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30th March 2020

Dear Year 11 students,

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 of the local Post-16 providers who have asked us to reassure you that they are still able to process applications and will be in contact with you directly in due course. It is important that you check your email inboxes regularly to ensure you do not miss any important communication from them.

Please note the important information from Post-16 providers below:

Cardinal Newman College

www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk or contact LCorbelli@cardinalnewman.ac.uk

Cardinal Newman College will still be keeping in touch with all applicants who have attended interviews 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. Please check their Twitter feed for recommended reading for y11 students to get prepared in advance of their course. 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.

Runshaw College

www.runshaw.ac.uk

Runshaw College have just completed the creation of a 'landing' page on their website for Year 11 students 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: <u>https://www.runshaw.ac.uk/the-college/year-11s-your-place-is-safe/</u>

They also request that you check your emails regularly for changes, updates and advice regarding your application.

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Preston's College

www.preston.ac.uk or contact guidance@preston.ac.uk / 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 is 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 apprenticeship courses, a preparation booklet will be sent to all students which will help them with CVs, interview techniques, skills and much more.

Myerscough College

www.myerscough.ac.uk/news/applications-for-2020-entry/ or contact ahey@myerscough.ac.uk

The Admissions Team will be contacting students who have already submitted applications shortly to arrange telephone or Skype interviews. Should you have any questions, there is a live chat function on the website that will remain active and staffed throughout the coming weeks.

Finally, all your teachers at Wellfield High School 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 at the prom**.

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 may 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 d.oneill@whs.lancs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely, Míss D O'Neill

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