

24th April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Taster Days

In the summer term, some post-16 centres offer Year 10 the opportunity to attend a Taster Day to find out more about courses and their establishments. My role at the college includes supporting Year 11 students to gain the best outcomes from their GCSEs and also securing the most appropriate place at a post-16 centre when they leave us.

While September 2020 might seem a long time away, the reality is that current Year 10 students need to have finalised their applications to post-16 centres by Christmas 2019 and so it is good to start getting a feel for what and where students may wish to study. Towards the end of the summer term, Year 10 will be introduced to the online system which is where they can find out about courses and make applications. In the autumn term of Year 11 there will be a Post-16 Evening at the college and lots of information about Open Evenings and support in college to make appropriate applications. We would like all Year 10 students to have contact with at least one, but preferably two post-16 centres.

90% of those currently in Year 11 are hoping to go to one of the five following post-16 centres. Bishop Laney, Cambridge Regional College and College of West Anglia are holding summer Taster Days. Long Road and Hills Road are holding Open Evenings instead. The dates are listed below.

Bishop Laney Sixth Form, Ely College	Taster Day	9 th July
Cambridge Regional College	Taster Day	5 th June
College of West Anglia, Cambridge	Taster Day	25 th June
Hills Road	Open Evening	24 th and 25 th June
Long Road	Open Evening	26 th and 27 th June

We currently have information from Bishop Laney and Cambridge Regional College about booking onto their Taster Days and I have attached this separately to this email. When information comes through for the others, I will forward to you. For all of these dates, students will be expected to make their own way there. If you have any issues with this, please let me know. Students are not required to wear school uniform on these Taster Days.

Should your child wish to sign up for the Bishop Laney Taster Day, please do so online with the link provided.

Should your child wish to sign up for the CRC Taster Day, please complete the booking form and return directly to me or email the completed form. We would like all Ely College students wishing to participate to attend the Cambridge Campus on 5th June. Students should select one choice of subject and then two alternatives. It is important to list any special needs, health issues, medical conditions or accessibility requirements on the form too. The deadline for the forms to be returned is 17th May.

Yours faithfully



Mrs R Mustill
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