

11th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to extend a warm invitation to our **Year 11 Information Evening on 14 September**. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing important information that will support your child during this crucial stage of their education.

As your child begins Year 11, there are many important decisions, opportunities and milestones ahead. This event has been designed to provide parents and carers with essential guidance as pupils begin to consider their future pathways and prepare for life beyond The Barlow.

We are delighted to welcome representatives from several local colleges, who will be available after the main presentation to discuss the wide range of Post-16 opportunities on offer. They will provide valuable information about courses, qualifications, entry requirements and the different routes available within further education.

In addition, myself, as Careers Lead, and our Careers Connect Careers Adviser will be on hand to offer advice and answer questions about future pathways, careers education and progression opportunities. Parents and pupils will have the opportunity to speak directly with experienced professionals and gain a clearer understanding of the support available throughout the decision-making process.

This year's information evening will be particularly valuable as it will include updates on the college application process, along with information about developments and changes to the 2027 admissions cycle. Understanding these changes at an early stage will help pupils make informed decisions and ensure they are well prepared when submitting their applications.

We strongly encourage all Year 11 pupils and their parents/carers to attend. The evening will provide a wealth of information, guidance and practical advice to support pupils as they begin planning their next steps and working towards their future aspirations.

We look forward to welcoming you on **Monday 14 September from 5.00pm**, and to continuing our partnership with you as we support your child in making a successful transition to Post-16 education and training.

Yours sincerely



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