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NORTH OXFORDSHIRE ACADEMY
YEAR 11
INFORMATION BOOKLET

YOUR OPTIONS AT THE END OF YEAR 11

- To stay in Sixth Form at NOA
- To go to another Sixth Form
- To attend College
- To undertake an apprenticeship/traineeship

COURSES AT NOA

A Levels— You will need 5 GCSE's at Grade 5 or above including Maths and English. There may be additional entry requirements for each A Level course, eg Maths will need a Grade 7 at GCSE.

Vocational—There are a variety of vocational courses offered at NOA such as Engineering, Hospitality , Business Studies and Health and Social Care.

You can choose from either/both options to ensure you study the subjects appropriate to your career aspirations.

COURSES AT OTHER SIXTH FORMS AND COLLEGES

Other Sixth Forms and Colleges have a variety of courses on offer and entry requirements vary according to the course. Please check their websites and prospectuses for details of courses and open events. Details of open events will be displayed on the year 11 notice board, in the library and on NOA website.

www.activatelearning.ac.uk –Banbury College Group

www.wcg.ac.uk—Warwickshire College Group

www.stratford.ac.uk—Stratford College

APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINEESHIPS

Apprenticeships can be taken up at either post 16 or post 18. You will work towards a nationally recognised qualification and apprenticeships are available at a variety of levels—foundation, intermediate and advanced. Some apprenticeships offer you the opportunity to train up to degree level. For more information about apprenticeships visit:-

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

www.oxfordshireapprenticeships.co.uk

NEXT STEPS—RESEARCH

It is important you research your career ideas. Below are some suggestions on how you can do this:-

1. Complete “Sacu” questionnaire by visiting www.sacu-student.com
2. Sign up for Barclays Life Skills and complete online activities to help you become work ready. www.barclayslifeskills.com
3. Visit Prospects website (www.prospects.ac.uk) and look at job-match quizzes. This may give you more career ideas if you are unsure.
4. If you have a specific career interest ensure you research that area so you can choose the most appropriate route for you.
5. Try and gain some work experience in the area you are interested in. This could help you decided whether this is or isn't the career for you.
6. Attend Careers/Apprenticeship Fair in Spring term

REMEMBER !

- Employers, colleges and universities all love to see good qualifications. You should be aiming for at least 5 GCSE's at Grade 4/5 or above. However, on top of that they also like to see students that have used their own initiative. So, get involved: join clubs, undertake some volunteering and put yourself forward for opportunities. It will help improve your confidence and make you more attractive to future employers and educational institutions.
- Always have a main option plus at least one "back-up" option just in case you don't get the grades you need.
- Remember, you can apply for as many options as you like, go for interviews to find out more, accept offers. You do not need to choose the one you like best until you have received your GCSE results.
- The Careers Department is there to support you throughout year 11 and beyond. All year 11 students will have at least one careers meeting. If you change your mind about your next step or have any queries then please speak to either Mrs Wedgbrow or Mrs Thorne in the Careers Office.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU MAKE THE BEST INFORMED DECISION FOR YOU AND YOUR FUTURE

OTHER USEFUL WEBSITES

www.oxme.info

www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

www.ucas.com

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk