



6th May 2020

Dear Students and parents,

I hope you are all well and coping with the national lock down as best as possible.

I am writing to tell you about two linked areas of interest.

Preparation for year 12.

Firstly I would like to talk about preparing for your next phase of education. Most students will be going to College later this year, and I urge them to begin studying for their courses chosen during this lockdown. There are several ways that this can be done. All students have Sam Learning accounts, and login details have been sent out in the past. Please login and make use of the videos, lessons, and assessment materials. We have also, this week, purchased logins for all students to a website called GCSE Pod. Mrs Bell will be in touch early next week with the login details for this.

Please see below for a list of other websites (anything in yellow is a link you can click) which you will find useful when preparing for College courses:

- [Khan Academy](#) - wide range of subjects and ages.
- [Futurelearn](#) - wide range of topics. You sign up for courses (many of which are free) and do a set number of hours a week.
- [TED Talks](#) - some interesting topics on here
- [BBC Bitesize](#)
- [BBC Teach](#)
- [Sheffield University Information and Digital Literacy Skills](#) - there's a lot about researching and referencing, but also information on mind maps, note-taking and presentations.
- [Public library digital content](#) - digital resources from Hampshire libraries. Amongst their collection, they have non-fiction ebooks and I'd also recommend Press Reader (loads of newspapers, including ones in other languages).

Information from Colleges.

We are now beginning to receive information from Colleges to support with the transition from year 11 to 12. We have been provided information from all colleges apart from City and Totton so far. Below is a brief summary of what we know. This information and much more will be on our dedicated year 11 page on our school website from next week. I believe all colleges are still accepting applicants, so if you have not yet applied to a college you are interested in please get on their website ASAP.

Brockenhurst. Have created a list of pre course activities and materials which can be found [here](#).

Peter Symonds. Have recently been in touch with potential students to let them know that they will be sending them an update, via email, on some pre-course work shortly. These emails began this week, and you should be receiving an email from each of your subjects with suggestions of activities to help you in advance of September. These will go out, subject by subject, so it may take a few weeks before you have the full set.



Barton Peveril. Staff have been working hard to compile a list of recommended reading, activities and other useful resources for each of their subjects, which has been shared with Year 11 offer holders within [this correspondence](#). This comprehensive document will give Year 11 students an insight into the breadth and depth of study at Barton Peveril and encourage them to begin the transition from secondary school to college education. You can view the recommended subject activities and materials [here](#).

Richard Tauntons. Have sent all of their applicants an email containing some important updates and a link to their brand new Applicant Hub. If you would like to read that email, please click the following [link](#). Their Applicant Hub contains subject specific preparation work; information about life at RTSFC; and, links to a wide array of useful resources. In the run up to September, they will update and expand the site to ensure applicants have everything they need for a successful start. If you would like to visit the Applicant Hub directly, please click the following [link](#).

Eastleigh College. Lectures have put together transition resources for year 11 pupils to complete over summer, ready for when they start their new course. All the resources can be found on their website [here](#) and will be updated on a fortnightly basis.

Sparsholt College Their expert lecturers have created a range of activities, resources and tools within the different subject areas available at Sparsholt College. They hope these will help prepare applicants for joining them in September. All applicants have already been provided with this information and are now accessing the welcome activities which will be regularly updated by our academic colleagues. The link for the welcome activities is [here](#).

Itchen College. Have now finished uploading all the materials to help current Year 11s with some preparatory activities for college – hopefully useful to you whether or not they are coming to Itchen. Everything is available on their website, but the specific link is here. There will be further additions so it will continue to develop and evolve.

We are hoping to have all of this information, and much more, on our school website before next Friday, May 14th.

Please get in touch with myself, Mr Pearson, Miss Crisell, or your tutor if we can be of any help or support at all. Remember we are still here to help you.

All the best,

Jon Colebrook
Assistant Headteacher

