

## Welcome to GROWS

### Support for parents and carers to help young people explore their future

We know that the education system can sometimes be confusing and it can be frustrating to not know how you can best support your child through the choices offered to them. GROWS is here to help you to support your child through education from Year 9 – 13 and into higher education level study.

GROWS is a publicly funded partnership of local universities and our main aim is to help young people better understand their future educational options and how to make the right choices for them. In collaboration with [partners](#) we run a number of [events and activities](#); these focus on different educational pathways to help young people understand more about life and study in further and higher education. We also create different resources such as workbooks and information guides to support them to understand about their choices at 16 and 18.

We would like to invite you to visit our new website [www.grows.ac.uk](http://www.grows.ac.uk) which is full of useful information to help both you and your young person think about where they would like to be in the future, and how to get there. You and your child can both register to receive our newsletters which are relevant to their year of study. You can visit our resource area for free guides, workbooks, signposting and videos or book onto any of our events by year group in the events section.

We would also like to invite you to our virtual parent's event **Supporting Future Choices** which is taking place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 5.45 – 7.00. Led by local education experts this event is aimed to bring you up to speed with all the options available after GCSEs. There is a flyer attached with full information and bookings can be made at [www.grows.ac.uk/choices](http://www.grows.ac.uk/choices)

We hope to see you virtually at our parent's event or via our new website!

Yours sincerely,

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GROWS is a network of higher education providers in Gloucestershire who provide schools with information and activities designed to assist their pupils in making informed decisions about their future educational options. We offer a range of in-school and out of school activities in a range of career areas. These opportunities are FREE and offer you an insight into careers you may never have thought of doing. [www.grows.ac.uk](http://www.grows.ac.uk) for further information.

