



25th March 2020

Dear Year 11,

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS UPDATE

We appreciate the stress and anxiety which last week's announcement regarding school closures and the cancellation of this summer's GCSE examinations must have caused you. We just want to reassure you that we are with you every step of the way as you move into your post 16 courses, apprenticeships or jobs.

We have been in contact with all the local Post-16 providers who have asked us to reassure you they are still able to process applications and will be in contact with you directly in due course. Please note the important information from Post-16 providers below:

CARDINAL NEWMAN COLLEGE

<https://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/> or contact LCorbelli@cardinalnewman.ac.uk

Newman College will still be keeping in touch with all applicants who have attended interview and received an offer of a place over the next few months. This will mostly be via email but they are also going to be posting updates on social media. These will be forwarded to you on our school website Careers link: <https://tarletonacademy.org/students/careers-information-advice-and-guidance>

Any applicant who hasn't yet been interviewed will be receiving an email explaining that they will receive a telephone interview over the next few weeks with regards to their place at the college.

Reading lists, in preparation for September, will also be shared with you via the school website.

RUNSHAW COLLEGE

<https://www.runshaw.ac.uk/>

Runshaw College have just completed the creation of a '*landing*' page on their website for Year 11 students on which has advice on it and will be regularly updated with subject specific materials. Their advice is to try and visit the website link at least once a week: <https://www.runshaw.ac.uk/the-college/year-11s-your-place-is-safe/>. They also request that you check your emails regularly for changes, updates and advice regarding your application.

HUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

<https://www.huttongrammar.org/sixth-form/> or contact j.hill1@huttongrammar.org

Hutton Grammar School Sixth Form are still accepting applications and they will interview those that haven't been interviewed yet by telephone over the next few days. They will then send out offers to applicants at the end of April. During May they will send out information about starting the Extended

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Project Qualification (EPQ) followed by a HeadStart pack for each A level subject.

Hutton then intend to have enrolment days when GCSE results have been distributed.

If students have any queries, please contact Mr Hill (Head of Sixth Form) on the above email.

PRESTON'S COLLEGE

<https://www.preston.ac.uk/> or contact d.elliott@preston.ac.uk

All year 11 applicants have been sent an email to reassure them that Preston's College are doing their best to help prepare students for life at College. All applicants should have received an email on Monday 23rd March explaining the process. Preston's College will now work with students to send them preparation materials for studying at College and also engaging them in the Curriculum areas they have applied for.

For any Year 11 applicant that has yet to have an interview, Preston's College are conducting telephone interviews everyday moving forward to ensure a smooth transition process. The college are also using social media to keep in touch with all applicants and offer booklets will be sent via email after the telephone interview process has finished.

For apprenticeships courses, a preparation booklet will be sent to all students which will help them with CVs, interview techniques, skills and much more.

Any students can contact Preston's College on guidance@preston.ac.uk. or contact the above email. Mr Elliott is the School Liaison Officer for Preston's College.

SOUTHPORT COLLEGE / KGV 6TH FORM COLLEGE

<https://www.southport.ac.uk/> or <https://www.kgv.ac.uk/>

Both colleges (Southport and KGV) are still accepting applications from students and would encourage anyone who hasn't yet submitted an application to submit one asap. The admissions teams are working from home processing these applications onto the systems as normal. Once an application is received and processed, a course tutor will email you within 5 working days to arrange a suitable time and date for the telephone course discussion to take place.

It is vital that students provide an up to date telephone number and an email address that they have access to at home for this to happen effectively.

If you have any queries please contact: rowet@southport.ac.uk or carrollk@southport.ac.uk

MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE

<https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/students/> or contact ahey@myerscough.ac.uk

WEST LANCASHIRE COLLEGE

<http://www.westlancs.ac.uk/courses/full-time> or contact jake.ball@westlamcs.ac.uk

Finally, all your teachers at Tarleton Academy know that you will be anxious about what lies ahead. Please be reassured that all of your House Progress Leaders, Tutors and class teachers want you to have a suitable pathway after Year 11 and that we are looking forward to seeing the Class of 2020 off in style with a Valedictory Evening.

Please continue to complete your practice exam papers and keep them safe ready for them to be returned to school when appropriate. Remember the current advice from the government is that you will be able to sit some exams as soon as reasonably possible when schools and colleges reopen or in the summer of 2021.

In the meantime, stay positive and continue to look at what you can do to prepare yourself for your next step. Ensure you visit the college's websites regularly as these are the best ways you can feel that you are more in control of your next steps. Equally, the following website www.informedchoices.ac.uk will also assist you if you are thinking ahead in terms of University choices and the next steps you need to take in order to decide on a degree subject.

If you have any concerns about the information from colleges or any further questions please contact me c.barlow@tarletonacademy.org

Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

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