

## **COLLEGE APPLICATIONS:**

### **INFORMATION FROM COLLEGES FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS, PARENTS & GUARDIANS**

#### **ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM**

We understand these may be worrying times for Year 11 students but do not worry about your place in the sixth form at St. Mary's. We always work hard to find a suitable course for every student and this year will be no different.

We will be in touch regarding enrolment when we know more about the current situation with school closures. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on [sixthformenquiries@smchs.org.uk](mailto:sixthformenquiries@smchs.org.uk)

We are putting together some transition activities to help you with your extended break from education and to prepare you for your new courses in the sixth form. The details for this will be sent out after Easter.

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#### **WIGAN & LEIGH COLLEGE**

Latest information with regard to Coronavirus updates for applicants via the following link: <https://www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk/about/coronavirus-update/applicants>

Key points from the Anna Dawe, Principal of Wigan & Leigh College

Year 11 School Leavers – Their place for September 2020 is safe  
The impact of the methodology for awarding GCSE grades is not yet known but we are already committed, where appropriate, to looking at a wider picture than those single grades for our applicants.

When GCSE grades are issued, students will be able to work with the College admissions team to ensure they are on the right course at the right level. Where students may have missed the level of course they applied for, other factors may be taken into consideration such as predicted grades, discussions with a student's previous school and progress made during the initial weeks at College.

Anyone applying for an Apprenticeship will be supported in finding employment as an apprentice and contact will be made with students if an employer within their chosen subject has a vacancy. The College is however aware that there may be a reduction in the number of apprenticeship vacancies as a consequence of the current situation. Apprenticeship applicants will have a place reserved on a full-time study programme if they have been unable to find an employment vacancy prior to starting at College.

To maximize the chance of securing apprenticeship employment, applicants must submit their CV, so that College can market them to appropriate employers. Students must email CVs to the College at [apprenticeships@wigan-leigh.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@wigan-leigh.ac.uk) by Friday 24 April 2020.

If students have not yet had an admissions interview for the College, our Admissions Team will be in contact via telephone shortly.

The College will ensure that we are kept up to date over the coming months and if students require anything further regarding their application and place at the College, they can contact the Admissions team at [applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk](mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk)

Student support and resources for preparing for college will follow shortly and we will continue to work closely with you at this uncertain time.

### **BOLTON COLLEGE**

Whilst our buildings are closed to visitors we will be carrying out interviews by phone. For this week (Wednesday 25 March) we will endeavour to make contact at the time the young person has booked their interview for. Texts went out last week to everyone who has booked on Wednesday and we will be sending a further email out today / tomorrow.

After Easter we will move to making telephone interview calls during the day and booked appointments will no longer be in operation. We will text / email anyone who has already booked an evening date/time to update them on the revised arrangements. New applicants will be told we will ring them for an interview during the day in the near future.

Our central helpline will close at 4pm tonight however, we can still be contacted via our LiveChat service using the pop up window on our website or via email

to [info@boltoncc.ac.uk](mailto:info@boltoncc.ac.uk) The Admissions Team can be contacted

via [admissions@boltoncc.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@boltoncc.ac.uk)

### **BOLTON SIXTH FORM**

Please do not worry about your place at The Sixth Form for September 2020. If you have already been interviewed and offered a place, your enrolment interview will take place in August as normal. If you have not yet been interviewed, we will interview you later in the academic year and we will contact you with details about this as soon as we can.

### **ST JOHN RIGBY COLLEGE**

Our offer of a place to students is due to us having identified that they want to study at SJR and, therefore, we want them to be here. Their choice of courses can still be altered between now and the start of Year 12 and the combination of subjects will be discussed again at enrolment alongside any additional information that emerges regarding GCSE qualifications.

Given that it seems likely that there will be an extended period of time during which our young people will not be in schools, we have provided some materials which might be of interest to them and which will almost certainly be of benefit to them when they begin college. I would advise that «Forename» acts on the instructions being given from school and prioritises any work that they are setting. However, if they then want to challenge themselves to do some 'bridging work' in the subjects that they are considering studying at college, they can access some additional work via this link:

[http://sir.ac.uk/y11\\_subject\\_guides2.asp](http://sir.ac.uk/y11_subject_guides2.asp)

Should students develop a thirst for further work, please contact us via [newstudents@sjr.ac.uk](mailto:newstudents@sjr.ac.uk) and we will try to source some additional resources to occupy you at home and motivate you ahead of starting at SJR.

## **WARRINGTON & VALE ROYAL COLLEGE**

We are still accepting applications for September 2020. Students can apply online by searching for the course they are interested in on our 'study with us' webpage (<https://www.wvr.ac.uk/courses-and-apprenticeships/>).

If they find something they like, simply click on the 'apply for this course' button. They can then easily create an account online and apply for the course they are interested in. Key points from their letter which will be sent out:

If you are awaiting a college interview, please note that these have been postponed. We are in the process of looking at telephone interview arrangements and will contact you directly as soon as these are confirmed.

Anyone applying for an apprenticeship will continue to be supported in finding employment as an apprentice and you will be contacted if an employer within your chosen subject has a vacancy. As a consequence of these uncertain times, the college anticipates a reduction in the number of apprenticeship vacancies, however all apprenticeship applicants will have a place reserved on a full-time course if they have been unable to secure an apprenticeship vacancy prior to September.

Moreover, following the government's announcement about exams and qualifications, please rest assured that your application will not be in any way disadvantaged because of the exceptional circumstances in which qualifications are having to be awarded this year.

Please expect further updates over the coming months, as we aim to keep you as informed as possible. If you have any further questions regarding your application and place at college, please do not hesitate to contact our admissions team on [applications@wvr.ac.uk](mailto:applications@wvr.ac.uk)

## **WINSTANLEY COLLEGE**

Winstanley College have emailed all students who have applied and had an interview offering them a guaranteed place and that they need to accept the place by the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Any students who have not applied at all then they will go on a waiting list.

## **PRIESTLEY COLLEGE**

*Can I still apply?*

We are still taking applications right through to the start of term. However the sooner you apply the sooner we will be able to discuss your choices. Application forms can be completed via our website online or downloaded and posted to admissions at Priestley.

*Is my place at Priestley still secure?*

Yes if you continue to work on your studies and complete assessments that your school sets. There will obviously be a lot more guidance around the grades you get once they are known, but at this stage don't worry and keep working.

*I was due to attend an admissions interview before the summer. What happens now that face to face admissions interviews are no longer taking place?*

In line with the Government's advice relating to self-isolation and social distancing measures we have made some changes to admissions processes to avoid the need for you to attend your planned face to face admissions interview. We will be in touch with you soon to explain these changes and how they apply to you. We can be contacted via [admissions@priestley.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@priestley.ac.uk)

## **RUNSHAW**

The first thing that we would like to say is that we are here to help, and please rest assured that **your place is safe**.

We understand that it is an anxious time for you right now, with lots of uncertainty, and we are here to help! If you have any questions about your Runshaw application, anything at all, please drop our expert admissions tutors an email on [welcometorunshaw@runshaw.ac.uk](mailto:welcometorunshaw@runshaw.ac.uk)

Our advice to all Year 11 students is to:

- As a priority please complete any work that your school teachers are setting you – this will ensure you have completed your GCSE courses and are well prepared for your college course.
- If you have yet to have your interview we will be in touch as soon as we can about a new date.
- Help get prepared for studying with us by trying some of the resources and activities below. Please note that over the coming weeks we will be updating these with subject specific work so that you can hit the ground running when you join us next year.

<https://www.runshaw.ac.uk/the-college/year-11s-your-place-is-safe/>

## **SALFORD CITY COLLEGE**

(Pendleton, Eccles, Worsley, Future Skills, City Skills)

Applied to Study with us?

Don't worry our admissions team is still here for you. Any questions? Please contact us on 0161 631 5050 or [admissions@salfordcc.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@salfordcc.ac.uk)

Still waiting for your college interview?

Our school liaison team will be conducting telephone interviews in the upcoming weeks.