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Dear Prospective Post 16 Student,

Quarrydale Academy Post 16 Induction Period
Wednesday 8th July to Thursday 9th July 2026

As you come to the end of your compulsory education, the decision of “*where to go next?*” is often the biggest decision you have had to make so far. In receiving this letter, you have expressed an interest in continuing your studies in Post 16 at Quarrydale Academy and have been offered a conditional place to join us in September 2026. We are delighted that you have considered studying with us, and we are committed to ensuring you choose courses that suit your abilities, learning style, and enable you to progress to higher education, further training, or employment upon completion of your qualifications.

The importance of selecting the right courses at the start of Year 12 is imperative in giving students every chance to succeed. Changing courses during Year 12 is not impossible; however, where it can be avoided, it allows maximum time to focus on the courses you will study throughout your time in Post 16 at Quarrydale.

To support students in selecting appropriate courses, and to ease the transition from Level 2 to Level 3 study, we intend to hold a *Post 16 Induction Period* once all GCSE examinations are complete. This will run from Wednesday 8th July to Thursday 9th July 2026. The induction will primarily take place in the Post 16 building and will provide students with the opportunity to become familiar with the environment and meet the Post 16 staff.

During the induction period, all subjects will provide taster lessons for you to participate in, as well as tasks to complete both in and out of lessons. This will give you a clear understanding of the amount and level of difficulty of work required in your chosen subjects. There will also be sessions delivered by the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Collaborative Outreach Partnership, focused on developing the skills you will need to achieve success as a Post 16 student at Quarrydale.

Additionally, there will be a Q&A session with current Year 12 students, giving you the opportunity to ask questions about all aspects of Post 16 life at Quarrydale and what it is like to study here. The induction days will follow the usual school day timings, commencing at 8:35am and finishing at 3:00pm each day. Lunch will be available to purchase from the canteen, or students may bring a packed lunch. On arrival, please proceed directly to the Post 16 building. Students attending from other schools should go to reception at 8:30am, where a member of the Post 16 team will be available to meet you.

Please note that the dress code is smart-casual attire. You are reminded that you will be in a professional learning environment, and clothing should be respectful and appropriate for this setting.

We understand that some families may have pre-booked holidays following the examination period or may have other prior arrangements, meaning students are unable to attend the induction period. If this is the case, please contact Mr West or Mrs Heartfield via email, confirming that you intend to join Quarrydale Post 16 in September 2026 and outlining the subjects you wish to study. We will then send any relevant information and subject-specific materials to you.



The timetable for the days is as follows:

Day	Activity
Wednesday 8 th July	P1: Welcome and Information Presentation/ Q & A with current students. P2-P5 Lesson Taster Sessions (Timetables will be provided on the day)
Thursday 9 th July	P1-Goal Setting and Transition skills workshop. P2- P4: Taster Sessions (Timetables will be provided on the day). P5- Reflections and Final Questions.

On GCSE results day, Thursday 20th August 2026, your place at Quarrydale will be confirmed, provided you meet the entry requirements specified for your chosen courses. When you collect your results, you will also be required to enrol for Post 16 and make a final decision about the courses you wish to study. This process will take no more than five minutes and will involve speaking to Mr West or Mrs Heartfield, who will be available in school on results day.

If you are unable to enrol on results day, this can be completed via email or on the first day back. If you are joining Quarrydale Post 16 from a school other than Quarrydale Academy, enrolment can also be completed via email, or you are welcome to attend the Academy on results day to complete this in person.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the induction period or any other Post 16 queries, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Post 16 team.

Yours Sincerely,

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