Dear Year 11 students and Parents/Carers,

After the half term break, beginning the week of the 7th of June, we are planning bridging activities for students. These are either linked to the transition into 6th Form or will focus on the world of work (such as apprenticeships).

**6th Form Transition.**

If your child intends to go to St Joseph’s 6th Form in Sept 2021 then they must complete the following google form.

<https://forms.gle/goBgwwdZjFkdfWaL8>

Linked to subject choices, students will have some face to face time in school and some activities to complete at home. Activities will be designed to bridge the gap between ending GCSEs and beginning the 6th form courses.

Once we have completed forms students will be added to specific Google Classroom pages and be given a timetable for the week of the 7th of June and the week of the 14th of June. Across these weeks students only need to be in school for the sessions they have opted into. They should arrive via reception to sign in. The sessions will take place in their bubble area (2nd floor science labs).

Further information about the courses on offer at sixth form can be found here:

<http://www.stjosephs.uk.net/sixth-form/>

Students will be expected to dress in business wear, black and white where possible and appropriate shoes - although there is no expectation for you to buy clothing for this event.

**College, Trainee and Apprenticeship Routes.**

If your son/daughter will be moving on from St Joseph’s this summer then we have provided a range of resources and blended activities to help. All students have received guided lessons on the use of the careers resources section on our website.

<http://www.stjosephs.uk.net/school-life/careers-programme/>

On this you will have access to support your child through future pathways including:

* Apprenticeship guidance, and parental booklets.
* Traineeships in South Tyneside.
* CV writing.
* Preparation for interviews, including mock interview questions.

Students have also been provided with resources and assignments via Google Classroom, including links to sign up to local college virtual taster days and a “How to” guide for signing up to a government website for notifications about apprenticeship vacancies.

**Help on Next Steps.**

If you have any questions or if a student requires some support in planning their ‘next steps’, whether they are continuing in education or looking at career paths, please contact me via the school email.

Kind regards,

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