

Y10 PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING



Year 10 Parents' Information Evening

- Welcome – David Clarke (Principal)
- The year ahead – Fiona Donovan (Head of Year)
- GCSE key information - Ed Slingsby (Deputy Principal)
- Revision strategies - Charlotte Russell (Teacher of English)
- Supporting students – Nick Oakhill (Careers Manager)

Review of the Year

What a fantastic year!

- Options
- Art & DT Exhibition and workshops
- Pride World Cup
- Sports Day
- Author Visit
- MFL World Book Day Projects – local primary schools
- Trips – such as Pleasurewood Hills, Ski Trip, World of Work



Extra Curricular Success

- One of our students is an Aldeburgh Young Musician, went on to win the Young Musician for KS3 category and achieved Distinction in his Grade 8 Drum exam
- Jam Factory – multiple performances in Year 9
- Performers in Soham's Got Talent – 2nd place and judges pick
- Approximately 125 students took part in Bronze DofE and many have already completed their award in full
- Over 100 clubs
- And many more!!!

Looking Forward



ATTENDANCE + BEHAVIOUR = PROGRESS




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Accelerate improvement - work smarter with joined-up data

GO 4 Schools is a powerful, joined-up, online system that supports whole-school improvement in a way no other system does. We make it easy to capture, analyse and share classroom data in real time, allowing your staff, students and parents to make better decisions - daily. It's the efficient, smart and agile way to work with school data.

Core functionality



Keeping the school in the picture, with today's information

The Modules

-  Online Markbooks

Straightforward, powerful, online markbooks for subject-specific, continuous pupil tracking.
-  Behaviour

Consistent, efficient, online recording and management of rewards and sanctions.
-  Attendance

Online session and lesson attendance recording and analysis.
-  Progress Reports

Efficient production of great-looking student progress reports - saving significant amounts of time & money.

GO NATIONAL CONFERENCE

3rd October 2017
Wyboston Lakes, Bedfordshire
Visit the [conference page](#) for more details.

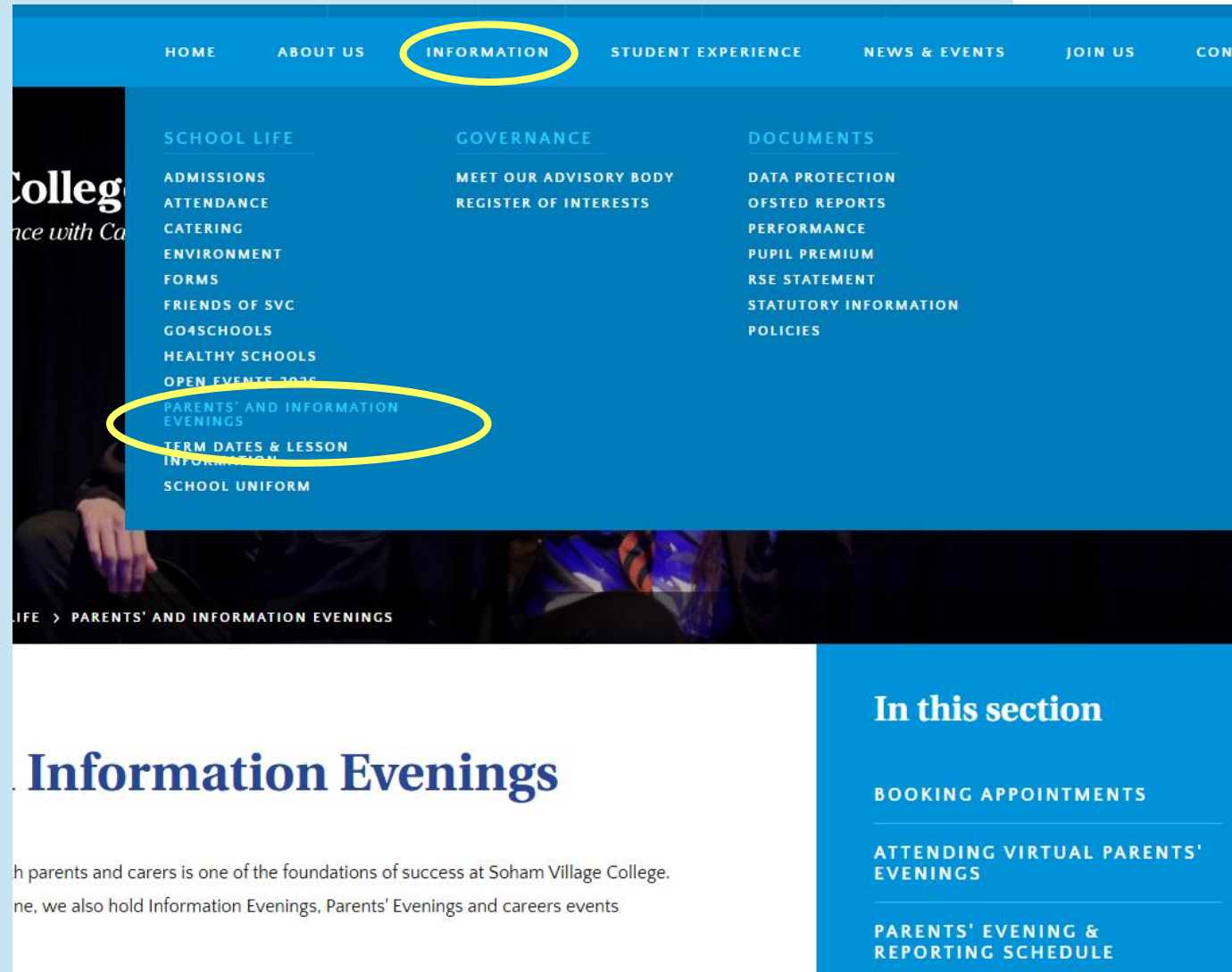
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Key dates

Please visit our website



The screenshot shows the Soham Village College website. The top navigation bar includes links for HOME, ABOUT US, INFORMATION (highlighted with a yellow circle), STUDENT EXPERIENCE, NEWS & EVENTS, JOIN US, and CONTACT. The INFORMATION section is expanded, showing sub-links for SCHOOL LIFE, GOVERNANCE, and DOCUMENTS. Under SCHOOL LIFE, the link for PARENTS' AND INFORMATION EVENINGS is highlighted with a yellow circle. Below the navigation bar, the main content area features a large image of a person and a section titled "Information Evenings". The text in this section states: "Partnership with parents and carers is one of the foundations of success at Soham Village College. Therefore, we also hold Information Evenings, Parents' Evenings and careers events". To the right of the main content, there is a sidebar titled "In this section" with links for BOOKING APPOINTMENTS, ATTENDING VIRTUAL PARENTS' EVENINGS, and PARENTS' EVENING & REPORTING SCHEDULE.

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Information Evenings

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- BOOKING APPOINTMENTS
- ATTENDING VIRTUAL PARENTS' EVENINGS
- PARENTS' EVENING & REPORTING SCHEDULE



- November - First report
- February - Second report
- March - Year 10 Option Subject Mock Exams
- May - Senior Team process starts
- June – Core Subject Mock Exams
- July - Full written reports
- (Start thinking about Colleges)



- Continue the excellent start they have made
- First impressions count, new subjects/teachers
- Now coming to the business end of SVC



GCSE Key information

Almost all the GCSE courses have exams at the end of year 11

Students are likely to sit anything between 14 and 25 exams

GCSE exams start in early May

Results days provisional date is 24th August 2028

GCSE Key information

Year 10 mock exams

Two sittings:

- Option subjects in March
- Core subjects in June

Year 11 mocks are at the start of November, post-16 applications in before we close for Christmas 2027

The Pressures of GCSE

Some stress isn't always a bad thing

Spotting signs - changes to the '*norm*' – appetite, sleep, mood, energy (not to be confused with adolescent/hormone changes of teenagers!).

What can you do?

Positivity & Perspective - Keep things positive at home and put everything into perspective.

Communication - Let your child's tutor know- they are the ones who see them each morning and can support within school.

Organisation - Use Go4Schools to help them track deadlines and organise their workload.

The Pressures of GCSE

What do we do?

If the tutor feels more specialist support is needed then we have a wide range of different solutions depending on the student.

Possible solutions include:

self-help resources

support strategies to manage anxiety

help with homework

guided meditation

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Wellbeing



MENTAL HEALTH

Centre 33

Whatsapp: 07514 783745

Call 0333 41410808

help@centre33.org.uk

13-25yrs

YPCS

Call: 0800 634 4395

Admin@ypcs.uk

Online Chat

11-18yrs

ChildLine

Chat boards, 1-2-1 Support,

Call: 0800 1111

Under 19yrs

ClearFear

Anxiety Support App

11-19yrs

Calm Harm

Self Harm Support App

13yrs+

Young Minds

Young People text: YM to 85258

Parents helpline: 08088025544

14-25yrs

Kooth

Online Chat:

Mon – Fri: 12–10pm

Sat & Sun: 6–10pm

11-18yrs

CALM

Call 0800 58 58 58

A helpline for people who need to talk or find support

9am- midnight every day of the year

The Kite Trust

LGBTQ+ Support

01223 369508

info@thekitetrust.org.uk

Under 25yrs

Samaritans

Call for Free 116 123

Whatever you are going through, call anytime

The Mix

Crisis Messenger: text THEMIX to 85258

Call 0808 8084 994

Under 25yrs

ChatHealth

Cams & Pboro

Text 07480 635 443

Ages 11-19

Papyrus

Suicide Hopeline

0800 068 4141

Under 35yrs

9am- midnight every day of the year

Follow Youth Inspired for useful information & 'Whats On' guides for young people in Peterborough

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HOMEWORK CLUB

LUNCHTIME

EVERYDAY

1.15-1.55pm in the Library or Hub

AFTER SCHOOL

MONDAY to THURSDAY

3- 4pm in the Library

YRS: 7 8 9 10 11

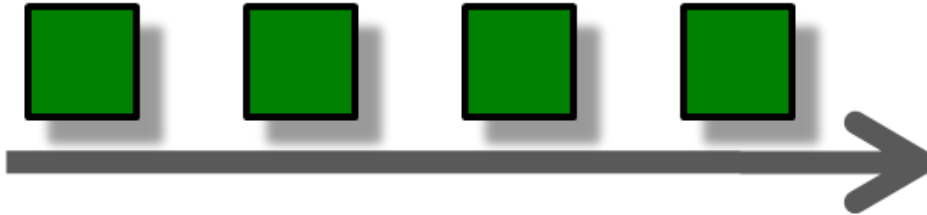
Need a hand with your homework or a quiet place to work?

Homework club is open lunchtime and afterschool

Concentrated
Practice

VS.

Distributed Practice



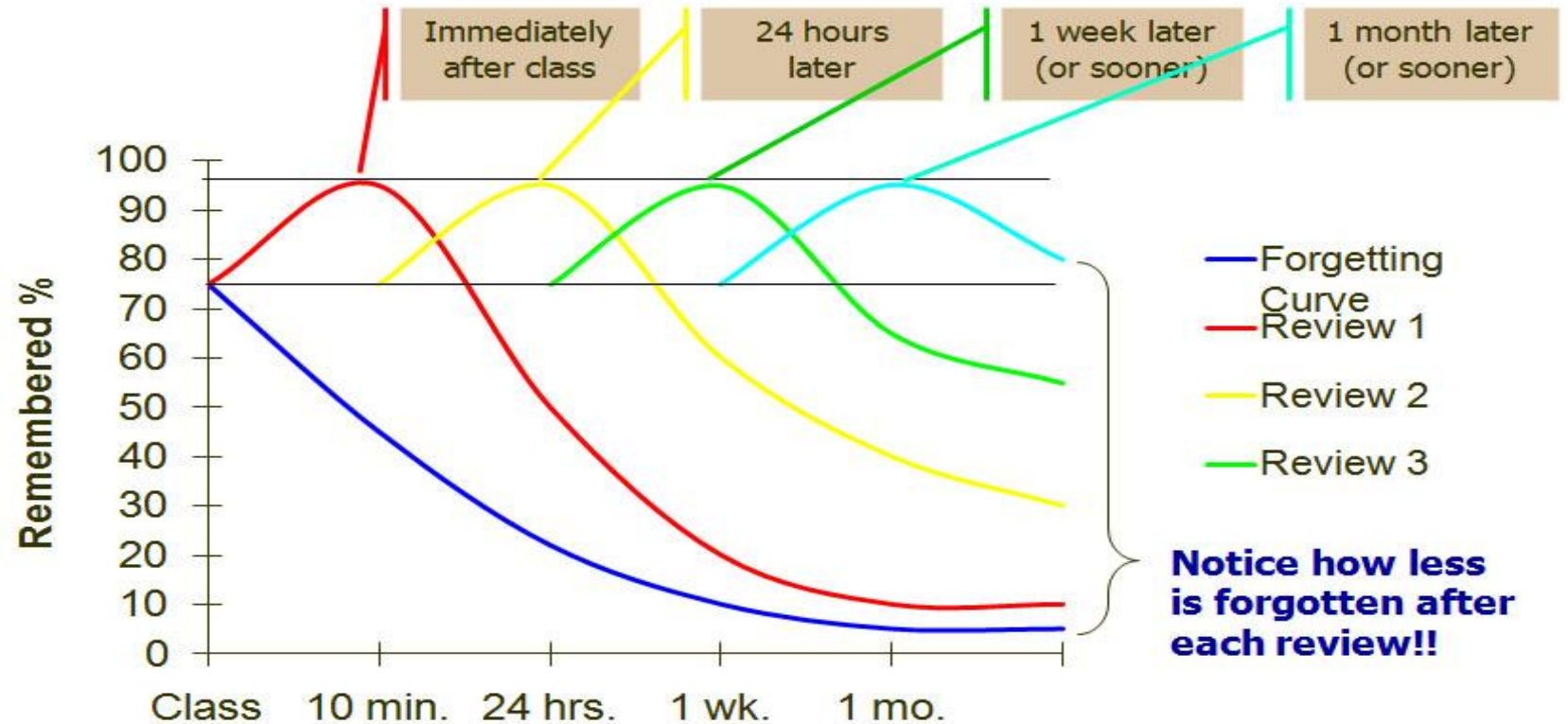
Much more effective

**“distributed practice, little and often
has a massive impact on how much
you can learn”**

How memory works



Overcoming the Curve



Knowledge vs familiarity

Learning happens when we think hard.

Active revision is better than *passive* revision.

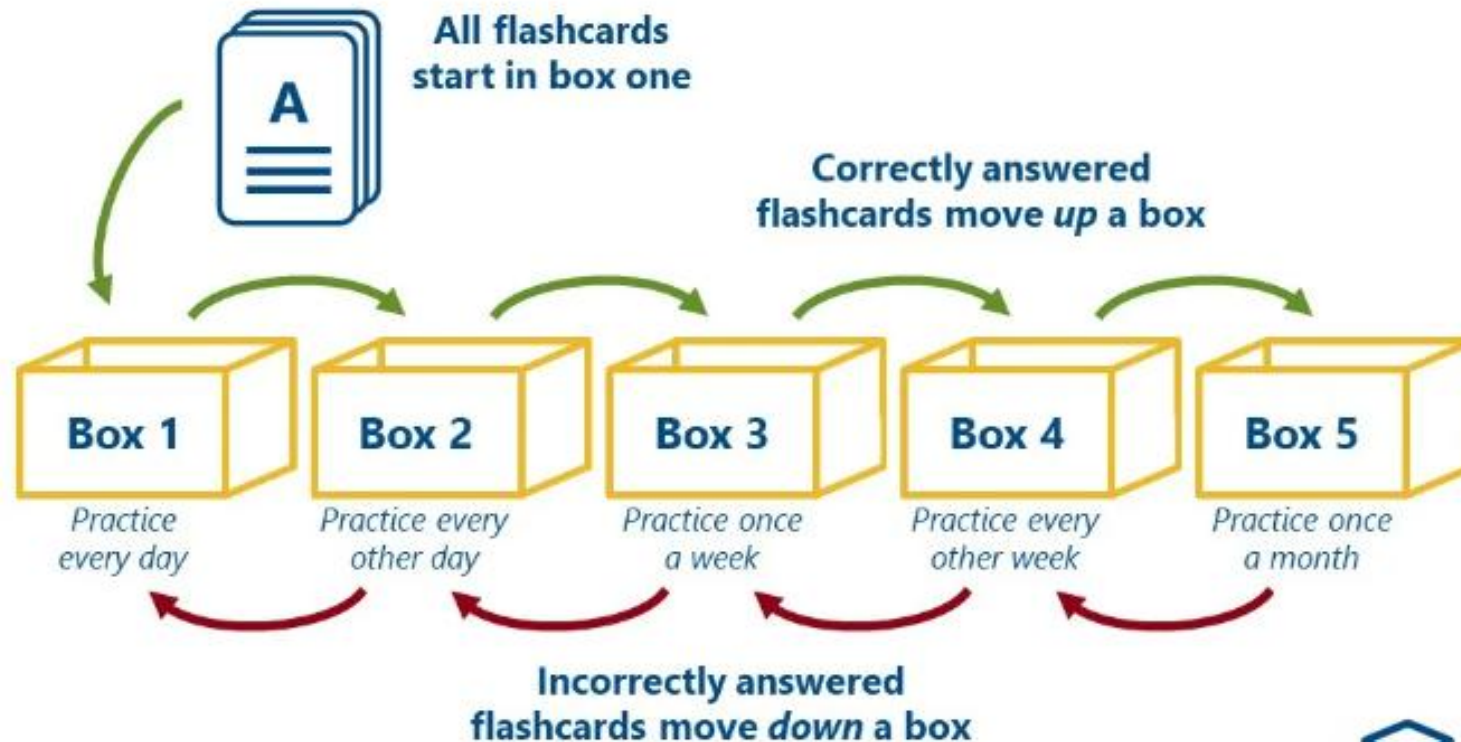


Table 1: Effectiveness of ten learning techniques, from Dunlosky et al (2013) ²⁹

High utility	Practice testing	Self-testing or taking practice tests on material to be learned.
	Distributed ("spaced") practice	Implementing a schedule of practice that spreads out activities over time.
	Elaborative interrogation	Generating an explanation for why an explicitly stated fact or concept is true.
	Self-explanation	Explaining how new information is related to known information, or explaining steps taken during problem solving.
Moderate utility	Interleaved practice	Implementing a schedule of practice that mixes different kinds of problems, or a schedule of study that mixes different kinds of material, within a single study session.
	Summarization	Writing summaries (of various lengths) of to-be-learned texts.
	Highlighting	Marking potentially important portions of to-be-learned materials while reading.
	Keyword mnemonic	Using keywords and mental imagery to associate verbal materials.
Low utility	Imagery use for text learning	Attempting to form mental images of text materials while reading or listening.
	Rereading	Restudying text material again after an initial reading.

How to use the Leitner system for flashcards

Increase your memory with spaced repetition and active recall



ExamStudyExpert.com/Leitner-system



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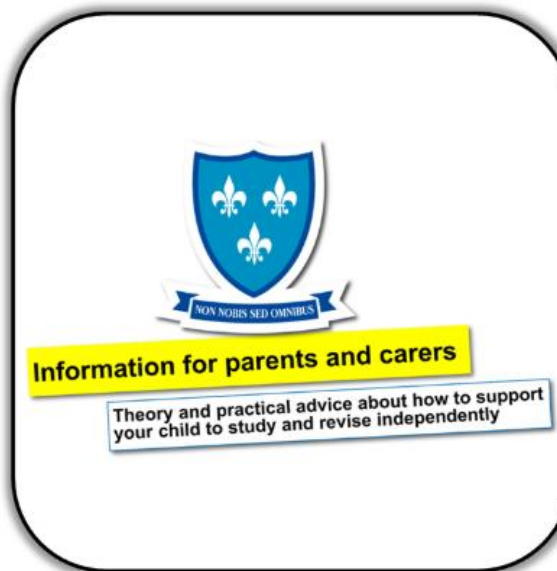
Weekly Revision Timetable – In the holidays (for a more detailed plan if you prefer)

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Study Skills & Homework

Equipping students with the skills to study independently is crucial to their success.

Below you will find two booklets, one aimed at students and one at parents and carers. These give both theory and practical strategies to help students become better independent learners and give them the tools to shape their own opportunities and futures.



Post 16 options - Supporting students

Nick Oakhill
Careers Manager

Raising the Participation Age (RPA)

- Students are required to remain in education, take on an apprenticeship, or find a job with approved training
- Schools have a duty to help students along the pathway to choose their options Post 16
- Within SVC there are many ways we provide this support

So what are the options?

Post 16 colleges

Abbeygate Sixth Form College (Bury St Edmunds)	Hills Road Sixth Form College
Bishops Laney (Ely College)	Impington International Sixth Form
Cambridge Academy of Science & Technology (CAST)	Long Road Sixth Form College
Cambridge Regional College (CRC)	Oakes College
Chesterton College Sixth Form	The Maths School (Cambridge)
College of West Anglia (Milton, Kings Lynn, Wisbech)	West Suffolk College (Bury St Edmunds)

Apprenticeships

- Direct with an employer or via one of the vocational colleges (CRC, West Suffolk College, College of West Anglia)

Qualifications

Level	Academic <i>Mostly exam-based</i>	Applied <i>Some coursework</i>	Technical/ Vocational <i>Mainly coursework-based</i>	T Levels <i>Some coursework, plus placement</i>	V Levels <i>Focus on practical skills</i>	Apprenticeship <i>Employment with training</i>
3	A levels, International Baccalaureate (2yrs)	BTEC/OCR L3	Diploma, Extended diploma, Extended certificate, Certificates, (2yrs)	T levels (2 yrs)	NEW - limited subjects initially (2 yrs)	Advanced (up to 4yrs)
2	GCSEs (Grades 4-9)	BTEC/OCR L2	Diploma, Extended certificate, Certificate, (1yr)			Intermediate (1-3yrs)
1	GCSEs (grades 1-3)	BTEC/OCR L1	Award, Certificate (1yr)			Traineeship and pre-employment schemes

It is possible to combine Academic and Applied options at some providers

What happens next?

YEAR 10

- Jan 2027 onwards..... 1:1 Career Guidance Interviews
- May..... Introduction to MyChoice16 application process
- June/July..... College Taster Days/Open Evenings

YEAR 11

- Sept..... College presentations (virtual, tutor time)
- Oct..... College research & Application Day
- Oct..... Post 16 Parents Information Evening
- Oct/Nov..... College Open Evenings
- End of Autumn term..... MyChoice16 Application Deadline Day



Online portal used to apply to colleges in Cambs

Username & passwords issued in the summer term

Never too early to start!!

.....to develop the right mindset and attitude
.....to be prepared to move onto next stage

'I wish I'd prepared earlier'

'I wish I had more time'

'I should have asked more questions'



Post 16 Careers

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) forms an integral part of student life at Soham Village College. We encourage all students to develop high aspirations and consider a broad and ambitious range of careers. We use contacts from our Alumni, local employers, parents and further and higher education to help them understand where different choices can take them in the future.

Our careers programme is delivered through a combination of PSHE days, careers assemblies and presentations, tutor time sessions, curriculum-based learning, workplace visits, and evening events.

Our [CEIAG Policy](#) is available to read in our policies section on the Trust website.



The Quality in Careers Standard >>>>

In April 2022, the school gained the Quality in Careers Standard, a national award that recognises that the quality of the school's careers programme, and the information, advice and guidance provided, is of a high standard and is embedded as part of the ethos of the school. We are delighted to be awarded this standard, and pleased that the awarding body

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Students can visit the Careers Office in the Library at any time



<https://formthefuture.org.uk/insights/>



**INSIGHTS INTO...
APPRENTICESHIPS**

Thursday 17 September 2026
4:15pm - 5:00pm

Insights into Apprenticeships

Whether you're considering an apprenticeship or supporting someone who is, this free webinar will help you better understand how apprenticeships work and the opportunities available.

Here's what you can expect:

- What apprenticeships are and how they work
- Where and how to find apprenticeship opportunities
- Practical advice from qualified careers advisers
- A live Q&A where you can ask your own questions



**INSIGHTS INTO...
POST-16 OPTIONS**

Thursday 12 November 2026
4:15pm - 5:00pm

Insights into Post-16 Options

Whether your child is approaching the end of Year 11 or beginning to think about their next steps, this free webinar will help you understand the different learning, training and work pathways available.

Here's what you can expect:

- An introduction to post-16 options, including apprenticeships, college courses and school sixth forms
- Guidance on choosing the right pathway for your child
- Practical advice from qualified careers advisers
- A live Q&A where you can ask your own questions



Thankyou for your time this evening.

We hope that through working together,
we can make this a successful and
enjoyable year for your child.

