



10<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parent, Guardian or Carer,

**Re: Post 16 Options Programme for Year 11 Students**

The Rosedale Hewens Academy Trust is delighted to reveal that the annual Year 11 Options Programme for this academic year. The programme this year is extensive with an array of activities for students, facilitated by a diverse set of experts, specialising in the fields of Post 16 study, higher education, apprenticeships, employment and careers.

**Options Assemblies: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

- Year 11 students have already benefitted from a comprehensive overview of all subjects offered at the Trust for Post 16.

**Options Day: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Year 11 students will be taken off timetable for the day and will participate in the following:

- A careers fair, attended by several professional organisations that will offer students insights into careers and the workplace.
- A session with Post 16 Mentors, who will develop students' understanding of self-reflective practices and critical thinking.
- Sessions with Brunel, ASK Apprenticeships and the Education Development Trust, who will explore university, routes into apprenticeships and the best pathways to take in order to achieve students' goals and career aspirations.
- A virtual session with the Director of Post 16, who will offer practical steps and strategies on how to choose options for Post 16 study.
- A 'subject marketplace' whereby current Post 16 students will offer an insight into their work and experience.

Students will attend and finish college at the normal times.

**Open Evening: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021**

**Venue:** Rosedale College

**Time:** 6:00pm - 7:45pm

**Director's Speech:** 6:15pm and 7:00pm

As a safety measure, students will be permitted to enter with one family member only. This will be strictly enforced at Reception. Upon arrival and sign in, all student attendees will be given their own individual copy of the Post 16 Prospectus. During the evening, students and their nominated family member will have the opportunity to explore each subject that the Trust offers at Post 16, alongside being able to speak to teachers about the finer details, such as entry requirements, course content, assessments and expectations. At 6:15pm and 7:00pm, the Director of Post 16 will deliver a speech on the ethos and culture of the provision, and the importance of succeeding at GCSE. Doors will close at 7:45pm.

**Applying for a Place at the Trust for Post 16**

All students must apply for a place at the Trust for Post 16 via the online application form. This can be found on the Trust's website:

<https://www.therosedalehewensacademytrust.co.uk/147/explore-post-16#>

The completed application form must be submitted online on or before **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**. Whilst the online application form will remain open and available thereafter, those submitted after the date above will be considered as 'late' and this will be taken into account during interviews.

In the lead up to this deadline, Year 11 students are encouraged to undertake detailed research into their preferred courses, exploring the modules taught, the assessments students will encounter, university and/or apprenticeship entry requirements, etc. Students should use all available resources, such as the Post 16 Prospectus, the Post 16 website, their form tutors, their subject teachers and their peers in Post 16. Students should also utilise the UCAS website in order to facilitate working backwards and choosing appropriate subjects/subject combinations that will allow them to pursue their intended futures.



### **Interviews for Post 16 Entry: January - February 2022**

Once applications have been reviewed and deemed as acceptable, students will be invited to a formal interview with a senior member of staff at their college. This will be during the college day, and students will be expected to attend their interview on time and in full college uniform. After the interview, students will be sent an e-mail with a conditional offer. This offer will be entirely dependent on students' ability to achieve the necessary GCSE grades for general entry to Post 16 and entry for specific courses. It will also be predicated on students' attendance, work ethic, behaviour and recommendations from references. The quality of the interview, including responses, attendance and attire to the interview, will also be heavily weighted.

Via this programme, the Trust is providing its Year 11 cohort with all the necessary tools to prepare them for their next steps, and even for later in their lives. Student engagement will be crucial, so that those making the transition from Year 11 to Post 16 can be guided to make the right choices for them. Year 11 students should supplement the programme by putting in significant effort into researching and studying their intended courses and pathways, as well as seeking advice from their teachers.

All entry details and subject-specific information can be found in the Post 16 Prospectus, and all other resources can be found on the Post 16 website. Please refer to and utilise the website for all enquiries.

I sincerely hope that Year 11 students and families benefit from this programme and that the abundance of information, advice and guidance on offer will lay the foundations for the future.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A Patel', written over a white background.

Miss A Patel  
**Director of Post 16**  
**The Rosedale Hewens Academy Trust**