

Exploring Post-GCSE Options

Year 10 and Year 11 students recently attended a **Post-16 Options Assembly**, followed the next day by a visit from Bucks College Group, helping students understand the choices available after GCSEs.

We discussed the **three main post-16 pathways: Sixth Form, College and Apprenticeships**. Students were reminded that **CHA Sixth Form** is a large, vibrant community over 100 students, offering a wide range of enrichment opportunities alongside academic study such as CV workshops, personal statement support, mock interviews, work experience, Young Enterprise and EPQ. The application deadline for CHA Sixth Form is 30th January.

College was explored as an alternative vocational route, with information shared about West Herts College, Bucks College Group, BCA and Harrow College offering BTECs and T Levels. T Levels are equivalent to three A Levels and include a significant industry placement in areas such as Digital, Health, Marketing, Education and Childcare, Construction and Engineering.

Apprenticeships were also promoted as an exciting option, allowing students to earn while they learn and gain recognised qualifications.



The following day, Ellie Blanfield from **Bucks College Group** spoke to students about the vocational, hands-on nature of college courses, and the wide range of options available across the Amersham, Aylesbury and Wycombe campuses, all closely linked to future careers and employers.

To support informed decision-making, every CHA student has access to their own **Unifrog account**, enabling them to compare college courses, apprenticeships and universities in one place.

We encourage students to explore all pathways, keep a Plan A and Plan B, and make confident choices on results day.

The presentation from the assembly will be emailed to parents this week.