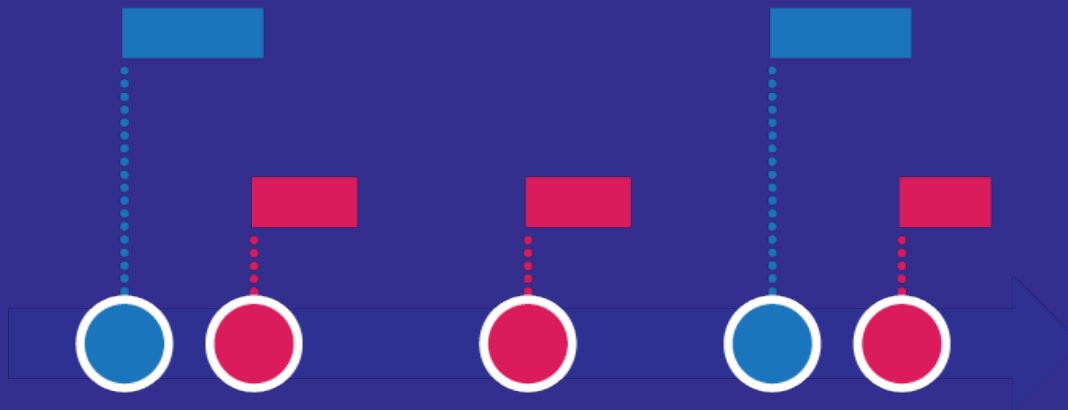
Y11 Timeline...

Nov - Jan: College visits, research on courses, expectations and requirements for College

Jan - March: College applications

March - May: College interviews

June - Taster days at College depending on availability



At SSSC we Provide...

- Dedicated Careers lessons each week across the school
- Visits to local Colleges arranged by school
- Support to apply and complete required paperwork including application forms for the students chosen post 16 provision.
- 1:1 support at Post-16 placement interviews.
- Support for pupils and parents throughout Key Stage 4.
- Opportunities in Year 11 - to discuss options available on an individual basis.
- Opportunities for work place visits/encounters and internal work experience

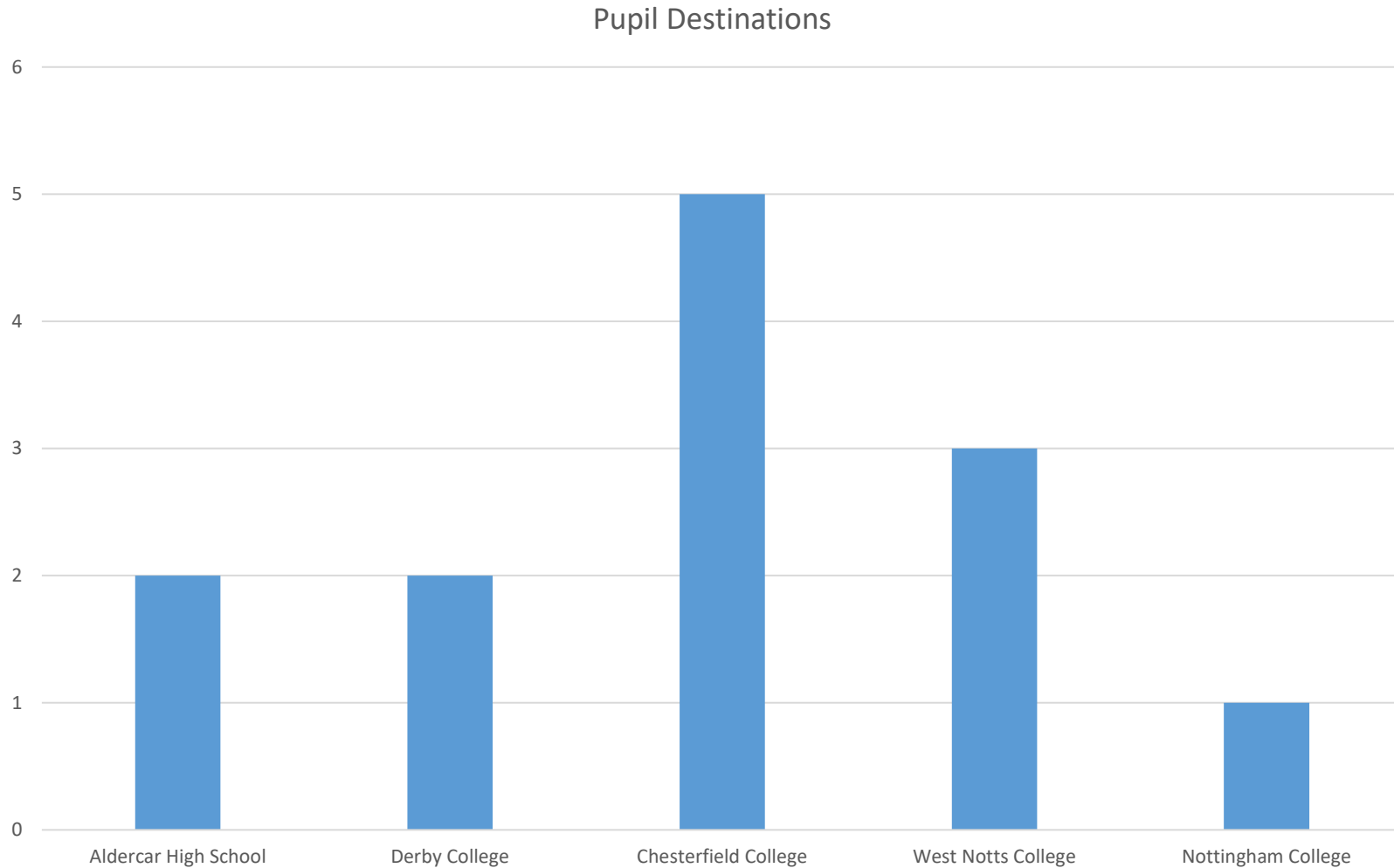
Post-16 Options...

‘Your child is required by law to stay in education or training until they are 18.’

This could be in the form of:

- A 6th form
 - A College
 - A training provider / Apprenticeships which usually start at Level 1.
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- Many of SSSC students move onto a place at their local college.
 - Our role is to work in collaboration with our students and families to find a setting that is appropriate for each individual.

2023/2024 Destination Data...



Local College Options...

Derby College - Have various sites:

- Broomfield - situated in Morley, Derby
- Roundhouse - situated on Pride Park, Derby
- Joseph Wright – situated in Derby City Centre
- Johnson Building – situated on Pride Park.

Vision West Nottinghamshire - situated on the edge of Mansfield

Chesterfield - situated in the middle of Chesterfield

- All of these colleges offer a range of different study options, from foundation learning where the learning environment is nurturing with smaller group sizes, supportive and friendly, through to A levels, apprenticeships and vocational/technical qualifications.
- As a mainstream student at college you will be enrolled onto an individualised study programme consisting of different elements you are required to complete during your time at college. This programme is dependent on your existing qualifications, the level you are studying at and the career path you are following.

Course Types Explained...

Study Levels:

- Most courses are split into 'levels' (e.g. Level 2, Level 3). These levels range from Entry Level up to Level 8.
- The level best for you will depend on any existing qualifications and experience. In most cases, you will need to have a Level 2 qualification in a relevant subject to join a Level 3 course, a Level 1 qualification to join a Level 2 course and so on.
- Further Education courses, including Apprenticeships, A-levels and BTECs, are part of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and are broken down into:
 - Entry Level courses
 - Level 1 courses
 - Level 2 courses
 - Level 3 courses
- Higher Education courses are typically classed at between Level 4 and Level 6. Vocational courses are part of the new Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) and available from Entry Level to Level 8.

What is Foundation Studies?

- As a Foundation Studies student, pupils will be given all the support they need to get the most out of the College experience, in a safe and inclusive environment.
- A variety of courses to suit all different levels and abilities.
- Students develop skills that can be transferred to lots of different work environments.
- For more information on foundation Studies please look at the following links for each of the colleges listed:

Chesterfield: chesterfield.ac.uk/foundation-studies

Derby: derby-college.ac.uk/careers-courses/curriculum-areas/lldd

Vision West Nottinghamshire: wnc.ac.uk/courses/area/foundation-learning

Entry Requirements...

- There are no formal entry requirements needed for Foundation Studies courses.
- Pupils will choose a pathway based on their interests and abilities.
- ALL pupils will continue to improve their Maths and English skills as part of their pathway.
- All mainstream College courses have their own entry requirements for each of their listed courses which is clearly laid out and can be found in their prospectus or online.
- If you are still unsure you can contact the college and seek further advice and information by speaking with one of the tutors who delivers a particular course you are interested in.



Qualification Levels:

Entry level	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7
Foundation							
BTEC/CACHE							
	NVQ						
	GCSE		A Level				
	D - G (3 - 1)	A* - C (9 - 4)					
		Apprenticeship					
		Intermediate					
			Advanced				
				Higher			
						Degree	
				University-level			

How can I support my child?

- Talk to your child about their interests and initial thoughts on College.
- Review the action plans sent home from your child's guidance meetings with the Careers Adviser.
- Research Colleges and courses with your child both mainstream Vocational and Foundation Studies courses.
- Book an appointment to visit Colleges on your shortlist and the department you have an interest in. The staff involved in your chosen area will then be able to answer any questions, concerns you may have.
- Tours can be arranged by contacting the colleges directly who will then be able to inform you of their current arrangements.

If you have any questions...

- More information on the different Colleges available can be found on their websites, details
- Please explore with your child and look at the different courses and facilities that are available.
- If you are still unsure or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact school anytime during the school week. We are here to support both you and your child through this, their next step into adult life.

Mr Parry: Careers Lead: 01773 602198

Mrs Brooks: Post-16 Link Officer: 01773 602198

College Contacts...

- Derby all sites - www.derby-college.ac.uk
0800 028 0289
- Vision West Nottinghamshire - www.wnc.ac.uk
0808 100 3626
- Chesterfield - www.chesterfield.ac.uk
01246 500 500
- These College websites have so much information to share, including Parent pages with frequently asked questions, please take the time to explore.

