



# SMITHILLS SCHOOL

## SUCCESS FOR ALL

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Dear Parent /Carer

### Year 10 & 11 SEND - College and Apprenticeship Support Event for Advice and Guidance Coffee Morning - Friday 10 January 2025 - 9am - 11am

We are helping to prepare all our pupils for their next steps in Higher Education and Apprenticeships or to help them be work ready for 2024 - 2025.

We have invited representatives from the Colleges into the session, to help support your child with their application to their chosen provider.

Each College will have a School Liaison Adviser ready to answer all your questions and address any concerns you may have. Emma our Advisor from Connexions will also be present. Miss Morris, Miss Moulton and I will also be available.

I am enthusiastic and motivated about helping young people to make informed choices about their future in Education and Further Education.

I feel privileged that my position not only allows me to continue this important work but also enables me to support everyone here at Smithills in supporting the curriculum.

I will be guiding and supporting all pupils to make these very important decisions about applications to colleges, 6<sup>th</sup> Forms and Training Providers or alternative provision and employment.

Please see the Key Dates attached.

Regards

Andrea Bennett  
Careers Lead



Artsmark  
Gold Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

### Key dates

**September** – Connexions information and Post 16 application assembly for Year 11 students.

**September – July** - Connexions interviews for all Year 10 and Year 11 students.

**September – December - Year 10 and Year 11**- Lunchtime drop-in sessions in School attended by local colleges, employers & training providers, with information on specific courses.

**September – December – Year 11** - CV's and Personal Statements

**December – Year 11** - Professional Interview Day – Colleges, Training providers, University and Employer Partners will perform practice interviews with all Year 11 students.

**July – Year 10** – Post 16 taster days.

**June – Year 10** – Work Experience.

**All year round – Year 10 and Year 11** - Access to a Connexions Adviser Emma Carmichael. Access to information, advice & guidance from Mrs Bennett for help and support with college applications, Post 16 information, CV's & Personal Statements and any other Post 16 related concerns.