

# Y10 Partnership Evening

**September 2022**

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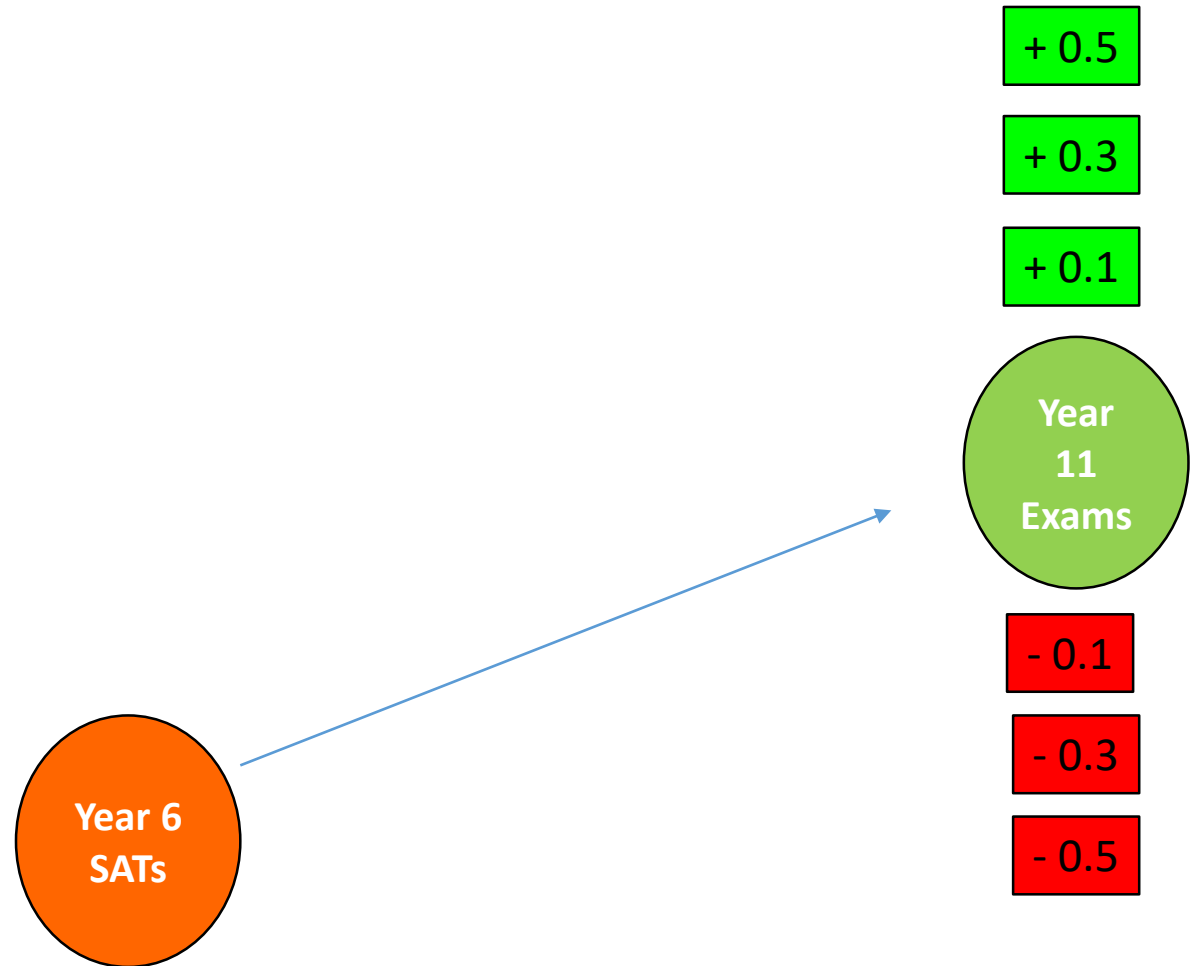


# Target Grades

The DfE Performance Tables (2019) say the school was in the Top 10% of schools for Y11 exam results.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?

The new Performance Tables (2022) should come out in November.



# Target Grades

**These grades are a great guide to you in terms of where your child is heading.**

**They are based on the expectations the government have of your child.**

**They stem from the Y6 SATs results your child got and say what your child should (statistically) get by the end of Year 11.**

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French	4.65
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# Target Grades

Of course, though a guide, they are flawed.

We had one girl who we know **messed up on her English / Reading SAT** - she finished over 29 grades better than the government expected.

We had one girl **born in August** - she was bound to get lower SATs - and she ended up over 30 grades better than the government expected.

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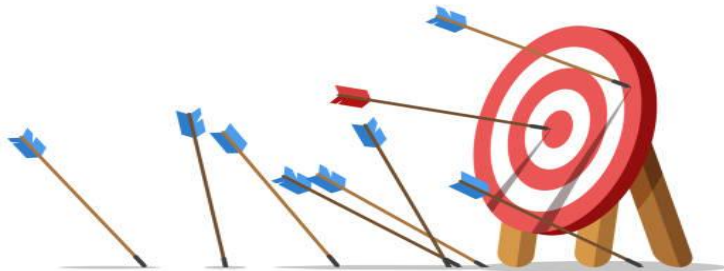
They are not a limit - but they are higher than expected - they are aspirational. **Go get' em...**

# Target Grades

Your child needs **4s in English and Maths** to avoid a retake... Lower-level apprenticeship... Higher college course...

They need **6s at least to get on an A-Level** - which would suggest a **A\*/A/B/C/D/E...**

They will get **target grades / predicted grades in Sixth Form** which will go off to universities / employers - they will use them to decide if your child gets a place...



So...

- Talk to your child about these grades...
- Talk them up in every subject... Incentivise...
- Talk to us if they need help - we'll bend over backwards...
- Check the reports (EduLink) that come out at the end of every term and see where they are...
- Talk to them about where they want to go - and so what they need to do...

# Destination - Summer 2024

A big part of my Summer 2024 - and yours - will be Exam Results Day...

This will not be your child's day - it will be the family's too...

They'll get their brown envelope and there will be a collective holding of breath...

**THURSDAY 22 AUGUST 2024**





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**In 2019 - the last time there were proper exams - your school as the best in Staffordshire.**

**This Summer we did far better than then. We're looking forward to later this term to see what it means nationally - but it will be great**

**Your child's Year group is just the same in terms of ability - just as strong. There is no reason why we can't get them doing brilliantly.**

**On average each child got 6-7 grades higher than what the government expected.**

**If we work together then they'll do the same.**

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# The Now & The Then

So what does a Top 10% school mean...

168/205 got a 4+ in English & Maths... so 37 did not...

192/205 got a 4+ in English... so 13 did not...

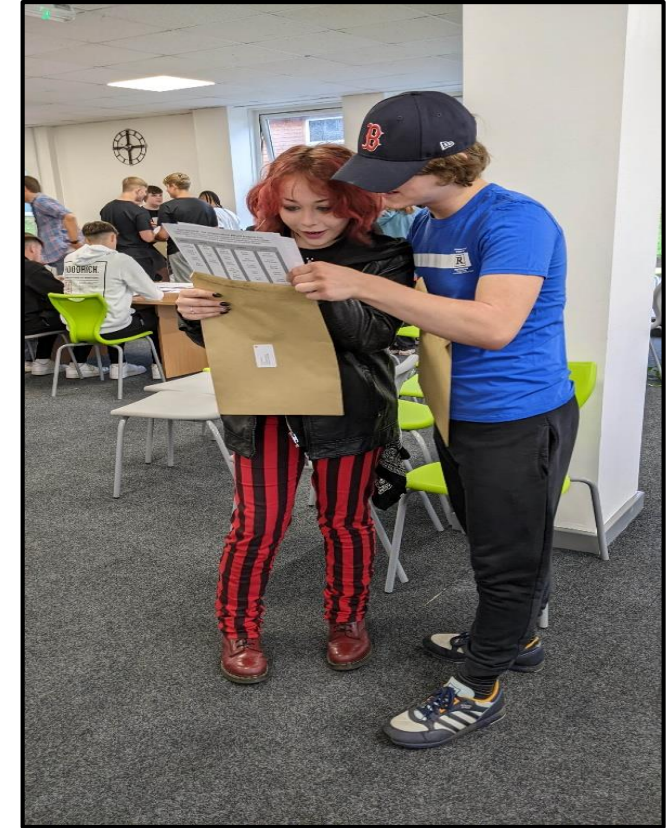
172 got a 4+ in Maths... so 33 did not...

24.9% got 7+ in English and Maths !!!...

156/205 got better than what the government expected !!!

Most did brilliantly - a few did poorly - but we knew who they were well before the exams...

If you do poorly here life or approach has gone against you...

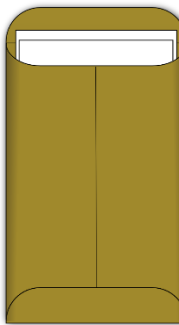
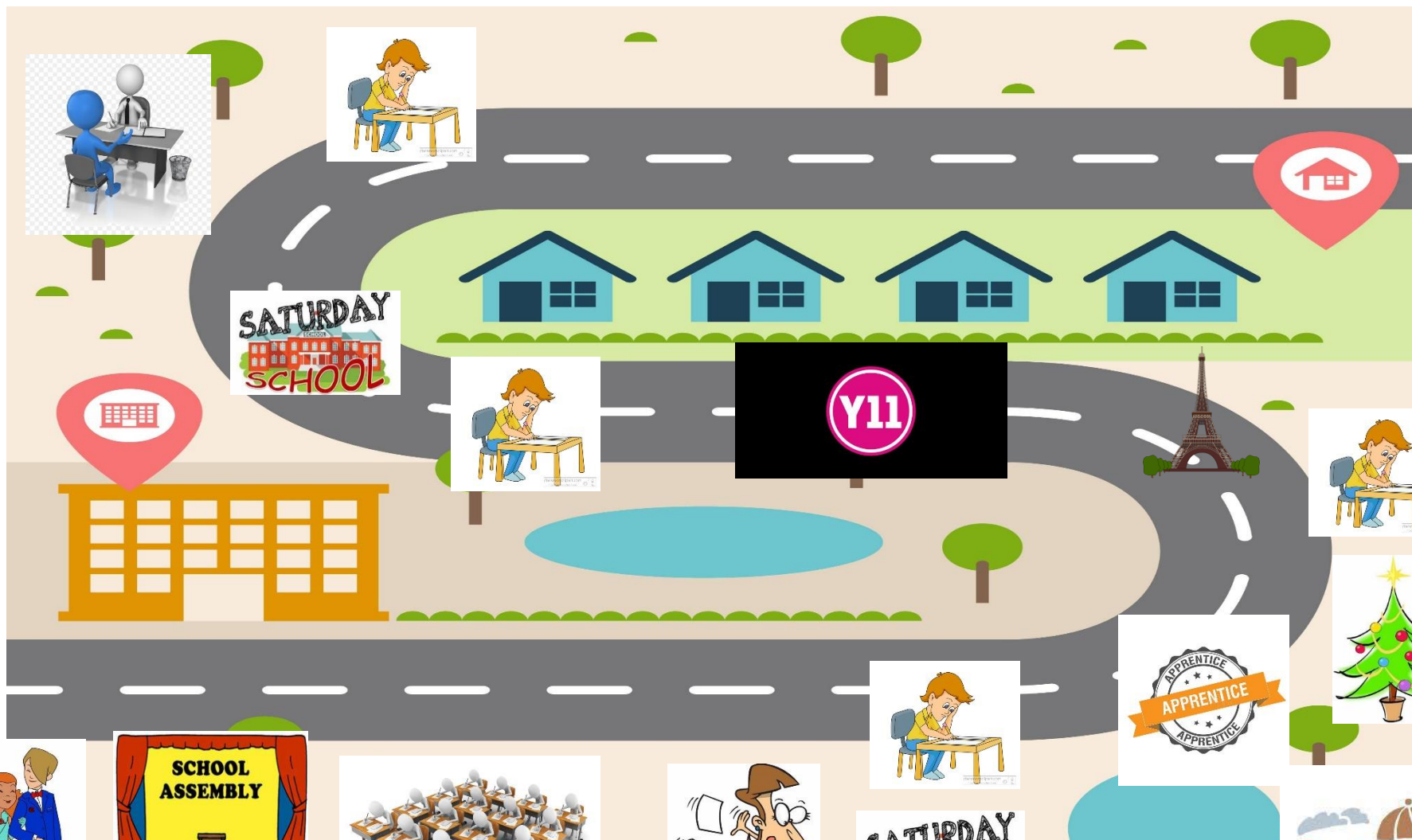


Keeping the positive dialogue going at home is a massive factor...

# The Now & The Then

Friary Sixth Form	Other Sixth Form	College	Apprenticeship	Scholarship	Job
50%	1%	43%	3%	2%	1%
<p>They had to get 4+ in English &amp; Maths.</p> <p>They did A-Levels and/or Level 3 Vocationals</p>	<p>Two left to other Sixth Forms because of wanting a course The Friary does not do or to join a sister.</p>	<p>Most did Level 2 courses .</p> <p>All bar 3 of the students who did not get a 4 in English and Maths are doing a GCSE course and are doing re-takes.</p>	<p>Many students talk about getting an apprenticeship but few do (6 here).</p> <p>Unless it is a family business, all apprenticeships want 4+ in English and Maths.</p>	<p>Half of these were football scholarships - but there are no clear progress routes after this.</p> <p>Only one of them passed English and Maths at 4+ - the rest do re-takes.</p>	<p>They worked for family businesses.</p>

Y10 Vocational Exams; Eg - CDM, H&S, Engineering, Sport, Etc





# Key Dates

**School Report** at the end of each term (via EduLink)...

**Y10 Employability Interviews** in May...

**Mock Exams** in June 2023...

GCSE Geography & History **Field Trips** in June...

**Formal Assessments** in Sport, Creative Media, Hospitality & Catering and Engineering in Spring / Summer....

From September - December 2023 applications go off for:

- Sixth Form
- College
- Apprenticeships

The Year 10 grades will be the ones that get sent off...



# Realities in the Classroom

The classroom experience in Year 10 is a lot different to lower down the school.

The school system changes radically and there is a lot of change to get used to.

There is no way round this - it will be the same and every transition point in life...

**EVERYTHING GETS  
A BIT UNCOMFORTABLE  
WHEN IT'S TIME  
TO CHANGE.  
THAT'S JUST  
A PART OF  
THE GROWTH PROCESS.  
THINGS WILL  
GET BETTER.  
BE PATIENT.**

— *marcandangel* —

# Timings...

English, Maths & Science get 8 lessons per fortnight.

French, Geography & History usually get 5 per fortnight.

The rest get 4 per fortnight...

ICT and PE are 1 lesson per week...

The week is less varied as it is just those Pathway choices - but it has more of what they like...

Measure	Start of Y10
Terms	5 ½ terms
Weeks	68 weeks
Days	335 days
Lessons	1675 lessons
Maths Lessons	272 lessons
‘Option’ Lessons	136 lessons

# Classmates...

**Your child has spent 3 years with X-Half or Y-Half...**

**This meant they only met half the Year group...This disappears in Year 10 - now they meet everyone...**

**They may not have friends in their class - they need to get on with this...**

**They are never more than 2hrs away from a break... And all classes have seating plans...**



**And note their classes will likely change in Year 11 too !**

# Teachers....

**There is no guarantee they will have the same teacher next year...**

**Do not expect continuity... Even if the teacher is still at the school...**

**There are lots from reasons why we move teachers around...**

**What works for the school one year, doesn't necessarily work the next year...**

**Our goal is always the best provision for every child - not the preference of one...**



# Class Sizes...

**Your child may have class sizes of  
50...**

**This may sound counter-productive  
- it is not...**

**Maths (Sets 2 & 3)... Science (Sets 2  
& 3)... French (Higher Paper)...**

**This approach has already reaped  
huge rewards - this is why we have  
rolled it out each year...**



**TEACHER A**



**TEACHER B**



# Work & Workload

**GCSEs are a step up and the level and quantity of work can be a challenges.**

**We work hard to balance it and steer your child through - but at times they will get overloaded...**

**Talk to us - tell us - we can re-jig...**

**Please don't leap to promises that are unhelpful, unrealistic or detrimental...**

**If we work it out together we work it out better...**

Course	Exams
GCSE English Language	3
GCSE English Literature	3
GCSE Maths	3
GCSE Science	6 (9)
GCSE History	3
GCSE Geography	3
GCSE French	3 (1)

**The main exam period is 4 weeks.**

**Vocational exams are usually now done just before the main exam period - so pass them first time !**

# Beyond the Classroom

One of the main reasons why our results are stronger than most schools is because we go further than other schools...

I talk to our staff about us being a hopeless school...

We do all we can not to leave things to hope...

We try and leave no stone unturned to get children over their line...

**We don't always succeed** - but we pursue this goal across the board...



# Boosters & Drop Down Days

**As you roll through the next two years you will hear these terms a lot...**

**As we head into Year 11 after-school boosters will be on every night...**

**If an exam is coming up we might suspend your child's timetable for the day and blitz that one subject...**

**We need you to help to get your children to the sessions...**

**We'll let you know as things happen...**



# Saturday & Holiday Schools

There will be increasing Saturday Schools tied to exams - so they will increase over time.

They usually run between 9.30am-12.00am - set times and subjects will be published in advanced.

They are optional - unless we tell a student to come.

They are tied to specific subjects.

They are non-school uniform and are free.



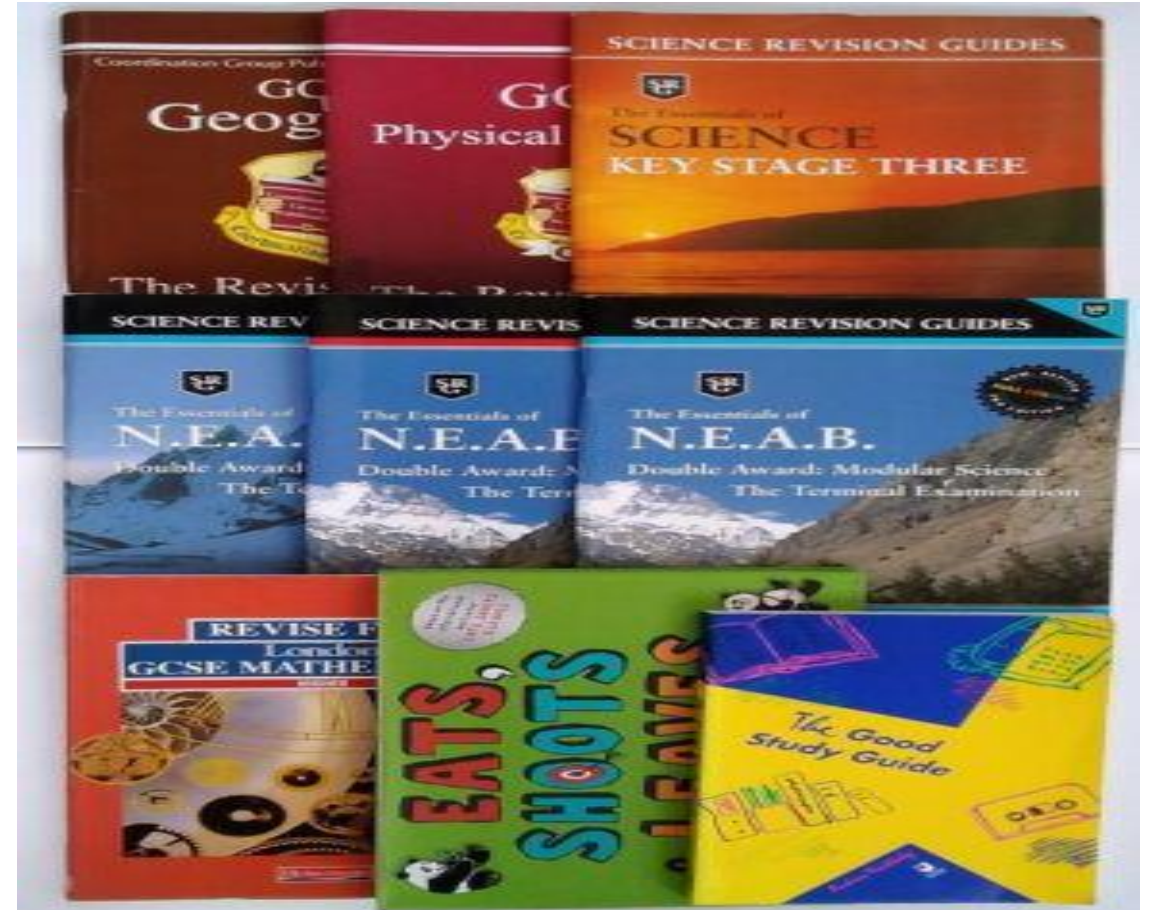


# Revision Guides

Information will be circulated on these and some will then appear on Parent Pay where you can get them at set times.

Following our guidance - we will ensure you get the right one.

Look to sort our revision cards, highlighters, coloured writing pens, etc.



# Exam Concessions

**Your child may get checked for exam concessions - but to ensure we test as many children as we need you may not be told in advance.**

**These are standard tests to see if a child qualifies for extra time in exams, etc. It could be for reasoning speed, processing, etc.**

**It is nothing to worry about - if support is available then we will let you know.**





# Wider Life

**There is more in my later session but I wanted to stress it is not all exams, exams, exams...**

**We offer Duke of Edinburgh, field trips, clubs, activities, teams, National Citizen Service...**

**The outlet of out-of-school activities often links to success in school - passivity in spare time can lead to passivity in school...**



Life is what you make it. Always  
has been, always will be.

Eleanor Roosevelt

# Next Sessions...

You have two optional session to go to:

**Break-Out Session 1: 6.30pm to 6.45pm**

**Break-Out Session 2: 6.45pm to 7.00pm**

**Both are repeated.**

Session	Location	Staff
GCSE English & Maths	Sixth Form Centre	Mr Daniels (Head of English) Mrs Mitchell (Head of Maths)
Vocational Subjects	Library	Mr Foster (Head of Performance & Technologies) Ms Fallows (BTEC Lead)
Amazing Opportunities	G2	Matt Allman (Headteacher)
ASK Apprenticeships	G7	Ask Apprenticeships Advisor