



ASHTON
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Welcome to our evening for parents of prospective students



The application stage is over but the admissions process continues...

- Interviews have taken place, courses chosen, conditional offers made
- You are now parents of our prospective students
- I am delighted that they have chosen us. We treat them as if they are coming to us unless we know otherwise
- Their priority is now their GCSEs and we leave them to it!
- Their next event with us will be Induction Day after their GCSEs and before the summer break

What we all want... the same thing!

We all want our young people:

- To choose a post 16 pathway that suits their interests, talents and aspirations
- To choose next steps that will challenge but not overwhelm them
- To enjoy their programme and thrive academically, personally and socially
- To complete their programme of study, achieve well and progress onto their destination of first choice
- To be well-equipped to make future choices for a happy and successful life and career

So, good choices now are in everyone's interest.

Important to remember...

At age 16, our young people are making choices regarding their **next best steps**.

In Sixth Form Colleges, we are *educating* them rather than *training* them for a specific occupation... **broad level 3 study is highly valued across all occupational sectors**, so their study here will 'weather' changes of plans while they are with us or in the future.

Tonight...

- Your son/daughter is unique, so there is a bespoke element to tonight
- Two sessions that are most useful to you
- A chance to ask questions of our staff and students
- Hopefully you can start to see how the college experience can be shaped to fit the individual... core course, additional qualifications, enrichment (Ashton Explore), careers and employability opportunities (Be Ambitious), guest speakers (Speaker of the Month), trips and visits, Realising Aspirations pathway, leadership opportunities.....