

9th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Find Your Path Evening
Tuesday 23rd September

I am delighted to invite you and your Year 11 child/ren to our Find Your Path Evening. It is important that **all Year 11 students attend this event** in order to find out about the time frames and means of applying to their next step on their career path, and to meet in person representatives from our local colleges, and apprentice providers. The evening also provides you as parent/carers a chance to ask any questions you may have about the opportunities available for your child.

If for any reason your child is unable to attend, please email me on careers@downlands.org so that I am aware.

The timings for the evening are as follows:

5.20pm – 6pm Quiet viewing of the Careers Fair. We will be sending invitations out shortly to those students for whom we believe a quieter viewing of the careers fair would be particularly beneficial. Entry to this Quiet Viewing of the careers fair will be **by invitation only**.

From 5.45pm Students and their families from **AW, HH, KLB, HBR** tutor groups should arrive and go directly into the **Hall** ready for a **6pm start** to the **Information Talk and Q&A**.

From 6pm Students and their families from **JB, EG, SGR, KBI** should arrive and go directly to the **Careers Fair in the Canteen and Drama Studio**.

Approx. 6.45 – AW, HH, KLB, HBR to go to the Careers Fair in the Canteen and Drama Studio
JB, EG, SGR, KBI to come to the Hall for the Information Talk and Q & A.

Please do stick to these groupings to avoid overcrowding in either the hall or at the fair. Please do stay for the talk if you are in the second group, I will endeavour to make it interesting and worth your time!

College Open Evenings are being held this term, and I attach the list of dates and times. This list is also on the school website under the Careers Page, College Open Events tab. Students are encouraged to visit colleges and providers in person to get a feel for the campus and to ask the subject tutors specific questions they may have about courses. Most colleges ask that you register to attend their open events, to do this, please go directly to the college's own website and look for the open evening information.

I look forward to welcoming you all on Tuesday 23rd September.

Your faithfully,

Ms Liz Hollingdale (she/her)
Careers Lead