

Monday 18th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and that your families are managing to stay safe at such a difficult time. Our Year 11 students are still very much in our consideration and there are some important messages that I need to share with you within today's letter.

GCSE and Exam results

As you will already be aware, we have been asked to submit predicted grades to the exam boards. There is clear guidance that must be followed in order to do this and in line with exam board protocols, we are unable to discuss predicted grades prior to results day. Results will be released to schools and students in August and more details will follow once government guidance is released about how this will happen and how students will access their results.

Contact with School

Every Morning between 09:00-09:30am Year 11 students are encouraged to access their form group via Microsoft Teams in order to communicate with their form tutors and peers. For guidance on how to do this please visit the school website, which can be found here - <https://corecentral.academy/>

Post 16 (College/Sixth form) information

It is compulsory for all young people to be in some form of education or training route until they are 18 and I know many students have worked hard to ensure they have offer(s) from colleges and sixth form providers. Our careers advisor Ms Akhtar and Form tutors are trying to contact students to ensure this is in place and to offer their support if students need it. If your child does not have at least one conditional offer or secure provision for September it is essential that this is made a priority. There are some tools to support students with this that can be found here - <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>. As a school we also want to support with this, and you should contact your child's form tutor or Miss Ryan (Head of Year) via email if this is the case. We have several providers who have offered their support and guidance and I have included details of this on the next page. They are still conducting interviews via phone or online and have dedicated people on hand to give guidance. I would also encourage students who are worried about an existing place or offer to contact their provider that they have applied to so they are clear on the next steps. Most providers will be having an online open day and induction process in June or July. I repeat, if any student does not have a firm offer then they should seek support from their form tutor and contact school as a matter of urgency.

Preparation for Post 16

Amazon are currently offering free copies of "CGP Head start" (Kindle edition). These are aimed at students preparing for post 16 and are available for a range of subjects. We would encourage students to take up this fantastic offer, especially while they are at zero cost!

As a CORE Education school, we have teamed up with a company called Digital Innovators who are committed to positively effecting student's wellbeing through developing their employability skills and helping them to have a positive and enjoyable career journey. The process of choosing a career can be highly stressful but can also be highly motivational. Their goal is to reduce the stress and increase the motivation of developing a career by giving students a structured step by step process to follow.

We are encouraging students to complete a Career Fit form online which can be found on the school website in the Year 11 area - <https://corecentral.academy/year-11-core-connect/>

If you would like to discuss any element of this further or if your child needs support in preparing for September, please get in contact with your son/daughter's form tutor or Miss Ryan as Head of Year.

Kind Regards,



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Assistant Headteacher



Miss C Ryan
Head of Year 11

South & City and Bournville College

Admissions Process

The general admissions process for the majority of applicants:

1. Automatic email after application with conditional offer
2. Phone call from admissions team to offer IAG and offer place.
3. Invite to enrolment.

For any enquiries on this please contact our admissions team:

admissions@sccb.ac.uk

Online Chat Event: 20th May 2020, (10am - 3pm)

We are hosting an online chat event especially for Year 11 Students. Students are welcome to ask any questions about the college, our courses and receive advice and support from our staff members using this feature which will be featured on our website.

Extra IAG

For students who still don't have a destination, please visit our website for full course listings:

www.sccb.ac.uk or alternatively contact: cherise.palmer@sccb.ac.uk who will be happy to help and support with helping to decide on a course.

Look out for our Online Open Day Month in June

Without us being able to host the last Open Day for the year on campus, we have decided to dedicate the whole of month of June to an online Open Day type campaign! Please visit our website in June to see this feature.

Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College

Thinking about joining Joseph Chamberlain College this September? The College are still accepting applications and their Admissions Team are on hand to answer your questions. Please use the link below for more information:

<https://www.jcc.ac.uk/about-jcc/application-process-advise-2020/>