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Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 10s look to the future

We have reached the point in the school year for pupils in Year 10 to consider the options available when they leave Springfield. Most applications will be made between October and December in Year 11.

**Many colleges will run open evenings between February and June 2026 (and more will run in the autumn) and we encourage families to attend. Full lists of open events in Portsmouth and the wider area are attached.**

An open evening can be a useful way of getting to know a campus and to get a feel for what it would be like to study there.

Pupils are encouraged to apply for more than one college/course (as long as they communicate promptly with the college after GCSE results if a place is no longer needed). Even if your child wishes to enter work aged 16 through an apprenticeship or similar, as these are often confirmed late in the school year in Year 11, having a college place is a good back up option.

Springfield is committed to bringing post-16 providers into school, so that pupils are aware of what is available locally. Year 10s have already heard from Oaklands and City of Portsmouth College and will hear from other local providers later this term. All pupils will be offered at least one college taster day.

Here are some useful links for families to explore:

City of Portsmouth College (look at Sixth form campus for A Level and some other courses, Highbury campus for vocational and North Harbour for trades)	<a href="https://www.city-of-portsmouth-college.ac.uk/">https://www.city-of-portsmouth-college.ac.uk/</a>
Havant and South Downs College (Havant campus for A level and South Downs campus for vocational)	<a href="https://www.hsdc.ac.uk/">https://www.hsdc.ac.uk/</a>
Chichester College	<a href="https://www.chichester.ac.uk/">https://www.chichester.ac.uk/</a>
South Hampshire College Group - this includes Fareham College (vocational only) and CEMAST, which is engineering focused.	<a href="https://shcg.ac.uk/fareham-college/">https://shcg.ac.uk/fareham-college/</a> <a href="https://shcg.ac.uk/cemast/">https://shcg.ac.uk/cemast/</a> <a href="https://shcg.ac.uk/cetc/">https://shcg.ac.uk/cetc/</a>
Sparsholt College (vocational and industry-led courses)	<a href="https://www.sparsholt.ac.uk/level-of-study/full-time/">https://www.sparsholt.ac.uk/level-of-study/full-time/</a>
Peter Symonds College	<a href="https://psc.ac.uk/">https://psc.ac.uk/</a>

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Barton Peveril College	<a href="https://barton-peveril.ac.uk/">https://barton-peveril.ac.uk/</a>
Oaklands Catholic Sixth Form College (you do not have to be Catholic to attend the Sixth Form; A Levels only)	<a href="https://www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/sixth-form/">https://www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/sixth-form/</a>
UTC Portsmouth Sixth Form (A and T Levels)	<a href="https://www.utcportsmouth.org/sixthform-curriculum">https://www.utcportsmouth.org/sixthform-curriculum</a>
NHS Apprenticeships	<a href="https://hiow350careers.nhs.uk/post-16/apprenticeships/">https://hiow350careers.nhs.uk/post-16/apprenticeships/</a>
PETA - local technical and business apprenticeships	<a href="https://www.peta.co.uk/9/418/apprenticeships">https://www.peta.co.uk/9/418/apprenticeships</a>
Steve Willis - gas and electrical apprenticeship training	<a href="https://stevewillis.com/apprenticeships/programmes/">https://stevewillis.com/apprenticeships/programmes/</a>
The government's database of apprenticeships (shows current vacancies, but it may be useful to see the kind of jobs often available locally)	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship">https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship</a>
MPCT Portsmouth (military preparation) - based at Highbury campus	<a href="https://mpct.co.uk/location/portsmouth/#find-a-location">https://mpct.co.uk/location/portsmouth/#find-a-location</a>

Springfield supports pupils by providing personal careers advice. We have engaged an independent careers advisor from the Education and Business Partnership, Sarita Khosla-Malhotra. She is on site on Wednesdays and Thursdays most weeks and is based in the careers room in the TCC. We aim for all pupils to be seen 1:1 by Sarita before they commence their GCSEs in Year 11. We will start scheduling Year 10s for appointments later this term. Pupils can also seek support from their Form Tutor or year office staff.

A further source of reliable advice is the National Careers Service, which has a helpline and a live chat function <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely

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