

23/11/23

Dear parent/carers,

We will be supporting all our year 11 students to complete online college applications on Friday 1st December. This is to make sure students apply in good time for college deadlines and is ideally placed just following parents evening where our careers adviser Helen Shaw and some of the major college providers will be in attendance. Students will also have had their predicted grades at this point.

Please note that applications for Loreto and Xaverian Colleges are paper based and students are expected to hand them in on the 1st December. All students applying to these colleges will be expected to make a secondary application along with other students during the session as the entry requirements are so competitive.

To ensure that applications run smoothly, please could you ensure the following:

- Students attend school, on time on the 1st December.
- Students bring a fully charged iPad to school.
- Students who do not have an iPad, must know their login details for laptop or computer use (their form tutor can reset this for them).
 - Students know the course and college they want to apply for.
- Applying for more than one is fine.
 - Students know the required grades for the course they want to apply for.
 - Students have a personal email address that they will need to include on applications.
 - Students have an electronic copy of a personal statement that they can copy onto applications for Pendleton, Eccles and some other colleges that require one.
 - Students discuss their choices with you before this date.

If students want to apply for apprenticeship, they should still apply for a related college course on this date and we will support them in preparing for an apprenticeship later in the year.

For further information, please refer to the college application information sheet we recently sent to you.

Yours faithfully,

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