

30 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11 pupils

Post-16 Information Evening – Thursday 6 October 2022

Now that your child has started Year 11 at Sweyne Park School, you will no doubt have been considering next steps, and all the opportunities open to pupils after the age of 16. Throughout Year 11, pupils will be involved in a series of activities designed to encourage consideration of what is available in order to progress in education and career prospects. Each of our pupils should have already received a copy of the SEC prospectus from CPRE teachers, and may also get the SEEVIC prospectus, which they have in the past provided us with. For your information, our Sweyne Park Sixth Form Open Evening is on Thursday 10 November 2022.

We would therefore like to invite you and your son/daughter to a Post-16 Information Evening on **Thursday 6 October at 6pm**. The aims of this evening are:

- to clarify implications of the Raising Participation Age
- to provide general guidance on the process of how to research post-16 courses
- to consider available future pathways
- to consider how to make successful applications.

We will be tailoring the evening closely to pupil needs by using two venues:

- The Drama Studio (DR1) will host a talk for families where pupils are most likely to be choosing a vocational course post-16, including BTECs and Apprenticeships. **This will run at 6pm.**
- The presentation in the Main Hall will be for families with pupils most likely to be choosing A levels. **This will run at 7pm.**

Both talks will cover all post-16 options, but the main focus will be different. The staggered timings are designed for families who may wish to seek information on both types of qualification. The relevant PowerPoints for both events will be also posted in the 'Parents' section of the school website under the Post-16 heading.

The evening is for both **parents and pupils**, and is very important in providing tools for planning our pupils' progression in education and training until they are 18. We do hope that you will be able to join us for one of the meetings at the event, and we look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely



James Price
Head of Year 11

Anne Wimpenny
Teacher i/c Careers