

# AIMING HIGH @ SMITHILLS SCHOOL

What do I need to do NOW to progress my Career

## Year 11

- In your final year at school you will be busy with exams make sure you start revising early and create a revision planner.
- You will need to make decisions about where you would like to progress onto after leaving Smithills.
- Think about subjects you would really like to continue with in the future or explore opportunities to study new courses.
- Attend the Futures 4Me event you will be invited to explore a wide range of post 16 options.
- Visit open evenings at local colleges, sixth forms and training providers
- Take part in your CEIAG speed dating event and explore different post 16 routes
- You will need to complete your post 16 application and submit your application for post 16 education or training.
- Do as well as you can in PPE exams as this will give you a more realistic indication of what level you will be able to progress onto at college, sixth form or on an apprenticeship.
- The grades you get in your PPE exams will be the grades provided for your reference for post 16 education/training.
- Find out what subjects and qualifications are best for the higher education course or careers you are interested in. Some courses may require you to take certain subjects and types of qualifications (check using online resources such as on [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)).
- Keep collecting certificates and updating your record of achievement folder. You will need this for your Y11 conference.
- Take part in your Year 11 conference & mock interview to gain experience of interview situations, skills & techniques.
- Are there any opportunities for you to do some voluntary work in the community?
- Get involved with the National Citizen Service Programme (NCS) over the summer months and record your experience on a CV.