



# INFORMATION FOR YEAR 11 APPLICANTS

We know that the current coronavirus situation has led to a period of worry and uncertainty for Year 11s. At New College, our aim is to support you as much as we can and try to reassure you about your place at College. We have produced new information about our interview and enrolment processes to help.

## HOW OUR APPLICATION/INTERVIEW PROCESS WORKS

Once we receive your application, we would normally invite you in for a face-to-face advice and guidance interview. Obviously, this is no longer possible, so:

- If you have already applied to us, but have not yet had an interview, we will be conducting interviews by phone over the next few weeks. We will contact you in order to set these up.
- If you have not applied, but are still intending to, just apply online at [www.newcollege.ac.uk](http://www.newcollege.ac.uk) and wait to hear from us regarding your phone interview.

## EXAM GRADES AND COLLEGE OFFERS

You will have received some information on this from your School, now that the Government/Ofqual have released initial information on how and when grades will be awarded.

We will be accepting the GCSE grades as awarded to you by the examining bodies. Please do not worry that your place at College will be affected in any way — if you do not receive the GCSE grades which would allow you to enter a Level 3 programme, we have various study options at Level 2 and Foundation/Level 1, which then allow you to progress so there will always be something for you!

## JUNE WELCOME DAYS AND AUGUST ENROLMENT

In any normal year, we would run June Welcome Days at the end of June and then a period of August Enrolment in late August, where you would come in with proof of your grades, receive further information, advice and guidance if necessary and confirm your study programme with tutors. We have cancelled our June Welcome Days and we are now planning for an Enrolment event in late August (dependent on the coronavirus situation). We will provide further information nearer the time.

## ENGAGING WITH STUDY BETWEEN NOW AND SEPTEMBER

We fully appreciate the position that Year 11s find themselves in, effectively having left school and with no revision/exam period to focus on. We would urge you to follow any instructions that your school has provided you with, regarding what you access remotely and study between now and September. It is important that you keep your brain active and engage with the subjects you are planning to study next; this will allow you to hit the ground running when College is able to physically re-open.

We are exploring the possibility of developing transition packs for A Levels and vocational subjects to help you prepare for the next academic year — more details will follow.

## GET AHEAD PROJECT

Would you like to carry on with an education programme you can work on at home, at your own pace? (You will gain a small qualification, have the chance to interact with other people as well as earn yourself a £100 incentive payment).

**Join our online lessons** - we can set up video calls/text/email/phone calls, during normal office hours to help and guide you through the workbooks. You'll be developing soft skills like increasing confidence, developing resilience and grit and progression and you'll have less anxiety about returning to education when the time comes. We can also support you with CV writing and applying for jobs and/or Apprenticeships through this programme.

You will be put into a virtual class and given a timetable to access your online session. All sessions will be held during the afternoon. Times will be confirmed when classes are created.

If you would like to know more, please email: [getahead@newcollege.ac.uk](mailto:getahead@newcollege.ac.uk)

## CONTACT US

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our School Liaison team by emailing [enrolment@newcollege.ac.uk](mailto:enrolment@newcollege.ac.uk) or calling 01793 611470 as normal.

### Excellent results



98% overall pass rate for A Level



100% pass rate in 27 subjects



41% grades at A\*-B



71% grades at A\*-C



58% Distinctions achieved in BTEC Extended Diploma