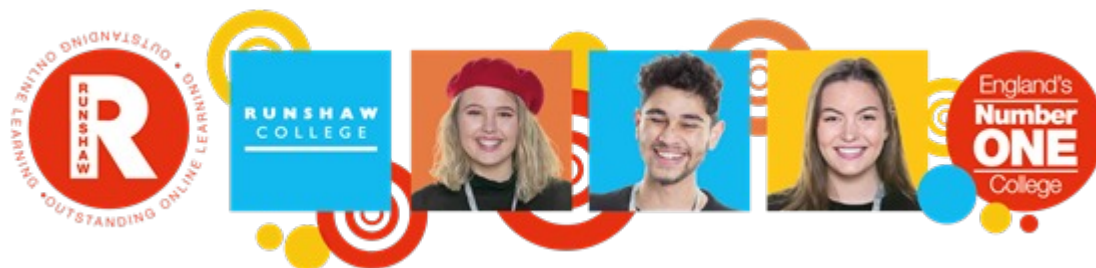


# Transition Activities for Year 11



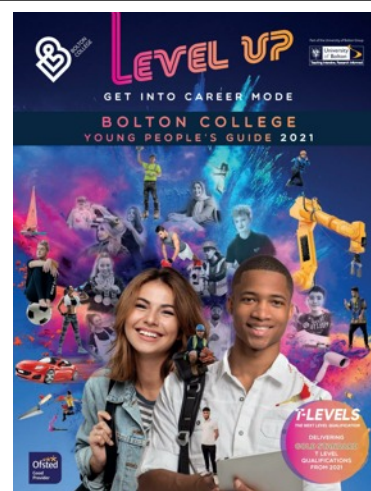
Our subject teachers have put together a fantastic range of activities, information and recommended reading/websites for Year 11 students to help them prepare for starting on their chosen course in September. There are resources for all of our A Level and Vocational subjects on the page, as well as our email address if they have any questions.

Follow this link - <https://www.runshaw.ac.uk/study-at-runshaw/exciting-links-for-year-11-students/>



We're very excited about working with you to help you achieve your future ambitions, whether that's helping you with your next step to college, getting the qualifications you need for university, or teaching you essential skills for your dream career.

<https://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/bridging-resources/>



## Ready, Steady, Go!

Last year we developed the 'Ready, Steady, Go!' programme which set a piece of transitional work for year 11 pupils to complete over the summer.



The 'Ready, Steady, Go!' programme will be returning this year and will be launched in June; subject specific activities will be set which will help year 11 pupils prepare for their course.

More information will be emailed to you in due course!



Preston's College held onsite welcome events on 24th, 25th and 26th May for all learners who have been offered a place... on this evening learners tried out their offered course and were given transition work to prepare them for September.

We will launch our Sprint Start virtual platform for all learners from mid June and this course link will be emailed direct to learners.



Our Careers Team have created a site especially to prepare students for their course, which is called My Future Applicant Site.

Pupils will get access to this once they have applied

The site includes subject specific resources and activities such as quizzes, videos, booklets and more.

There's also a 'Work Skills' area for those re-sitting Maths and English GCSE.

The Wigan & Leigh College transition resources will be available for Year 11 to access via our Year 11 portal on our website after May half term (live from Tuesday 8th June)

Here is the web link:

<https://www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk/16-18-full-time-courses/year-11-applicants>

- Click on the above link
- Scroll down and select the relevant subject area
- Within each subject area, you will see the 11 steps to success (we encourage students to explore as many of the steps as they wish)
- To access the transition resources specifically, click on STEP 8

The curriculum documents will help Year 11 students prepare for College and their post 16 study.

Just as a reminder to Year 11, if they have applied, had their interview and accepted the offer of a place, their place is safe and secure for September.



# CARDINAL NEWMAN COLLEGE



Year 11s can check out our Newman Beginnings platform which is available to all year 11 applicants. They should have received an email giving them all the information that they need and explaining how to join. It is an opportunity for them to access resources, live sessions and more with each of our subject areas. They can post questions for any of the subjects to answer and find out more about any of the courses they are considering, not just the ones that they have applied for.

COMING  
SOON!

NEWMAN  
BEGINNINGS  
GET SET FOR SEPTEMBER

Finally - for anyone planning on an apprenticeship, or looking for a part-time job over the summer, check out this free guide to employability ...

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# THE EMPLOYABILITY GUIDE

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HELPING YOU HARNESS YOUR SKILLS TO  
NAVIGATE THE COMPETITIVE JOB MARKET

## HOW TO MASTER AN INTERVIEW

### Preparation is key

Being invited to an interview means you've already impressed the employers with your CV and cover letter.

It's natural to be nervous, as interviews are often perceived as the scariest part of the application process.

So what's the secret to staying calm? Be prepared! Good preparation brings greater confidence, which is exactly why we've collated our top tips to **help you bring your A Game**.

**Create a brief summary about you, your career and why you'll be good for the job** – it's always good to have this prepared in your mind!

**Be punctual** – know your route, leave plenty of time to get there and arrive ten minutes early – no later and definitely no sooner!

## TOP TIPS



Impress by **researching the company** and their competitors, this knowledge can help you tailor your answers specifically to the company.

**Know your CV** – this is the only information they have about you, so be ready to answer questions about it!



Try to relax and be yourself, interviewers are human too and being a good cultural fit is just as important as your experience and skills – **let your personality shine through**.



Your **presentation is vital for first impressions**. Dress professionally, check your posture, give a strong handshake, don't avoid eye contact and **remember to smile!**



Remember to switch your **mobile phone off**.



Take a spare **printed copy of your CV** so you have it to hand.

## HOW TO PREPARE

Having some pre-prepared answers can really increase your confidence in an interview. Some questions are inevitable and it's important to answer these well.

### Common interview questions

- › Where do you want to be in 5 years?
- › What are your biggest strengths and weaknesses? Talking about your weaknesses is never easy, but it's important to acknowledge them!
- › Take examples – if you're applying to a job in marketing, have some brilliant marketing campaigns in mind. Draw examples from your own experiences too.
- › Think about when you have demonstrated soft skills such as, time management, teamwork and decision making – these skills are just as important as your academic performance and competency-based questions are common in interviews.

### ★ QUICK POINT

You will most probably be asked behavioural questions such as 'describe a situation when you have shown your initiative'. This is the perfect time to use the well-known **STAR technique**.

[Download here](#)