

## Your Future First.

### Our Commitment to all year 11s in Rochdale Borough's Secondary Schools: Summer 2021

Our ambition continues to be that no year 11 student should be disadvantaged when taking their next steps after leaving school this summer. Consequently, all of the colleges and other post-16 providers in the borough are working in partnership alongside our schools and council to ensure that the disruption caused by the Covid-19 outbreak to year 11 pupils is minimised.

Those year 11s who need advice on their options can speak to Positive Steps - our 'Career Guidance' partner in the borough. Positive Steps supports year 11s so that they make impartial and informed choices on their next steps in education, employment or training from September – even helping those who wish to study outside of the borough.

The Positive Steps website is [www.positive-steps.org.uk](http://www.positive-steps.org.uk) and year 11s can also access the service through their school Careers Lead.

### Colleges:

The two colleges in the borough; Hopwood Hall and Rochdale Sixth Form College (RSFC) have had a positive working relationship since the opening of RSFC in 2010. This relationship has ensured that young people across Heywood, Middleton, Rochdale and Pennines benefit from the wide range of courses on offer, and receive excellent and impartial careers information, advice and guidance. In 2020, the college principals pledged jointly that there would be courses for **all** school leavers at Hopwood Hall and Rochdale Sixth Form College. This remains their pledge for all current year 11s leaving this Summer (2021).

Principals Richard Ronksley and Julia Heap said,

'As we continue through these unprecedented times, we want to ensure that all of our young people are supported to progress onto a further education course that suits their needs. We understand how unsettling the current situation is for the young people who will be leaving school at the end of this academic year and hope that by working together in this way, we can make the post-16 transition process smoother and more manageable.'

### Diary Dates:

HOPWOOD HALL COLLEGE	ROCHDALE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
<b>Open Events for School Leavers:</b> 22nd April 2021, 5th August 2021 <b>Preparation for College day:</b> 29th June 2021	<b>Interview Evenings:</b> 19th January 2021 and 2nd February <b>New Student Welcome Day:</b> 8th July 2021
<b>Application Process:</b> Apply online through the college website <a href="http://www.hopwood.ac.uk">www.hopwood.ac.uk</a> before the priority deadline of 11th December 2020 (applications will continue to be accepted after this date). Applicants will then be invited to an online discussion with the Tutors about the course.	<b>Application Process:</b> Apply online on the college website <a href="http://www.rochdalesfc.ac.uk">www.rochdalesfc.ac.uk</a> before the deadline of 12pm on Thursday 10 December. Applications will continue to be accepted after this date but course options may be limited. Applicants will then be invited to one of our interview evenings which are taking place in December, January and February.

Any further support needs identified by schools, student and parents will be considered by both colleges and further updates and information will be provided throughout the year through our college websites. We wish all of our future students every success in completing year 11 and look forward to welcoming them into our colleges in September 2021.

### **School Sixth Form:**

Cardinal Langley offers a wide range of A Level provision and further information can be found on their website <https://sixth.clrchs.co.uk/>

Andy Greaves, Head of the Sixth Form, said *“we continue to welcome applications from year 11 students who wish to study at Cardinal Langley Sixth Form. Our promise is to work with you to realise your ambitions, reach your potential and achieve your dreams which will enable you to progress onto Higher Education, a degree level Apprenticeship or employment”*.

Prospective students can contact the school using [sixth@clrchs.co.uk](mailto:sixth@clrchs.co.uk)

### **Apprenticeships and work based options:**

Year 11's wishing to start an Apprenticeship or training in the workplace can contact one of our specialist providers based in the borough, such as Rochdale Training, Apprenticeships@Hopwood, The Growth Company or Mantra Learning.

Jill Nagy – Chief Executive of Rochdale Training said *“although the economic situation remains uncertain at the moment, we are predicting that there will still be opportunities in the borough for those wishing to start an Apprenticeship in Summer 2021. Year 11's should contact providers about opportunities and open events”*

Contacts for Apprenticeships and work based training are:

[info@rochdaletraining.co.uk](mailto:info@rochdaletraining.co.uk)

[apprenticeships@hopwood.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@hopwood.ac.uk)

[info@growthco.uk](mailto:info@growthco.uk)

[enquiries@mantralearning.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@mantralearning.co.uk)