Parent and Carer Careers Presentation

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Welcome

What we are going to cover:

- Introduction to education and careers options.
- How you can help your child make decisions that are right for them.
- The support we offer to help you and your child make decisions.
- Where you can find further information and support.
- Upcoming careers events and key contacts.

Careers and education options

An overview

Post 16 options

What's next?

- Young people in England are required by law to stay in education or training until age 18.

- There are a range of options available from apprenticeships to A-levels and T-level qualifications.

- There is a lot to consider when making this decision - here is an overview of the options and things to things to think about.

Post 16 options – what should students be thinking about?

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Post-16 options:

What is the local offer?

- NHGS offering A Level courses
- Other local Sixth Forms and Colleges include Brighouse Sixth Form College, The Brooksbank School, Calderdale College, The Crossley Heath School, Ryburn Valley High School, Trinity Sixth Form Academy, Greenhead College, HNC (Huddersfield New College), Kirklees College, Bradford College, Bradford New College, CAPA College, Craven College, Askham Bryan College, Dixons Sixth Form Academy, Hopwood Hall College, Leeds City College, Leeds College od Building, Leeds Mathematics School, Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College (Leeds).
- Get Inspired Events at ACCU Stadium Huddersfield and Shay Stadium Halifax each October

Post-16 options:

Real-life insights

- The majority of our students continue an academic pathway with A levels either at NHGS or another Sixth Form or College. Some do choose to follow a more vocational route with BTECs and T Levels and local providers are invited to talk to students about these options at our Post 16 Options Event, held in school each September for Year 11 as well as Parents, Carers and Students being invited to the Get Inspired events at the Shay Stadium and ACCU Stadium soon after.

Post 18 options

What's next?

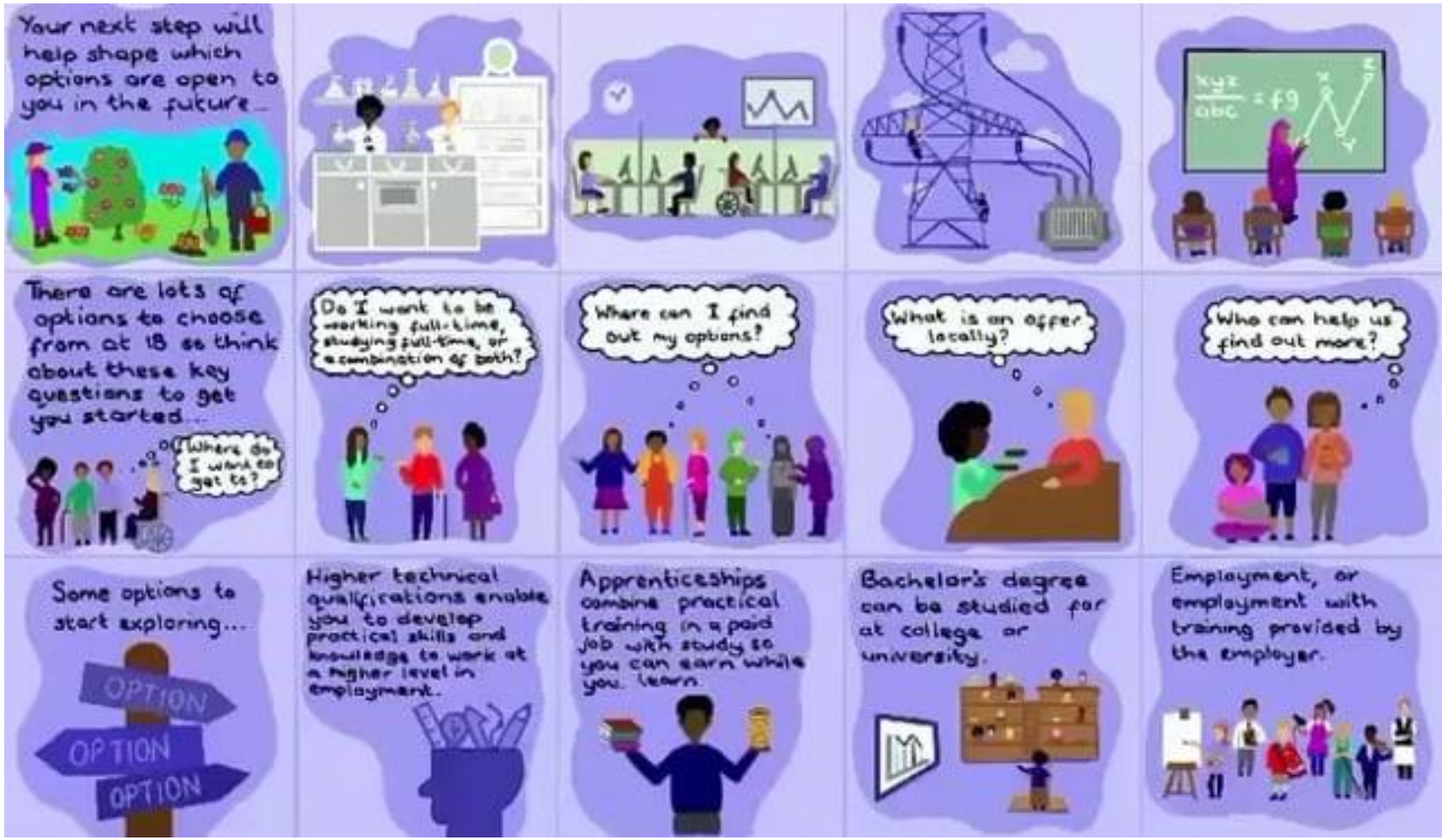
In England, you don't have to stay in education after the age of 18. You can:

- Choose to go into employment.
- Do a short course of study to prepare you for a particular career.
- Go on to study a higher education qualification such as a Bachelor's degree, HNC or foundation degree.
- Combine employment and training via an apprenticeship.

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Post-18 options:

What is the local offer?

- Most of our students choose to either apply for University or a Degree Apprenticeship (and increasingly both) while some decide to go straight into Employment or choose a Gap Year.
- Students are supported to explore their options in form time and Character and Culture lessons, during their Careers Conversation with the Careers Adviser or the Sixth Form Team who are always on hand to answer any queries students have.

Post-18 options:

Real-life insights

- Experiences with Alumni start in Year 8 with the Careers Carousel where ex-students are invited back to inspire the current students to follow in their footsteps.
- Alumni are invited in to speak to students about Apprenticeships at the Apprenticeship Evening, held each March.
- Other sessions are organised with Alumni on an ad hoc basis depending on student demand.

Careers decision making

How can you help?

Supporting decision-making

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How can you help?

As parents or carers, you will have the opportunity to support your child's decision making at several points in their education, and these decisions will impact their future career choices.

So how can you help them make decisions that are right for them?

- ✔ Talk regularly about careers, aspirations and interests as part of everyday conversation, not just at key decision-making points.
- ✔ Share your experiences, the choices you made and your skills with your child, whether you currently are in work, you are a full-time parent, you are seeking work or you are retraining.
- ✔ Encourage your child to be curious and work with them to research their options even if you don't know the answers yourself.

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Link to Talking Futures Film - Family Conversations

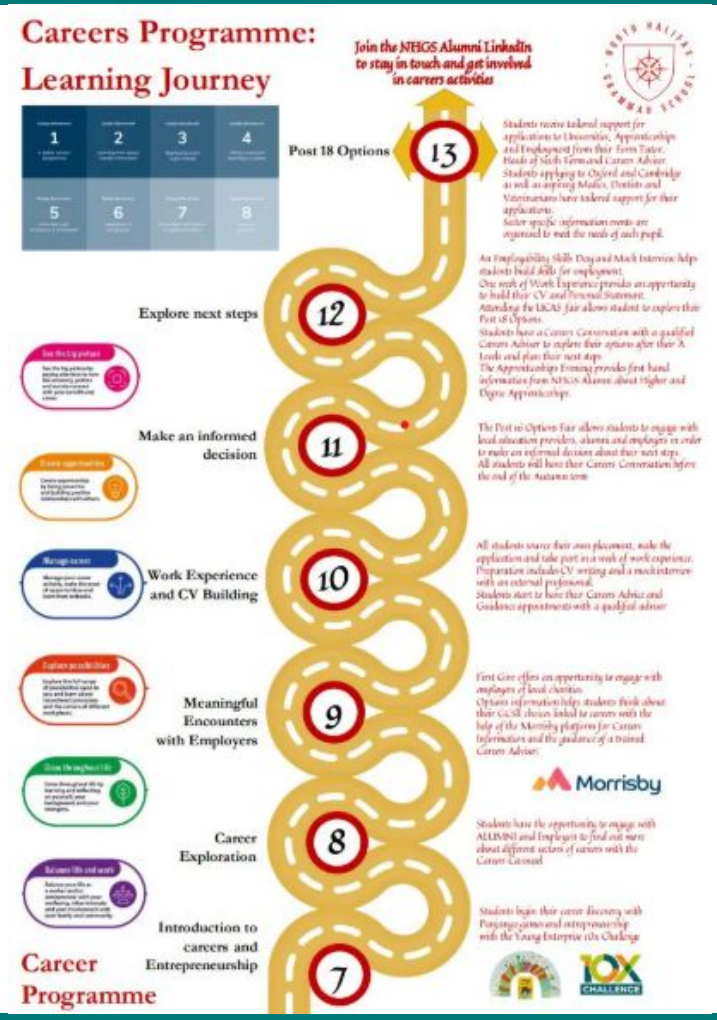
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How can we help?

The support we offer

Our careers programme

- The careers programme overview can be found on the school website: Careers Roadmap



The support we offer

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Who can help you and your child



- Mr Kennedy is the Careers Leader who is in charge of the strategic development of the Careers Programme in collaboration with Mrs Manley, Careers Adviser and Coordinator.
- Mrs Manley is employed by the school full time to provide advice and guidance to students in Years 10 to 13. Students are invited to book an appointment at a time to suit them from the spring term of Year 10 and Year 12. She also coordinates the Careers programme activities. Students can also pop In for a chat whenever she is not in an appointment.
- They work together to develop the Careers Programme to ensure it is constantly developed, listening to feedback from stakeholders, changes in policy, taking part in CPD and keeping it up to date and relevant to students.



The support we offer

Information we provide

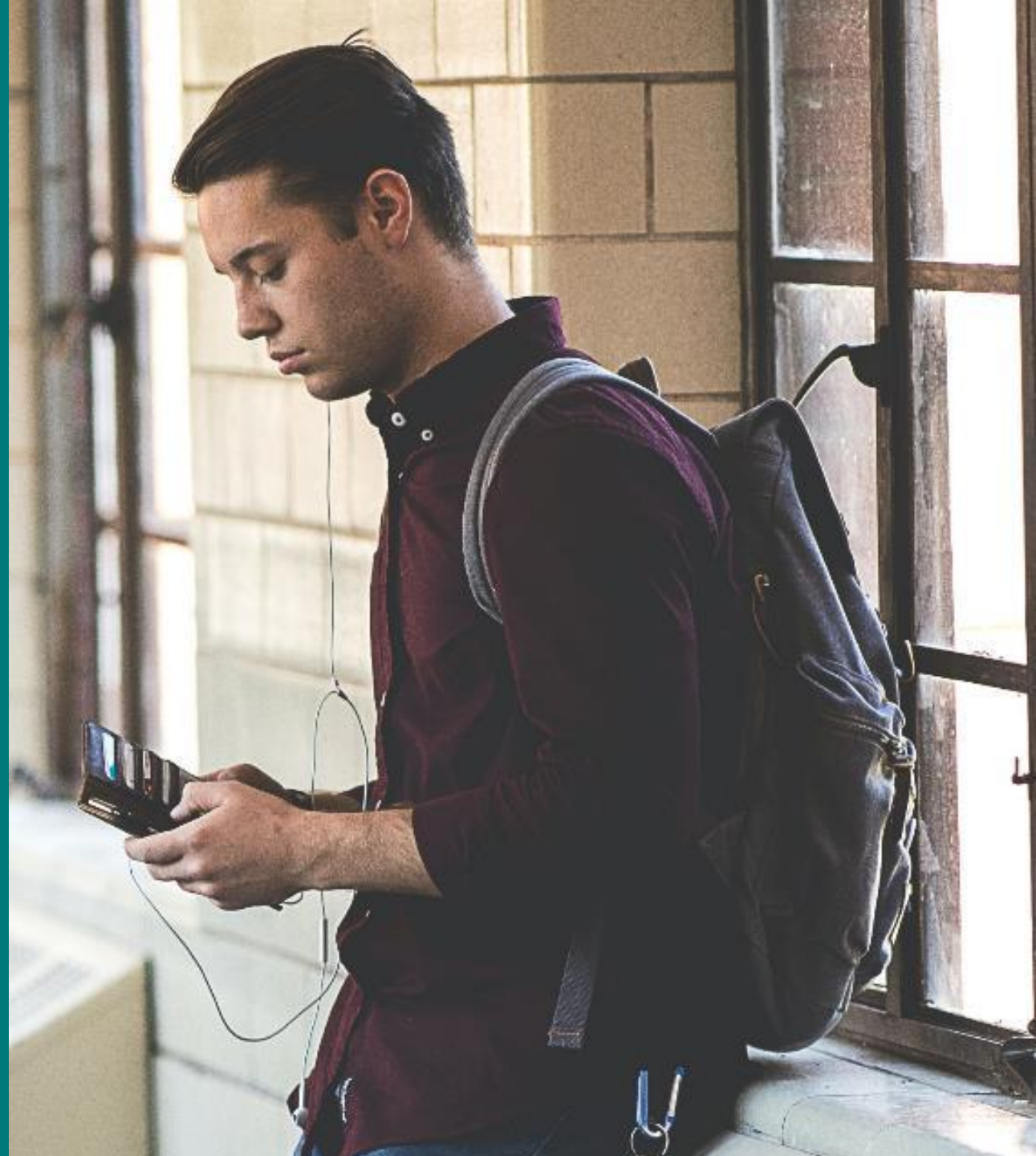
- Morrisby is used to help deliver the Careers Programme, track activities students have taken part in and ensure the information students receive is up to date and from trusted sources.
- Morrisby can be used anywhere, anytime, whenever students want to look for careers information.
- Parents should ask their child for permission to see the system, These are the instructions of how to use Morrisby with your child
- Students take part in career development work during Character and Culture lessons. The lessons delivered are appropriate to the age and stage they are at and builds as set out in the Career Development Framework.

The support we offer

How we develop our programme

- Stakeholder feedback is gathered at the start of every year to ensure any gaps in knowledge and understanding are covered during the coming year.
- The ‘Future Skills Questionnaire’ is sent out to all students and parents are asked to give feedback via the ‘Your Child’s Future’ questionnaire.
- Student voice is gathered during Careers Conversations and identify gaps, organising sessions on an ad-hoc basis to address individual needs.
- Staff undertake regular CPD to ensure the programme remains up to date and is developed in line with national guidance and regulations.
- Careers information is embedded into the curriculum and students receive information about which careers relate to the work they are doing in class and why it is relevant and applicable in real world scenarios.

Careers decision-making finding further information



Exploring the options further

Using Talking Futures

- Talking Futures has a range of resources to help you do further research and develop your careers conversations:
- Activities to try at home include:
  - Creating a family action plan to map out what you will do to explore the different options.
  - Supporting your child to complete a pathway planner to help them to consider all the decisions they need to make and who they need support from.
  - A conversation starter activity to prompt your discussions with your child.
- Resources and information including the films you've seen in this session plus more information on the routes available and external sites that can provide more detail.

www.talkingfutures.org.uk/parents/

Exploring the options further

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Sites to try for more information

- nationalcareers.service.gov.uk
- apprenticeships.gov.uk
- tlevels.gov.uk
- North Halifax Grammar School Careers and Enterprise
- Morrisby
- Parent Zone
- Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Vacancies
- The Apprentice Guide
- HigherIn
- Get My First Job
- UCAS
- BBC Bitesize
- Prospects

Careers decision-making:

What next?



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Upcoming careers events

Year 7 – Introduction to Morrisby, Panjango Trumps careers games, 10x Challenge Enterprise Activity all in December 2026 during Character and Culture lessons

Year 8 – Careers Carousel – Friday 9th July 2027

Year 9 – First Give – launched Monday 15th March 2027

Year 10 – Mock Interviews Monday 25th January, Work Experience Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th June 2027, invited to book a one to one Careers Conversation.

Year 11 – Post 16 Options Event Wednesday 23rd September 2026, Apprenticeships Evening Tuesday 17th November

Year 12 – invited to one to one Careers Conversation, Employability Skills Event with First Give Monday 8th February 2027, Apprenticeships Evening Tuesday 17th November

Year 13 – UCAS information, student finance, application support delivered during form time, Character and Culture lesson and by appointment with the Careers Adviser. Information and guidance is tailored to individual student need to ensure all students are support to their next steps.

Got questions?

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You can contact

- Careers Leader: Mr D Kennedy D.Kennedy@nhgs.co.uk
- Careers Adviser: Mrs L Manley L.Manley@nhgs.co.uk

Thank you