



MOVING ON

POST 16 TRANSITIONS

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Summary

The transition from key stage 4 to 5 is a big step, and one in which students should be equipped with the skills to make informed choices about their futures. COVID-19 may have affected choices and transitions are likely to be quite different for some this year. This booklet brings together all the college transition information along with signposting to some useful links.

The newly launched **Young Work Wiltshire** website, provides a fantastic platform to support young people aged 16/17 who need extra help to re-engage in learning. More information on the Young Wiltshire Education Employment and Training (EET) service is found at the back of this booklet.

Year 11 to Year 12 Sixth Form and College Transition Plan 2020

Colleges:

- Andover College
- Bath College
- The Commonweal Sixth Form, Swindon
- Cirencester College
- Lydiard Park Academy, Swindon
- New College, Swindon
- Salisbury Sixth Form College
- Swindon College
- Wiltshire College

* NB: This information may change over time. Please refer to each individual college website*



Andover College

Applications and Interviews	<p>The college is still accessible and functioning including answering questions, interviewing and accepting online applications www.andover.ac.uk/apply. Applications are still being processed for college courses and apprenticeships. The college is also contactable for any Year 11 applicant who wishes to discuss their application and any student who wishes to apply via this contact email: coursesandover@sparsholt.ac.uk</p> <p>Where applicants have applied but not yet received an offer (including new applications), as they are received, the college will be in touch for an interview – which will be conducted by telephone.</p>
Enrolment	<p>This is still in the planning stages and applicants will be contacted as soon as the details are confirmed.</p>
Apprenticeships	<p>Applications are still being processed for college courses and apprenticeships.</p>
Events/Open Days	<p>No more events planned for this academic year.</p>
Experience and Transition Days	<p>Applicant Welcome Days: applicants will be contacted in order to inform them as to how they can access virtual Applicant Welcome Activities for the subjects/courses that they have applied for.</p> <p>Applicant Welcome Activities include: videos, quizzes, information and reading in order to prepare students for the commencement of their studies in September. Year 11 applicants will be contacted directly. Materials are now available on the website: andover.ac.uk/applicant-welcome-activities.</p> <p>Students can share their progress by tagging the college's social media accounts or get in touch by emailing andoverapplicantwelcome@sparsholt.ac.uk</p>
College Website	<p>www.andover.ac.uk</p>
Contact Details	<p>coursesandover@sparsholt.ac.uk andoverapplicantwelcome@sparsholt.ac.uk</p>

Bath College

Applications and Interviews	From receiving an application, potential students are offered a conditional place on a course dependant on their predicted grades and the college are then hoping to invite these students in over the summer to meet the rest of their class where they will have an experience day.
Enrolment	The college are hoping to invite students in to enrol but as this may not be possible, they are also looking at enrolments online.
Experience and Transition Days	The college are then hoping to invite these students in over the summer to meet the rest of their class where they will have an experience day.
College Website	www.bathcollege.ac.uk
Contact Details	info@bathcollege.ac.uk

The Commonweal Sixth Form, Swindon

Applications and Interviews	<p>The Sixth Form is still accessible and answering questions and accepting online applications via http://www.commonweal.co.uk/sixth-form/</p> <p>Applications are still being processed for courses. Most students have already applied, been interviewed and have received their offer. The college is also contactable for any Year 11 applicant who wishes to discuss their application and any student who wishes to apply via our sixth form administrator jramage@commonweal.co.uk</p> <p>Interviews for late applicants are planned to take place in the final term either face to face or remotely.</p>
Enrolment	<p>Enrolment for successful students is currently planned for Wednesday 26 August but may be subject to change. Day one for new students will be Thursday 3 September.</p>
Events/Open Days	<p>No further formal events are planned for this year. However, anyone who wishes to take a tour of C6 and gain an insight into life at C6 can contact the sixth form directly and, when possible, an appointment to visit will be made.</p>
Experience and Transition Days	<p>The transition day for students has currently been postponed and will be rescheduled when circumstances change. Applicants have received an information pack and on June 1st received an induction pack which included summer transition work for every subject. This includes core work to be completed before starting courses and a wide range of enrichment tasks plus Post 16 study skills. An additional information evening for students and parents will take place in term one in September.</p>
College Website	http://www.commonweal.co.uk/sixth-form/
Contact Details	jramage@commonweal.co.uk

Cirencester College

Applications and Interviews	<p>The application process is still open, and all students should apply via our website.</p> <p>The college is currently conducting Information and guidance meetings by telephone and these can be arranged at a time to suit the young person. Any student who would like to speak with one of the team about their application should contact student.journeyteam@cirencester.ac.uk.</p>
Enrolment	<p>The college is aiming for the traditional enrolment process to take place in August, although this will depend on government guidance. They are continuing to keep in touch with prospective students on a weekly basis and in May they started to send through suggested work and reading lists across the different subject areas.</p>
Events/Open Days	<p>Further updates will be made by contacting prospective students, feeder schools and will advertise in the press, online and on social media.</p>
Experience and Transition Days	<p>Choices Days are held at the beginning of July and these are going to be made available online with sample lessons from every subject area available – ideal for Yr10 and Yr11.</p>
<p>If students or parents have any questions they should in the first instance email student.journeyteam@cirencester.ac.uk and questions will be forwarded to the relevant department. All our staff are working remotely and can help.</p>	
College Website	www.cirencester.ac.uk
Contact Details	student.journeyteam@cirencester.ac.uk

Lydiard Park Academy

Applications and Interviews	Early November through to end of term 3 - applications commence mid-January for interviews
Enrolment	GCSE results day
Events/Open Days	Open Evenings early November
Experience and Transition Days	Y10 Early July for Experience days
College Website	www.lydiardparkacademy.org.uk
Contact Details	Mr O Russell russello@lydiardparkacademy.org.uk

New College

Applications and Interviews	Students should apply as normal online at www.newcollege.ac.uk . They will be contacted very quickly, and interviews will be conducted by telephone.
Enrolment	<p>Enrolment period is planned to take place in mid-late August as normal.</p> <p>If students do not quite achieve the grades needed for the Level 3/A Level course planned, they will be offered an alternative place. At August Enrolment, a lecturer will discuss planned learning programmes and ensure that the student is placed on the right course.</p> <p>“Kick Start to College” programme was launched in May 2020</p> <p>A dedicated website containing transition and preparation to study materials for all of applicants and any Year 11s. It covers A Levels/Level 3 vocational courses as well as GCSEs and Level two vocational courses. Year 11 applicants and contacts will be contacted by email: welcome@newcollege.ac.uk</p>
Apprenticeships	<p>The college would encourage any Year 11 student who is interested in apprenticeships to visit their website: newcollege.ac.uk/learn-with-us/apprenticeships</p> <p>Alternatively, they can email the team via email: apprenticeships@newcollege.ac.uk.</p> <p>Once someone has registered their interest with the college, they plan to work with them to ensure they are as ready as possible to start applying to any vacancies that arise. The college may also run some specific online apprenticeships activity from June onwards so please keep an eye on their website at www.newcollege.ac.uk.</p>
Experience and Transition Days	<p>The planned two June Welcome Days scheduled for the end of June were cancelled. The college will be contacting Year 11 applicants in June to firm up student intentions and course choices and provide further IAG if necessary. This will be done via email/phone and some online activity.</p> <p>Daytime College Experience and Twilight College Experience events are both cancelled. The college envisages that schools will not want to release Year 11s during the Autumn for days at a time, so they plan to hold a series of after school Twilight College Experience sessions on dates in October and November (dates to be confirmed). The college hopes to provide buses for partner schools to transport cohorts to college and refreshments.</p>
College Website	Mr O Russell russello@lydiardparkacademy.org.uk
Contact Details	info@newcollege.ac.uk

Salisbury Sixth Form College

Applications and Interviews	We are accepting late applications so please visit our website www.salisbury6c.ac.uk/apply to apply. Once you have fully completed your application and a reference has been received from your current school then we will arrange a telephone interview as soon as possible.
Enrolment	Enrolment will take place once students have received their GCSE results. We are making plans for this to happen at the college on the 27 and 28 August depending on government guidelines at the time and we will update applicants if we need to change our plans.
Events/Open Days	In July prospective students and their parents will have an opportunity to find out more about the college through a virtual event and ask questions about the courses we offer and about college life. You'll be able to meet our teachers virtually and find out about our Level 3 offer.
Experience and Transition Days	Applicants can meet our teachers in short introductory videos and access summer preparatory work on our website - Meet your Teachers If you have any questions please email admissions: admissions@salisbury6c.ac.uk
College Website	www.salisbury6c.ac.uk
Contact Details	office@salisbury6c.ac.uk

Swindon College

Applications and Interviews	Interviews are continuing to take place. New applications are still being taken and curriculum teams will contact the applicant by phone for interview. Offers are being made via Student Services team by email.
Enrolment	Students will be invited in to undertake the normal enrolment processes in August after the GCSE results etc. have been published. The Student Services team will keep in touch with applicants during the lead up period.
Apprenticeships	Applications are still being processed for apprenticeships and the team are staying in touch with applicants. However, if an apprenticeship route is not available in the new academic year the student will be offered a similar vocational course in the interim.
Events / Open Days	Following an open day in May no further open events are planned.
Experience and Transition Days	College Experience Days are planned for July, however in case this is not possible at that point, virtual workshops and learning sessions are being planned for new students to participate in.
<p>Phone lines have been made available on Mondays and Fridays where advice from the Careers Team or Student Services team can be made available by contacting Student Services on 01793 498106 or by emailing studentservices@swindon.ac.uk</p> <p>Schools liaison team can also provide support directly to school Career Leaders.</p>	
College Website	swindon.ac.uk/home
Contact Details	Via online contact us form or 01793 491 591

Wiltshire College and University Centre

Applications and Interviews	<p>Applicants are being offered a conditional place on their chosen course if they meet the course entry criteria. No interviews are taking place during the closure period.</p> <p>Screening of applications is taking place as usual to ensure that an applicant's predicted grades give them a chance of meeting the entry criteria and if not, offering a place on the most appropriate level for them.</p>
Enrolment	<p>This will follow the usual enrolment process in late August. Students will be invited in to enrol, bringing with them GCSE results slips/certificates and meeting the curriculum teams who ensure that they have met the entry criteria for the course and have an interview if required.</p> <p>For those who have not previously applied, an interview with a lecturer will be undertaken at this point.</p>
Apprenticeships	<p>Still enrolling apprentice starts remotely and deliver remotely in most cases.</p> <p>Recruitment activity for apprenticeships is currently quieter, however, there are some employers recruiting for immediate starts.</p>
Events / Open Days	<p>Virtual Open Events took place in June.</p> <p>Further information is available at: wiltshire.ac.uk/events/virtual-open-events</p>
Experience and Transition Days	<p>Wiltshire Webinars: a series of webinars are available this June, delivered by lecturers across our departments. wiltshire.ac.uk/events/wiltshire-webinars</p>
College Website	www.wiltshire.ac.uk
Contact Details	Tel: 01225 350035 or via email: info@wiltshire.ac.uk

Useful links

The links below are provided to help you with deciding on your next steps.

Support and the next steps?

UCAS:

University Virtual Tours:

www.ucas.com/undergraduate

University Virtual Open Events:

www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/coronavirus-covid-19/attend-virtual-open-day

Information on the impact of Covid-19 on progression

www.ucas.com/coronavirus-update

Apprenticeships

Find an apprenticeship

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

Amazing Apprenticeships

www.amazingapprenticeships.com

Colleges:

Wiltshire College and University Centre:

www.wiltshire.ac.uk

New College, Swindon: www.newcollege.ac.uk

Swindon College: www.swindon.ac.uk/home

Cirencester College: www.cirencester.ac.uk

Bath College: www.bathcollege.ac.uk

Andover College: www.andover.ac.uk

'Where can I go for Careers Support?'

UCAS:

Information on sixth form, college, and apprenticeships

www.ucas.com/further-education

Careerpilot:

Careers information and tools for 11-19-year olds

www.careerpilot.org.uk

Adviza

www.adviza.org.uk/youngperson

The National Careers Service:

Accessible to anyone aged 13+ and living in England.

Call 0800 100 900 or visit

nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/

Work Wiltshire:

www.workwiltshire.co.uk

Young Work Wiltshire:

Supporting young people to move back into education, employment and training.

workwiltshire.co.uk/young

BBC Bitesize: Careers

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers

Young Work Wiltshire- Education, Employment and Training (EET) service for young people

This service is committed to reducing the number of 16 and 17 year olds who are not in any form of education, employment or training (NEET).

The EET service has two key priorities

- Signposting and advice for young people who are NEET to support them into jobs, further education, apprenticeships or other training.
- Tracking young people from the age of 16 years up to September after their 18th birthday as part of the September Guarantee, when all young people should have a suitable offer of education or training after they complete their GCSE year.

All young people must stay in education or training until they reach 18 (Raising the Participation Age legislation). Many young people remain in education, but some take up other options including:

- Learning at work through an apprenticeship or traineeship
- Staying in part time education or training whilst employed, self employed or volunteering for more than 20 hours per week.

Who do we support?

We can help young people from aged 16, after they leave school and up to September after their 18th birthday, who are not in any form of education or training and are unemployed. Schools, sixth forms and colleges offer information and guidance on young people's options to ensure suitable progression is made after leaving school or finishing their studies.

For some young people support is provided by other local authority teams, specifically the SEND service for young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and those working with the Youth Offending Team (YOT) or a Personal Adviser.

What do we provide?

One-to-one support for young people who need help to find the right opportunity for them. This can be face to face, by phone or online. This support includes:

- Engaging a young person in understanding the provision available
- Finding and applying for a suitable education or training course
- Finding and applying for an apprenticeship
- Job searching and application help
- CV and interview skills
- Drop-ins and job clubs from our local towns
- Support in transitioning to the new opportunity.

The benefits

We will help a young person to plan their next steps, prepare to get a job, or find and apply for the right apprenticeship, course and training.

- Explore and make the most of available options
- Make informed choices and decisions
- Provide impartial support from a dedicated Education, Employment Adviser
- Identify and seek to remove any barriers preventing next steps

We promote and encourage young people into education, employment and training.

Contact us

If you know of a young person who needs our support, contact us on **01225 716890**, email: workwilts@wiltshire.gov.uk or visit workwiltshire.co.uk/young

where you can register online for the service.

The [Young Work Wiltshire Website](#) also includes lots of information on next steps, information on learning and apprenticeships including local opportunities.