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| **STUDENT ASPIRATION SURVEY** | |
| **LAST NAME:** | **FIRST NAME:** |
| **YEAR GROUP:** | **TUTOR GROUP:** |

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| **AFTER YOU FINISH YOUR GCSES, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING FUTURE DESTINATIONS INTEREST YOU?**  ***(PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY. PLEASE SEE GLOSSARY OVERLEAF.)*** | **YES**  (tick below if applicable) | **NO**  (tick below if applicable) |
| **Sixth Form College**  *(A Levels, BTECs etc.)* |  |  |
| **Further Education Colleges** *(For example, construction, hair and beauty, performing arts, hospitality and catering etc.)* |  |  |
| **University Technical Colleges**  *(For example, construction, engineering, health, transport, computer science, media, broadcasting etc.)* |  |  |
| **Apprenticeship and Traineeships** |  |  |
| **T Levels** |  |  |
| **University** |  |  |
| **Russell Group University**  *(Top 24 universities in the country including Oxford and Cambridge)* |  |  |

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| **FAMILY QUESTIONS:** | **ANSWER** |
| **What are your parents/carers jobs?** |  |
| **Have you ever visited your parents/carers workplace?** |  |
| **Did your parents attend university and/or college?**  **If so, what did they study?** |  |

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| **QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU:** | **ANSWER** |
| **What are your favourite subjects?** |  |
| **Have you ever thought about the subjects you would like to study when you leave school?**  **If so, what are they?** |  |
| **Are there any specific careers/jobs that currently interest you?** |  |
| **If you could do anything that you wanted, what would your ‘dream job’ be?** |  |
| **Which industries/sectors interest you? *Underline, circle or highlight those that apply:***  *Accounting; advertising and marketing; aerospace and defence; agriculture and environment; airport and aviation; animal care; armed forces; beauty; charity; construction; education; emergency services; energy and utilities; engineering; entertainment; financial services; government; human resources and recruitment; healthcare; hospitality and catering; IT and telecoms; legal; leisure; manufacturing; media; oil and gas; professional services; retail; sales; social care; sport; technology; transport and logistics; travel and tourism.* | |

**STUDENT GLOSSARY**

* **Sixth Form** – a sixth form college is an educational institution in where students aged 16 to 19 typically study for advanced school-level qualifications, such as A-levels, BTEC and the International Baccalaureate Diploma, or school-level qualifications such as GCSEs. Sixth forms, usually, prepare you for university of higher level apprenticeships.
* **A-levels** – A-levels are the most common step-up from GCSEs. They normally take two years to complete, full-time and are at Level 3 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF). Students usually take A-level qualifications in Year 12 and 13, after completing their GCSEs. They would usually need at least five GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 to be able to study them. Some schools require you to have grade 4 or above in English and Maths, or grade 5 or above in the subject you want to take. You usually choose the A-levels that you wish to study in Year 11, but you do have the chance to change your choices after receiving your GCSE results or after a week or so of the course if it is not what you expected. There is a wide range of around 80 subjects available, although exact courses on offer will change depending on the college or sixth form you choose. Subjects are mainly academic, but there are also some 'applied' subjects, which are more career-focused.
* **BTECs** – BTECs are vocational, work-related qualifications that aim to engage and inspire learners in a wide range of subjects. BTEC Nationals are Level 3 courses that are usually studied full-time at college. They are also sometimes available at school or in collaboration between school and college. BTECs are most popular with learners over 16, but some schools do offer them to 14 to 16 year olds, usually in combination with other qualifications such as GCSEs or Key Skills. The content of your course and the knowledge you will gain depends on the subject you choose. The aim of a BTEC is to develop skills that apply to the workplace and will be beneficial for the future, and so your learning will be tailored around the specific sector you are studying. You will also take part in work experience which will help you understand how your new skills apply to real life work situations. BTECs develop more practical knowledge and provide a different approach to learning, based alongside a theoretical background.
* **Further Education (FE) Colleges** – FE colleges generally offer vocational (work-related) and specialist qualifications. Examples might include qualifications in construction, hair and beauty, animal care etc. They tend to provide courses for 16-18 year olds as well as adult learners, and often have close links with the community. FE colleges offer a wide range of courses at a variety of levels. FE colleges, on the whole, prepare you for the world of work.
* **T Levels** - these 2-year courses have been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses to prepare students for work. T Levels will offer students a mixture of classroom learning and ‘on-the-job’ experience during an industry placement of at least 315 hours (approximately 45 days). They will provide the knowledge and experience needed to open the door into skilled employment, further study or a higher apprenticeship.
* **Apprenticeships** – to get your career started you usually need a combination of experience and qualifications. An apprenticeship gives you both by combining on the job training with study (usually one day a week) meaning you can earn while you learn. With some apprenticeships you can even get a degree. It usually takes between one and four years to complete an apprenticeship depending on which level you take. Apprenticeships are available across a wide range of industries and many high-quality, prestigious companies offer them.
* **Traineeships** – a traineeship is an education and training programme with work experience that unlocks the great potential of young people and prepares them for their future careers by helping them to become ‘work ready’. Designed to help young people aged 16 to 24 who don’t yet have the appropriate skills or experience, traineeships provide the essential work preparation training, English, maths and work experience needed to secure an apprenticeship or employment.
* **University** – a higher-level educational institution in which students study for degrees and academic research is done. University is, usually, attended after students have completed suitable Level 3 qualifications such as A Levels and BTECs etc. Higher apprenticeships may fund a young person’s part-time university degree at the same time as getting paid for working in a job.
* **Russell Group Universities** – the Russell Group represents 24 leading UK universities which are committed to maintaining the very best research, an outstanding teaching and learning experience and unrivalled links with business and the public sector.