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College Taster Day for Year 11 Students: Wednesday 1st December 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian

We are offering your son / daughter an exciting opportunity to attend a taster day at South Tyneside College on **Wednesday 1st December**. The purpose of this day is to allow students to experience what courses are on offer and to support them in making decisions for their future pathway beyond Year 11. Your son/ daughter has been given the opportunity to experience vocational courses and will spend the day at South Tyneside College exploring the different options there. Your son/daughter will be selecting their subject choices on Wednesday 17th November. Information about each of the subject choices on offer can be found on the option choice form below or on South Tyneside college website: [Courses | South Tyneside College \(stc.ac.uk\)](http://Courses | South Tyneside College (stc.ac.uk)).

COLLEGE EXPERIENCE DAY

Taster day selection form

Please select a subject in option 1, 2 and 3. You will only attend two subjects on your taster day, however your option 3 will be a reserve if your option 1 or 2 subjects are undersubscribed.

Student Name:				
Subject	Description	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Engineering	Engineering covers fabrication, welding, virtual welding and marine engineering - to name just a few. And with a huge skills gap forecast in the engineering sector, there has never been a better time to consider this as a career.			
Sport (Please bring sport kit)	Working in sport can open up a world of opportunities. Our sport programmes offer a combination of practical and academic units which can lead on to a range of careers, from sports professionals to physiotherapists and nutritionists.			
Public Services (Please bring sport kit)	If you are interested in a career in the Police, Army or Fire Brigade this session will give you an overview of what life could be like in this demanding area and equip you with a range of skills transferable to a number of job roles.			
Early Years	If you are interested in a career in working with children and young people this is the course for you. Find out what you will learn on the course, and what careers you can go into after completing an Early Years course.			
Health Care	A career in health care can be very rewarding. Our top quality programmes include working in our state-of-the-art hospital ward to give you a real taste of life in this challenging profession.			
Art and Design	Get creative in our fantastic studios and let your imagination run wild. From fine art to design – have you got that creative edge? Why not find out?			
Hairdressing	Get hands on experience in our commercial Hair salons. You can learn new techniques and find out about all the careers you can move into after studying at college.			
Beauty Therapy	Highlight your skills and get hands on experience in our commercial Beauty salons. You can learn new techniques and find out about all the cutting edge careers you can move into after studying at college.			
Applied Science and Forensic Science	This hands on course will allow you to explore science like never before. Test your skills at fingerprinting and foot casting in our lab and get a real insight into the world of forensics.			



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Psychology and Criminology	Are you interested in learning how the mind works? Why individuals act the way they do? Then these could be the courses for you.			
Hospitality and Catering	There are a variety of interesting careers in the catering and hospitality sector. You will be trained by our Head of Catering and Master Craftsman who will pass on his expertise in our industry standard training kitchens and practice your silver service skills in our commercial restaurant - Bistro 150.			
Music	Not only will you have the opportunity to perform live, you'll be able to study in our very own recording studios. You will study a range of subjects such as music performance, producing live sound and the music industry.			
Marine Pre-Cadetship	We are a world-renowned centre of excellence for marine education and training. Established in 1861, we offer programmes across the whole spectrum of marine education and nautical sciences.			
Creative Digital Game Development	The games industry is one of the fastest growing media sectors. This course will allow you to build your game development skills while working with the latest industry standard software to ensure you will be career ready when you finish the course.			
Creative Digital Media Production	Digital media is continuing to rise and a career in this creative industry has never been so popular. You will have the opportunity to test your creativity through producing different media platforms while exploring new technologies and discover what it is like to work in this continually evolving sector.			
Digital, Coding and Anti-Hacking	We are currently living in a digital world and our innovative courses allow you to experience a practical hands-on approach to coding games, digital development and anti-hacking techniques.			
Barbering	Experience what it is like to work in a real working barbers while learning the theory and practical techniques from our industry trained staff.			
Motor Vehicle	If you're looking for a hands-on course, look no further than Motor Vehicle. You will look at the basics of car maintenance and repair and look into all the opportunities available when starting a career in this industry.			

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Students who are attending South Tyneside College will need to wear sensible clothing and footwear for their sessions (e.g. sports students will need trainers and comfortable clothes / engineering should bring sensible footwear etc.). Students have chosen the options that they want to explore at the college.

Students will be expected to arrive into school as usual for 8.45am will be transported by coach from St Wilfrid's R.C College at 8.50am and will arrive back to St Wilfrid's via coach at 3.10pm. Students will be dismissed from St Wilfrid's and are not permitted to make their own way home from the college.

The college will be providing a packed lunch for all students, but they may wish to take a small amount of money to purchase any additional drinks or snacks from the college refectory.

Could I please ask you to complete the consent form below and the attached medical form and return to school by **Friday 19th November**. If you have any queries or concerns regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs K Forster

Assistant Headteacher – Lead for Sixth Form

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the College Taster Day on 1st December 2021

Pupil Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Medical Information: _____

Dietary Requirements: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact telephone number: _____