



KD Grammar School for Boys

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An independent secondary school
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Dear Parents,

Assalamu' Alaikum

Re: Applications for Post-16 Study

Since the beginning of this term, your son will undoubtedly have experienced the increase in workload and pressure of being in the final year of his GCSE studies. This is also a crucial time in which you and your son will need to make important decisions about which route he should take when he leaves school.

If your son would like to continue with post-16 education, it is highly recommended that he attends the Open Days/Evenings at the local colleges or schools with 6th form provision. KD Grammar School had the biannual careers fayre in 2017 where your son visited the stands of Post 16 providers. There is also a careers section in the school website. It is situated within the parents drop down box on the home page. Pupils attended a workshop recently which guided them on completing application forms. It is necessary for you to seek information about these institutions by visiting them, looking at their website or by contacting them directly.

In order to make informed choices about post-16 education for your son, the following will need to be considered:

About your son:

- Which subjects is your son making the most progress in?
- Which subjects does your son find the most enjoyable and interesting?
- Which career paths is your son interested in?
- Which subjects are essential to study for these careers?

About the 6th form college/school:

- Which subjects/courses does it offer (such as AS/A levels, B.Techs, Apprenticeships)?
- What do these subjects/courses consist of and what employment opportunities do they lead to?
- What are the necessary GCSE requirements to study these subjects/courses?
- When is the closing date for submission of the application form?
- What kind of facilities and extra-curricular activities (such as sports clubs, Duke of Edinburgh award, charity events) does it offer?
- What kind of support is provided to the students (such as extra lessons, guidance with university applications)?
- Is it fee - paying or free and does it offer bursaries/scholarships?

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Your son will be provided with advice and guidance on completing the application form in school. In order for the application process to happen smoothly, please ensure that:

- An application form is collected from the school/college or is downloaded from their website by you or your son.
- All the necessary sections of the application form are completed by you or your son as instructed such as writing in capital letters, using black ink, etc.

Please leave blank the spaces for mock exam results and predicted grades as well as any sections to be completed by the school.

Please ensure that the application form is returned to Mrs Bani no later than Monday 10th December 2018 so that the mock exam results, predicted grades and a confidential reference can be written by the school.

The completed application form will be posted to the 6th form school/college directly by the school and a confirmation that they have received it will be obtained. It is highly recommended that your son applies to several 6th form colleges/schools so that he will be offered a place from at least two of them, Insha'Allah.

Please be aware that most of the closing dates for submission of the application forms are within this term.

I would also like to take this opportunity to emphasize how important it is for your son to perform well in his mock exams and to have a very good record of **attendance and punctuality** as these factors have proven to be very influential in determining whether a pupil has been offered a place at his desired place of study. If you have any concerns or queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wassalam,



Mr K. Simpson
Head of Careers



Mrs F Bani
Head of Year 11