

16th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you are all well and that Year 11 students enjoyed their last day in school on Friday, 28th May.

The Department for Education have recognised that due to the process of submitting exam results, work completed after the May half term will not contribute to the grades awarded to students in the summer. However, we recognise that this is a longer break than usual before students begin the next step of their education. We are therefore encouraging students to use this time to consider some of the support available to help them prepare for their future.

For those students who will be returning to the academy to study in Sixth Form, there is an extended induction programme which will include preparatory lessons in the subjects they are going to study. We are conscious that students have had over a year of disrupted education and want to ensure that they are ready for their level 3 qualifications. The dates for this are 21st June to 2nd July. There are also several bridging opportunities available for those students planning to begin courses at college and Birmingham Metropolitan College (BMET) have shared some summer project resources with us. The resources below are hopefully a helpful starting point:

Preparing for your Future

A free online course to boost students' skills and career confidence.

<https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/employment-help-young-people/choices/online-skills-and-careerscourses/preparing-for-your-future-online-course/>

BMET Summer school - <https://www.bmet.ac.uk/summer-school/>

To help students research and continue planning for their future career, the college have produced a range of exciting activities to help the decision making process. Students can do the activities as many times as they want and the activities will be on the college website over the summer to use and prepare for the new academic year. These activities are a great way to start preparing for learning more about a future career, a course at college, testing students' knowledge and doing a great project.

Enrichment activities

These activities are on the academy webpage and additionally, accessible through Teams, there is a link to PSHE activities, looking at financial capability, careers and employability and mental health and well-being.

A variety of free online courses suggested by the National Careers Service

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/find-a-course/where-to-find-free-online-learning>

Open Learn – Free learning from the Open University - <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses>

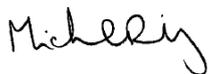
These free open university courses have been proven to increase confidence and develop the skills needed to succeed with learning. You can choose an Open Learn course from a wide range of subjects.

Ormiston Sheffield Community Academy Website – Careers Guidance

You can start using your free time to research further into your career options and build upon your skills and experience to prepare for the world of work.

If you need any further advice about your next steps, please contact the academy Aspirations/ Careers lead Zoe Harris, you can book an appointment online: <https://www.scacademy.co.uk/page/?title=Careers+Guidance+Activities+for+Year+11&pid=510>

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