

8<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, your child will be leaving Limehurst Academy at the end of this academic year. We would like to support you and your child in this transition to Post-16 Education.

Many of the local sixth forms and colleges will be holding Open Days and Evenings in the next few months. We recommend that you attend as many of these as appropriate.

All sixth forms and colleges will have information of their Open Days on their websites. They will also be advertised on the daily school bulletin, on Teams and on our website. Further information of Careers opportunities such as Apprenticeships and Work Experience is available on our website too.

Your child will be carrying out research into potential options for Post-16 education in their Personal Development lessons and be given advice and support with their applications.

It is advisable for students to apply to more than one sixth form or college. Form teachers and our Careers Advisors will help students in making informed choices and will assist them with the application process to their preferred destinations. Applications will all be made online with the help of their form teacher and head of year.

Please note that the **deadline for application has been set for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.** This ensures that all Post 16 destinations individual deadlines are covered. Please note that if your child begins to fall behind with their application, they will be required to stay behind after school with Miss Pitt, Head of Year 11, to catch up.

We will be contacting you regularly throughout the year with updates on the transition process. Attached to this letter you will find a list of our local Post-16 providers, the types of courses available to your child and an overview of key deadlines for students to meet in order for their application to be ready in time. We are currently organising a coffee morning and drop-in session to help parents better understand the application process. Formal invitations to these will be sent out soon.

If you would like to speak to someone in school about Post-16 education for your child then please contact me, MJ Pitt, Head of Year 11, or your child's form teacher.

Yours sincerely



MJ Pitt  
Head of Year 11

## Types of Courses Available

There are 4 options available to your child when they leave Limehurst. These are:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A Levels</b></p> <p>A two-year course Exams at the end <u>Academic</u> route Entry requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum 5 GCSEs at grades 9-4</li> <li>- Minimum grade 6 in the specific subject</li> </ul> <p>* Specific requirements will vary depending on the college</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Apprenticeship</b></p> <p>On the job experience alongside studying Usually, 80% experience and 20% classroom learning Earn a wage and get sick pay * An apprenticeship is a genuine job, and they are employed from day one.</p> <p>There are 2 levels they can apply for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Level 2 – Intermediate – equivalent to 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4</li> <li>- Level 3 – Advanced – equivalent to 2 A Level passes</li> </ul> <p>Entry requirements depend on the industry, job role and level of apprenticeship.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>T Levels</b></p> <p>Two-year course Equivalent to 3 A Levels Mixture of classroom learning and about 45 days of on-the-job experience Based on the same standards as apprenticeships Entry requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GCSE English Language at Grade 5</li> <li>- GCSE Maths at Grade 5</li> <li>- 3 other GCSEs at grade 4 and above</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vocational Qualification</b></p> <p>Practical qualifications that relate to a specific job or career sector Helps to gain the skills needed to start a job, progress in a career or go on to higher levels of education Mainly coursework or non-exam assessments There are 6 Levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Level 2 – Equivalent to GCSEs Grades 9-4</li> <li>- Level 3 – Equivalent to A Levels</li> </ul>

## Local Post-16 Providers

Here are the names of local colleges where your child can apply to:

**Charnwood College** – Sixth Form – A levels, Sports diplomas and Football Academy

**De Lisle College** – Sixth Form – A levels and some vocational courses.

**Leicester College** - vocational courses and apprenticeships

**Loughborough College** – Sixth form A levels, vocational courses and apprenticeships

**Rawlins Academy** – Sixth form – A levels and some vocational courses.

**Stephenson College** – vocational courses and apprenticeships

\*\* There are many others – it depends on the course they want to take and how far they are prepared to travel.

## Extra Information

### **What your child should be doing at home**

Outside of lessons, your child should be:

- Researching what they want to study
- Researching where they want to go
- Look at the entry requirements for the course they want to study
- Write their personal statement
- Attend open events → this is the only thing we cannot help them with as they happen outside of school times!

### **What can you do to help?**

In order to help your child you can:

- Talk to them about their options for next year
- Encourage them to research what they want to study and where they want to go
- Attend open events with them

### Key Deadlines

Date	Task	Why this is important
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Students should have an initial idea of which type of course they would like to study.	We will look at whether this is an appropriate choice for your child based on their predicted grades and what career they want to do in the future.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Students should have completed their Personal Statement and sent this to their form tutor via Teams.	Form tutors will check all personal statements and help students make changes. These will be added to their application.
	Students should have a good idea of which course they would like to study and at which college. They should also have attended some Open Events at the colleges.	Form tutors can help those who are still unsure, and students can look at the entry requirements for that course. This will help them focus their revision on key subjects ready for their mock exams.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December – Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Students will sit with Miss Pitt to finalise and send off their applications. This will be done in small groups to ensure everything is done to a high standard.	Different Post-16 Providers have different application deadlines. By completing this early on, we ensure students are able to apply to all colleges.
January – June	Students should be attending interviews and applicant events. They will be contacted by the post-16 providers they have applied to.	