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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will no doubt be aware, this year your child is not only working towards their vital GCSE and BTEC qualifications but will also be planning the next steps in their career journey, as they move on to Post-16 destinations such as sixth form, college and apprenticeship in September 2021. To support both our students and you as parents and carers with this process, we have set up a structured programme this academic year to guide you and your child through the process, including the attached guide, entitled **Post-16 Options: Preparing for the Future**

This guide contains all of the information that you need to help support your child in making the right decision for them about their Post-16 education, including sections about the different opportunities available to your child after Year 11, such as Sixth Form, College, Apprenticeships and Traineeships, as well as important information about student finance, entry requirements, the application process and links to other useful websites. Alongside the booklet, we will be offering the following support to students in Year 11 and their parents/carers this academic year:

- Post 16 presentation delivered by colleagues from Ilkley Grammar School. They will explain the entry requirements of subjects, former students of the Skipton Academy will share their experiences and specialist staff will explain the application process and how choice of subjects will impact on next step and university applications
- Craven College staff will deliver a workshop that will allow students to learn about apprenticeships, BTECs and T-Levels. This session will explore the entry requirements, the interview process.
- Period 4 sessions which will look at getting students familiar with the application process. Form tutors will be on hand to support your child with their Post-16 applications, including help with searching for specific courses and apprenticeship opportunities, checking personal statements and producing academic and personal references.

An important factor for your child in making decisions about their Post-16 education will be what they think of the learning environment of particular sixth forms, colleges or training providers. To support your child with this, we recommend attending one of the many virtual open evenings that Post-16 providers will be putting on for students and parents/carers in Year 11 this academic year. A few dates from some providers are as follows:

- Ilkley Grammar School – **11<sup>th</sup> November 2020** at 6pm
- Craven College – **23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020** at 530pm
- Skipton Girls High School – **11<sup>th</sup> November 2020** at 530pm, registration deadline 5<sup>th</sup> November
- Ermysted's Grammar School – **10<sup>th</sup> November 2020** at 6pm

Yours Sincerely,

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