

## **Generic Guidance**

Now that you are in year 11, the time has come for you to consider all your post 16 options and make choices that will support your future career plans. It is not essential that you have a career in mind when making your decision, but you do need to have a clear understanding of why you are making this choice. To make an informed decision you need to research fully the options available and not assume you know what is involved in a subject or course. It is important to choose subjects that you like and enjoy as you are more likely to do well in these areas plus take time to explore the possibilities of where these subjects could lead. You will make your decision from the following: -

### **6<sup>th</sup> Form – A Levels – King James's School**

Entry requirements are a minimum of 5 GCSE's grades 9 - 4 which include both Maths and English. **You should be aware that some of the subjects on offer ask for a minimum of a grade of 5 / 6 and always refer back to the prospectus for confirmation.**

### **6<sup>th</sup> Form – Another School**

Entry requirements and courses will vary, it is best to contact the school to request a prospectus, you will find details of open evenings and entry requirements on the schools web site.

### **College**

Local college's include Askham Bryan, Access to Music, York and Harrogate College, all offer a wide variety of vocational and specialist courses, entry requirements vary as courses are usually offered at entry, intermediate and advance level. If you have a set career in mind or are interested in vocational learning, you may find it useful to research this option. **York College will be amongst the first providers to offer T Levels in 2020 in Childcare, Digital Technologies and Engineering**

### **Apprenticeships**

An apprenticeship combines paid employment and working towards a nationally recognised qualification, they are suited to students who are ready to enter the world of work and are sure of the job area that they wish to work in. Apprenticeships are available in a large range of job areas and entry requirements vary.

### **Action Points**

- To help you make an informed choice research all the options fully, speak to subject tutors and gather as much information as possible about the courses you are interested in, if you have a career or university course in mind check out the entry requirements and different ways into the profession.
- Before attending open evenings, taster days think about what it is that you need to find out, write a list of questions that you want to ask, information on events can be found on web sites and will be displayed on the careers notice board.
- If in doubt check it out, do not be afraid to ask questions!
- If you can't decide or need more time then you can apply for more than one option then make your final decision after you receive your GCSE results
- **Should you or your parents/guardians require any further information, advice or guidance you can contact me via careers office in student services or by email on [lucy Hazelton@king-james.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:lucy Hazelton@king-james.n-yorks.sch.uk)**

## King James's School

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm Careers Fair  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm – Post 16 Open Evening  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – 6<sup>th</sup> Form Taster Day

Further information on Careers information can be found on school website [www.king-james.co.uk](http://www.king-james.co.uk)

### York College Open Events

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 5.30 pm – 8.00 pm  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

**TASTER DAY TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 ONLY – MUST SIGN UP VIA CAREERS DEPARTMENT**

[www.yorkcollage.ac.uk](http://www.yorkcollage.ac.uk)

### Harrogate College

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020

[www.harrogate.ac.uk](http://www.harrogate.ac.uk)

### Askham Bryan College

Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 – 17.00 pm – 18.30 pm  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 10.30 – 13.30  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020

Taster Days dates tbc– students must sign up on line for these. [www.askham-bryan.ac.uk](http://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk)

### Access To Music

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 4.30 pm OR 6.00 pm

[www.accesscreative.ac.uk/locations/york](http://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/locations/york)

[www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk) All current apprenticeship vacancies can be found on this website – you can register and receive information on new vacancies as they arise – Intermediate, advanced and higher level apprenticeships available

[www.informedchoices.ac.uk](http://www.informedchoices.ac.uk) Russell Group interactive website looking at A Level choices where they can lead and Degree Course entry requirements

<https://university.which.co.uk/advice/a-level-choices> Advice and guidance on A Level subject and course choice from Which? University. Find out the best A-Level options to take for your future career path

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) One stop shop for all the information you need on university courses – full and part-time, entry requirements, how to apply, important dates to remember, clearing etc with links directly to university websites and now Degree Apprenticeships and Higher Apprenticeships – This also has a parental section with really useful and relevant information

[www.eclips-online.co.uk](http://www.eclips-online.co.uk) password veashi16 **Highly Recommend**

One stop shop – information on careers, year 9 options, Post 16 / 18 options, job search, labour market information, how to write a cv, scholarships, gap years, studying abroad and much more

[www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk) – other post 18 options available – including employment opportunities

[www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk) – Government website detailing a range of support and activities available to support young people with options including GCSE, Post 16 /18, via email or telephone

Please note these are only a small selection of the websites that can support Post 16 option choice

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