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Dear Parent /Carer

We would like to invite you to our -

Year 10 & 11 SEND -College and Apprenticeship Support Event for Advise and Guidance Coffee Morning – Friday 15 th January 2027

9.00 – 11 am - Coffee and cake will be provided

We are helping to preparing all our pupils for their next steps in Higher Education ,Apprenticeships or work ready for 2026-2027 .
We have invited some colleges into the session to help support your child for a smooth transition with his / her application to their chosen provider .
Each college will have a school liaison adviser ready to answer all your questions and concerns for your child, Emma our advisor from Connexions will also be present .
Myself ,Miss Morris and Miss Moult will also be available

I am passionate and motivated about helping young people make informed decisions regarding 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 supporting the curriculum also.
I will be guiding , supporting all pupils making their very important decisions for applications to colleges , 6th Forms and Training providers or alternative provision and employment.

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 providing information on specific courses for year 10 and year 11 students.

September – December – year 11 - CV's and Personal Statements –

December – year 11 - Professional Interview Day – Colleges, training provider, University, and

employer partners carry out 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

Regards
Mrs A Bennett
Careers Leader