



SAFE START SCHOOL
WILL-POWER-NITIATIVE-SUCCESS-EMPATHY-RESPECT

Post-16 College Visits and Progression Opportunities

Dear Parents/Carers,

As our Year 10 and Year 11 students begin thinking about their next steps after secondary school, we would like to make sure they have the opportunity to explore the different post-16 pathways available to them.

We are encouraging students to reply to the college visit opportunities so that places can be organised and students can begin exploring the options available to them.

College Visits and Taster Opportunities

Oldham College

Students will have the opportunity to attend events at Oldham College on the following dates:

Wednesday 7 October 2026 – 4:30pm–6:30pm – Open Event

Saturday 14 November 2026 – 10:30am – All-Applicant Open Event

Both events take place at the main campus on Rochdale Road, Oldham.

These events provide students with an opportunity to explore the college, meet staff, find out about courses and ask questions about their future options.

Tameside College

Students can also explore opportunities at Tameside College. The available visit dates are:

Monday 28 September 2026

Saturday 10 October 2026

Monday 16 November 2026

Students interested in attending should reply to the relevant opportunity so that we can support with arrangements.

PINC – Taster Days

PINC will be offering taster opportunities from:

Monday 13 October – Friday 17 October 2026

These taster days will allow students to experience the provision, meet staff and get a better understanding of what PINC can offer as a post-16 pathway.

Students should indicate which taster opportunity they would like to attend.

Safe Start Post-16

Safe Start will also be providing an opportunity for students to find out more about their Post-16 provision.

Tuesday 29 September 2026 – 3:30pm–4:30pm

Wednesday 30 September 2026 – 3:30pm–4:30pm



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These sessions will give students the opportunity to learn more about Safe Start Post-16 and ask questions about the support and pathways available.

What Parents/Carers Can Do

We strongly encourage parents/carers to discuss these opportunities with their young person. Visiting colleges and attending taster sessions can help students make informed decisions about their next steps after Year 11.

Please encourage your child to reply to the opportunities they are interested in as soon as possible, as some visits and taster sessions may have limited places.

If you have any questions about the college visits or post-16 options, please contact the school's careers/progression team.

Kind regards,

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