



16 April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 10 Taster Days and Open Events

Further to my letter sent out in February regarding the Post 16 Choices process, I can now share with you details of all the local college and sixth form taster days and open events. This schedule is also available on the careers pages of the school website and will be updated when necessary.

These events are crucial in enabling your child to be as fully prepared as possible when they make their applications in the autumn term. I therefore strongly encourage you to support your child as much as possible to visit colleges they might be considering, especially as these opportunities are quite limited.

The process for registering for taster days varies depending on the college, and so it's important to be aware of the process for colleges your child is interested in. As and when colleges release their own registration procedure, these details will be sent to all parents so please keep an eye on your emails over the next few months.

In most cases, students will be required to make their own arrangements to get to and from the colleges, and will receive authorised absence from school on the day. There is no requirement to come into school that day, and school uniform is not required. Specific instructions for each college will be communicated to you at the appropriate time.

Open event details are available on each college website, and most require registration prior to the event so please be aware of this.

I will be speaking to the whole year group in an assembly in early May to explain about the importance of these events and what support is available during the rest of the year.



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Bespoke careers guidance meetings

All students are fully aware that they are able to book their own 1-2-1 guidance meeting with our Careers Adviser Mrs Anderson. This is not a compulsory activity and students require guidance at different times. However, all students who arrange one benefit enormously and come out of it with an action plan and a clearer vision of what to do next. Mrs Anderson is extremely skilled in making sure it is a stress-free experience and so please do encourage your child to arrange one. She does get booked up really quickly in the summer term once students realise time is progressing, so the sooner they can book one in the better.

A meeting can be arranged by either emailing Mrs Anderson directly (janderson@soham-college.org.uk) or coming to speak to her in the careers office in the library.

Yours sincerely

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Post 16 Centres - 2025 entry

COLLEGE	TASTER DAYS	OPEN DAY/EVENING
Abbeygate Sixth Form	27 th June 9.50am-12noon	Autumn term, dates tbc https://www.abbeygatesfc.ac.uk/news-dates/open-events
Bishop Laney Sixth Form	11 th July	24 th Oct 6-8.30pm https://www.elycollege.com/page/?title=Sixth+Form&pid=10
Cambridge Regional College (Cambridge Campus)	18 th June	25 th Apr 4.30-7pm 2 nd July 4.30-7pm 23 rd Oct 4.30-7.30pm 14 th Nov (Apprenticeship Event) 16 th Nov 9.30am-1pm https://www.camre.ac.uk/about/events/open-days-2/
CAST	No Taster Day held	3 rd July 5-8pm 30 th Oct 5-7.30pm https://www.cambridgeast.org.uk/sixth-form
Chesterton College Sixth form	24 th June 9am-3pm	22 nd Oct 5.30-7.30pm https://csf.tela.org.uk/
College of West Anglia (Milton campus)	2 nd July 10am-2pm	23 rd April 4.30-7.30pm tbc https://cwa.ac.uk/news/events (other campus dates available)
Hills Road Sixth Form College	No Taster Day held	6 th July 10am-4pm 8 th July 5pm-8pm (registration from May 2024) https://www.hillsroad.ac.uk/sixthform/how-to-apply/open-events
Impington	10 th July	Autumn term, dates tbc https://www.impingtoninternational.org.uk/
Long Road Sixth Form College	No Taster Day held	2 nd July 5pm-9pm 3 rd July 5pm-9pm (registration in Spring 2024) https://www.longroad.ac.uk/page/?title=Open+Evenings&pid=165
Parkside Sixth	No Taster Day held	12 th Oct 6-8pm https://www.parksidecc.org.uk/sixth
The Cambridge Maths School	No Taster Day held	17 th Oct 4-8pm https://cms.tela.org.uk/
The Oakes	27 th June	Autumn term, dates tbc https://oakescc.org/
West Suffolk College	27 th June 9.50am-12noon	22 nd June 9.30am-12.30pm https://www.wsc.ac.uk/about-the-college/open-events

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK EACH COLLEGE'S WEBSITE FOR UPDATES
AND TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS**

TASTER DAY DETAILS TO BE SENT OUT WHEN DETAILS RECEIVED FROM COLLEGES

(effective as of 15/4/24)