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Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance from
The Heys School

Applying for the next step. *Where should Year 11's be up to?*

All Year 11's should have now applied for a college course or apprenticeship. Students can apply for as many courses as they want and at a number of institutions.

It is important for year 11's to keep their options open and have a back up plan.

If they are offered a place at college they can accept the place and decline it at a later date.

Bury College are guaranteeing a place to all students at The Heys, students must apply in order to receive their place.

If they have not made a college application, please let RJF know and support can be provided.

If year 11's need help or support they can ask their Form Tutor, Head of Year, Pastoral Manager or Mrs Farrington-Evans.

If they require a careers interview please email rjf@theheys.school

Many colleges also offer support with the application process, check their websites.

Year 11's need to regularly check their school email and the twitter feed @CareersHeys



SUPPORTING YOU AND YOUR CHILD IN THEIR TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO COLLEGE

ISSUE 3



Dear Parent/Carer

Your child's next step is an exciting time. They are embarking on a new journey and making decisions about their education and future careers. We are also aware there may be questions that you as a parent may have, whether it's about choosing the right course, or what your child should expect from college life. Whatever your queries, we are here to help.

APPLICATIONS TO BURY COLLEGE – GUARANTEED PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD

With all the uncertainty during this unprecedented time, we would like to help remove any concerns regarding applying for Bury College courses for 2021.

If your child applies to Bury College then they will be guaranteed a place in September 2021, should they wish to accept it. We are therefore still welcoming applications and would like to reassure you and your child that no one will be disadvantaged.

[CLICK HERE](#) to start the application process with your child. For help and support with the application please watch our **[HELPFUL VIDEO](#)**.

Once your child has applied to Bury College they will be contacted by our Admissions team with the time and date of their interview. This year all our interviews will be conducted over the telephone unless your child requires more one-to-one support.

Please reassure your child that a college interview is a positive process, our interviews are careers based, we will discuss with them their grades and future aspirations, making sure they have chosen the correct pathway for them. For any application and interview enquiries please contact our helpful Admissions department on **0161 280 8200** or **admissions@burycollege.ac.uk**



www.burycollege.ac.uk

Bury College Opportunities for School Leavers

Aspirational Presentation - We are currently in the process of creating an animated aspirational presentation to encourage Year 11 pupils to keep pushing on with their studies and inspire them to achieve.

Our latest brochure outlining the opportunities for School Leavers including the range of virtual events available to your Year 11 pupils can be found here:

<https://burycollege.ac.uk/media/3526/supporting-you-brochure-digital.pdf>

Virtual opportunities already live on our website include:

Virtual Tour: <https://burycollege.ac.uk/VirtualTour/index.html>

Virtual Open Event: <https://burycollege.ac.uk/virtual-open-event/>

Be Bury College Ready: <https://burycollege.ac.uk/how-we-support-you/be-bury-college-ready/> - The curriculum resources fall under the 'Be Prepared Section'



Bury Schools and applications

With all the uncertainty and worry during this unprecedented time, we would like to help remove any concerns regarding applying for Bury College courses for 2021. Any Year 11 pupils who **apply from your school will be guaranteed a place** at Bury College in September 2021 should they wish to accept it. We are therefore still welcoming applications and would like to reassure students that no one will be disadvantaged.

For those still undecided about the opportunities available to them at College, we have the following animated presentations which highlights the various pathways:

HSL Pathways Presentation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcL1cTWnrMk>

Apprenticeship Presentation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V5jRtfl3dbS>

Bury College useful contacts:

Our High School Liaison team are in regular contact with your careers contact and share fortnightly updates and offer remote support.

High School Liaison:

Gemma.lythgoe@burycollege.ac.uk

SEND Team Leader – Transitions/EHCP

Kate.flavell@burycollege.ac.uk

Please feel free to contact us at any point, we are here to support Year 11's on this journey.



Careers Interviews

Careers interviews are still taking place via TEAMS every Tuesday. These interviews are a supportive process and year 11's are expected to attend them even if they have applied to college.

Interviews will take precedence over the timetabled lesson. Students should not decline their interview.

MOCK INTERVIEW



- Every year, as part of our careers programme we usually provide the opportunity for every year 11 to attend a mock interview in school. Unfortunately due to the current circumstances we haven't been able to do this.
- However, this year we can offer every Year 11 a mock interview via TEAMS. The interview will be conducted by a member of school staff or a professional from our local community. This will enable year 11's to experience a formal interview and the chance to practise skills they have learned in the classroom and elsewhere.
- All students interviewed will be given written and verbal feedback on their performance. This will hopefully improve their self-esteem as well as giving greater confidence in facing future interviews in what is increasingly a very competitive and difficult job market.
- The interviews will take place during the school day, if your child wishes to have an interview please email rjf@theheys.school
- We are delighted that over 25 students have already taken up the opportunity to have a mock interview.



As part of National Careers Week this year we are excited to invite you and your pupils (Years 11 through to 9) to join our live online **Building the future – Construction Myth busting with The Manchester College event on Thursday 4th March at 11am.**

This virtual event will allow pupils to not only gain insight into the growing Construction industry in the Northwest, but also allow them to challenge some of the possible misconceptions within it.

Our expert tutors will be joined by three very successful employers, Kier, Bowmer & Kirkland and Willmott Dixon where they will discuss a range of topics in Construction including;

Challenging Stereotypes

The Future of Construction

Hidden Jobs in Construction

Each topic will be followed by a Q&A session allowing pupils to ask any questions they may have about the Construction & Engineering Industry. Get your pupils involved and find out more about the courses these employers have helped to co-develop at The Manchester College including our brand-new T Levels.

Date: Thursday 4th March

Audience: Pupils from years 9-11

Time: 11am

Duration: 35-45 minutes

If you would like to join our live virtual event, please express your interest to rjf@theheys.school who will be able to share the live link directly with you.



Your ten-step apprenticeship plan for 2021. Hints and tips to help your child find an apprenticeship or a traineeship.

STEP 1. THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE

We understand that the pandemic has had a huge impact on the plans and hopes of many individuals. However, it can still be valuable and motivating to sit down with your child and think about what they want to do in the future. Which subjects do they enjoy? What are their interests and career goals? This will help them have a clearer idea of what job role and apprenticeship or traineeship they may wish to look for. Visit: www.amazingapprenieships.com/resources and refine your search to students. You will find really useful tools to start conversations, along with interactive activities to help those who are preparing for their future.

STEP 2. ENCOURAGE THEM TO PERSEVERE

Following the impact of the pandemic, there were fewer vacancies available last year than usual. We hope that these will pick up in 2021, and so it is important to encourage your child to keep trying, even if they are not successful in finding the right role for them straight away. Remember that traineeships provide an important stepping stone into an apprenticeship and so it is really valuable to take your time to understand how they work, and what the opportunities could be. Lots of support is available.

The National Careers Service, offer guidance and support to people looking for employment. They can be contacted by phone or you can speak to someone over a webchat. For all of the contact details, please visit: www.nationalcareersservice.gov.uk

Jobcentre plus also offer advice, and tips on applying for opportunities. Plus, they include links to organisations to support your wellbeing. You can visit www.jobhelp.campaign.gov.uk for all of their latest advice.





STEP 3. HELP THEM TO STAY CONNECTED

Help your child to think about the different ways in which they can find jobs. They will need to use technology to sign up to vacancy alerts and follow companies on social media. Please visit the Vacancy Snapshot site: www.amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies to also be inspired by some of the companies offering apprenticeships.

STEP 4. REGISTER

Register on Find an apprenticeship or Find a traineeship to browse all the latest vacancy opportunities. To start an apprenticeship search, visit: www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship. To start a Traineeship search, visit: www.gov.uk/find-traineeship

STEP 5. VIRTUAL EVENTS

There are events throughout the year where you can virtually meet employers, apprentices, be signposted to further information and reading and attend workshops with apprenticeship experts to discuss the range of apprenticeship options.

STEP 6. CONTACT SCHOOL OR COLLEGE

Enquire at your child's school or college to see what careers events they are putting on. Ask if they are arranging workshops with any expert speakers and what opportunities for parents there could be.

STEP 7. CREATE YOUR OWN CALENDAR

Allocate time to search for the right opportunity for your child. Set aside time for application/interview prep, as well as time to attend virtual employers and careers days. This will help your child stay on top of their application and set them on the path for success.



STEP 8. LOOK FOR VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Work experience is a great way to gain valuable experience and although many employers have stopped offering opportunities for individuals to visit their workplaces at the moment - we are seeing a huge increase in virtual work experience. Virtual work experience is completed online and there are many fun and creative ways that employers have developed to help to introduce your child to their organisation. Work experience is especially ideal if your child is unsure of what career route/job role they may like to pursue in the future and is also a great opportunity to enrich their CV. Speak with your child's school or search online to discover these opportunities.

STEP 9. DO SOME EXTRA RESEARCH

The Amazing Apprenticeships portal has been designed to help you find out about apprenticeships. Spend time on Vacancy Snapshot to help you to understand the recruitment processes of some of the biggest employers in the world, including information on online recruitment:

www.amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies

STEP 10. KEEP OPTIONS OPEN

It is important to look at all of the post-16 and post-18 options available, including apprenticeships, traineeships, T Levels, FE colleges and more traditional routes. The range of options is now vast and really exciting. Free services like the National Careers Service can offer further guidance and advice around which might be the best option for your child

1st - 6th March 2021

10TH ANNIVERSARY
National
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2021

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK 2021

Take part in the biggest
celebration of careers across
the United Kingdom...online!



Individual daily themes
and bespoke resources from
leading employers, including:

- Video clips
- Animations
- Downloadable resources
- Interactive features
- Hints, tips and advice



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The Heys School

- Students should **regularly check their school email** as Mrs Farrington-Evans will be sending updates from local colleges and apprenticeship providers.
- Kevin Welch our careers advisor is in every Tuesday conducting Year 11 careers interviews. All KS4 students will receive an interview. If you feel your child needs one urgently, please email Mrs Farrington-Evans (rjf@theheys.school)
- The new school website theheys.school includes a careers page which includes information about applying to college and useful links.
- Follow @CareersHeys on twitter for up-to-date information about college and apprenticeships.

How to keep up to date.



The Heys Careers Lead: Mrs R J Farrington-Evans
The Heys Careers Advisor: Mr K Welch

USEFUL CONTACTS

Connell College <https://www.connell.ac.uk/>

The Manchester College <https://www.tmc.ac.uk/>

Hopwood Hall <https://www.hopwood.ac.uk/>

Holy Cross <https://www.holycross.ac.uk/>

Loreto <https://www.loreto.ac.uk/>

Bury College <https://burycollege.ac.uk/home/>

Salford City Colleges <https://www.salfordcc.ac.uk/>

North Lancs Training Group <https://www.nltg.co.uk/>

Xavarian College <http://www.xaverian.ac.uk/>



CAREERS APPS

Please find links below to two free careers apps:

<https://fledglink.com/>

This new platform and app is designed to support students as they make critical decisions about their future and transition from education into work. The free mobile-app provides tailored careers advice, a digital C.V. builder, self-discovery tools (e.g. personality quizzes and strengths profiles) and access to relevant work opportunities all in one place. By helping them discover more about themselves and what's out there, the Fledglink feel that young people will make better, more confident decisions about their next step (further education, into work/apprenticeship or starting a business).

<https://qdos-career-hub.com/qdos-careers-app>

A one stop' resource providing information on education pathways and career choices/options, together with tools, advice and preparation for employment and university.