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Dear Parents /Carers

Options after Year 11

Please find enclosed a leaflet which has been compiled by Adviza in collaboration with Edgbarrow School. The current Year 11 cohort will need to continue in education or training until at least the end of the school year in which they turn 18. There are a number of educational options available to them, including remaining at Edgbarrow to attend our Sixth Form; attending another Sixth Form College or Further Educational Establishment; looking for an Apprenticeship; or full time employment. If students choose the full time employment option it must involve an element of part time training which leads to an accredited qualification.

Year 11s will be undertaking a number of activities during their PSHE lessons this term to help them explore those options in more detail. This will include two external presentations one from Adviza which will explain in detail all their options and one which will concentrate in more depth on the Apprenticeship route. The Adviza presentation contains detailed guidance on what to do next and can be found in the Careers and Work Related Learning area on the school website. The apprenticeship presentation will be available via the school website from 25th November onwards.

Please also find enclosed an information sheet which gives you full details on all the local upcoming college and sixth form open days. To support Year 11s further with their options choices Adviza will also be in school once a week and there will be opportunities for students to have individual appointments if they need further guidance. A Personal Advisor will also be available at the **Year 11 Parents Evening on Thursday 20th October** between 4.00-6.00pm. If you would like to make an appointment please contact me at school. We have also purchased an eCLIPS licence; this gives our students access to 500 leaflets covering approximately 1400+ jobs, as well as information on choices at key stages, work experience, HE, employability, job hunting, education & training. To login go to: www.eclips-online.co.uk, click the login icon in the top right hand corner & enter the school post code RG45 7HZ.

Edgbarrow Sixth Form will be holding an open evening on **Thursday 17th November at 6.00 pm** in our Sixth Form centre and we would encourage all Year 11 students to attend. We would also recommend that all students explore all options fully by looking at relevant websites to ensure that they are able to make an informed choice, further information is available via the school website. Students and parents/carers are also invited to attend our annual Careers Convention taking place on **Thursday 2nd March 2017**, further details will be provided nearer the time.

Finally we have a careers library within the school and there are numerous websites containing careers information. If you and/or your child require more information regarding these sources, or any further information on anything contained within this letter please do not hesitate to contact me on 01344 772658 or via email karen.robinson@edgbarrowschool.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K M Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mrs K Robinson
Careers & Work Related Learning Administrator

Enc: ADVIZA - Careers Guidance for Year 11s
2016/17 College & Sixth Form Open Days