

YEAR 11: WHAT NEXT?

Further advice & guidance for your next steps



Dear Year 11,

Even though you are home, you are still very important to us; you are still members of our School community and we will continue to support you during this time. This leaflet is designed to give you some ideas about how you could be spending your time constructively, preparing for your next steps.

Preparation for Next Steps-College or Apprenticeship?

If you haven't already applied for a College or Apprenticeship place, now is the time to start your application.

- Visit <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/> to get some ideas and advice about possible careers that you are interested in.
- Visit <https://www.acesstohe.ac.uk/about-access/choosing-the-right-course> to help you make decisions about the courses you want to study at college. If you have a career in mind and would like to study something specific at University, you need to ensure you choose the right A-Level courses to allow you entry to your chosen Higher Education degree.
- If you'd prefer to get straight into work whilst continuing your education, you might be considering an apprenticeship. Go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> to apply.
- Contact your college or apprenticeship provider, and ask them what you can be doing to prepare. Many courses have specific reading you need to do in advance of the course- so now would be a great time to start!
- If you are doing a creative or media course, why not consider setting up an online portfolio that displays your work for others to view?

Preparing for Part-Time Job Applications

- We know that at the moment, you can't really apply for a part-time job. However, you may want to in the future, so now would be a good time to get prepared!
- Visit <https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/write-first-cv-tips-students-school-leavers/> for some great tips on how to create your first CV!
- Go to <https://www.reed.co.uk/career-advice/free-cv-template> for a free CV template.
- A potential employer will want to see that you are reliable, diligent and capable, so make sure you show off! Include things you have done to support the community, leadership experience or awards you have won in school, paper rounds, babysitting, comments on reports from your teachers, and work experience.
- There is lots of useful information on <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/get-a-job> about interview questions, CV's, filling in application forms.

Help & Support for your Next Steps

- <https://bit.ly/3aDZfFX> (a blog post from University of Portsmouth.)
- <http://www.fareham.ac.uk/essential-skills/> (a booklet from Fareham college with information and advice to help your transition into college)
- <https://www.ebpsouth.co.uk/career-support-through-coronavirus> (online career advice from EBP South)
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMvBQ1Jlr5dnJNrTDPX6DwA> (short video clips on career guidance from EBP)
- careersguidance@ebpsouth.co.uk (dedicated email to support Parents/Pupils)

If your moderated grade in GCSE English or Maths is not yet at a grade 4 you will have further opportunities to re-sit these subjects, initially in November, subject to entry criteria, and then in the summer series exams. Therefore, it is really important you use the time available to you to continue to study English and Maths. The following resources are available to you:

- Maths – <http://mrbartonmaths.com/index.html>
- English – <https://mrbruff.com/>
- BBC bitesize for everything in between <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

