

## **KEY INFORMATION FOR YEAR 11s**

We know that these are worrying times for our Year 11 community and their parents/carers, with uncertainty over exactly how GCSE grades are going to be awarded and when schools/colleges will be open.

We are hoping that life will have returned to some form of normality by September, and we are beginning to make plans for the next academic year. We hope to welcome many of you to study here at New College for the next stage of your education journey. Just as we've done with thousands of students before you, we can and will help you get to your dream destination — whether that's a particular career, Apprenticeship or university.

So, we're not allowing lockdown to get in the way of providing you with the information, advice and guidance you need, to help you take your next step.

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## JOIN US FOR OUR VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT ON THURSDAY 21 MAY!

We are holding our first ever Virtual Open Event on Thursday 21st May and we invite you to join us!

This event is for you - at whatever stage you are at in the decision- making journey. Whether you've not yet applied, or have already accepted a place here, this will give you the opportunity to discover more about us or have a second look. If you're a parent or carer, you're also welcome to join in.

During this Virtual Event, you'll be able to:

- View videos, footage, photos and information from a wide variety of staff and subject areas
- Get an idea of what courses we offer
- Participate in live online chats and have your questions answered on the spot
- Find out more about our facilities
- Learn about College life and our fantastic student support systems

We're asking visitors to pre-register for the event and indicate what they're interested in, in order to help us plan it more effectively for you to get the most out of it. Visit <a href="www.newcollege.ac.uk">www.newcollege.ac.uk</a> and follow the advert on the front page to pre-register.

## YEAR 11 TRANSITION WORK AND PREPARATION FOR FURTHER STUDY

It's important that you remain engaged with school work to ensure that when you attend College in September you can hit the ground running with your new study programme. We are providing preparatory content for every course we offer at A Level, Level 3, GCSE and Level 2 for you — this may take the form of projects, tasks, recommended reading material or online/TV content or other material.

You can find this at www.newcollege.ac.uk. We would encourage you to do as much as you can for those subjects which you plan to start with us.

## WHY WAIT TO APPLY?

If you can't wait until 21st May to apply, then you don't have to — you can apply online at www.newcollege. ac.uk! When we receive your application, one of our School Liaison staff will call you within a few days to set up a phone interview. We'll then make you a course offer and you'll be set to join us for Enrolment in August.

There are plenty of reasons to apply to New College, including the following:

**High quality teaching and results** - we're the top provider in Swindon and Cirencester for A Level progress and top of local colleges for 16-18 achievement rates. With over 41% of A Level grades at A\*-B and 58% Distinctions for BTEC Extended Diploma, you can be confident of getting a great education with us.

**Great destinations** - over 500 students progress to university each year; these include Oxbridge and Russell Group universities as well as popular local ones such as Bath Spa, Bristol UWE and Gloucestershire. A high number of our students also go on to jobs and Apprenticeships. Work experience and employability initiatives are a core part of every course we offer, to ensure that you develop some of the practical and softer skills needed to make you competitive in the job marketplace. Specialist career and H.E advice is on hand and we receive many visits from employers and universities.

**Wide course choice** - A Level pathways; vocational courses at Levels 1,2 and 3; Apprenticeships; GCSEs and more! Whatever grades you're awarded this Summer, we will have a course for you.

**Easy transport** - Our site on Queens Drive is very easy to get to from all parts of the region and students reach us on foot, by cycle, car, bus and train. You can find up to date information on public bus routes and numbers here, plus links to Thamesdown and Stagecoach websites for information on weekly and monthly travel passes.



