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Dear Parents /Carers & Y11 pupils,

Updates from Colleges, Sixth Forms & the Careers Service

I have had correspondence from some of our post 16 providers. They are keen to reassure you that they will do all they can to ensure a smooth transition into post-16 education. I am pleased to be able to share the information I currently have.

Ashton Sixth Form

Ashton Sixth Form College have been contacting applicants and their parents directly with communications around their entry process etc. Families can keep up to date with all communications that are being sent out: <https://www.asfc.ac.uk/news>. The college's Guidance and Enrichment Manager has developed an e-enrichment programme for their students which we are able to share with Y11 Leavers and it is hoped that they will take part. Details are on the attachment that comes with this letter. Taking part will be really useful for students who are planning to attend Ashton Sixth Form College later this year (or any college in fact) or those aiming to secure an apprenticeship at the end of their school career. It may also provide a focus for those students who need a focus now that their GCSE studies are finished.

Loreto College

Each student has been contacted individually and been reassured that their offer of a place at Loreto is still available to them and secure. Loreto College will be contacting students again after Easter to offer ideas and suggestions as to how they can best prepare to become a Loreto student. Each subject area at Loreto has created a series of exciting and inspiring activities to enable all students to have an increased confidence in their subject area and engage with subject content and wider reading ahead of the new academic year. At enrolment each student will receive personalised information, advice and guidance regarding their course choices, from a highly experienced enrolment team. Loreto College are very much looking forward to supporting their Y11 students over the coming months and to welcoming them to Loreto in August. Should students have any further queries, please do not hesitate to use the 'contact us' function on the website or email office@loreto.ac.uk

Tameside College & Clarendon College

Tameside College and Clarendon Sixth Form College are keen to ensure that all Year 11 applicants are aware of the support to help them prepare for enrolment. They will guarantee all applicants a place in a college. As it is unlikely that they will be able to interview pupils in the near future they will discuss the right course and level during enrolment. There is still time for pupils to make an online application

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too, if they have not already done so, please visit: www.tameside.ac.uk or www.clarendonsixth.ac.uk. They want to reassure all applicants, who are due to start college in September, that they will be in regular contact to provide further details about starting at college. Their schools and marketing teams are available to respond to enquiries and provide guidance to applicants and their families. Email: admissions@tameside.ac.uk. They have also posted responses to frequently asked questions. Please follow this link: <http://tc.icanbe.click.gridhosted.co.uk/frequently-asked-questions/>

Unfortunately, they have cancelled a couple of events that affect school leavers and their families:

- Open evening, Monday 27th April
- Interview evening, Monday 11th May

Oldham College

Oldham College have been in touch to say that the students on the entry list will be contacted by the schools' team in the next few weeks to conduct a telephone interview. The students at offer will be contacted about coming into college, once college reopens. If students have any questions, please contact Ms Blackshaw by email on chloe.blackshaw@oldham.ac.uk.

Positive Steps

Our independent Careers Service, Positive Steps, is available every weekday (9am – 4.30pm) to offer information, advice and guidance on careers as well as concerns about finance, housing and employment. Our school contact is Ms. D. Graham. The Careers Helpline is 0800 484 0407 / 0161 621 9292. Alternatively, you can email: tamesidecareers@positive-steps.org.uk or go to the website: www.positive-steps-org.uk

'Head Start' books to prepare pupils for A Level Courses

CGP, a book company that publishes revision guides are currently offering **free** kindle editions of their 'head start' books in a limited number of subjects: **Maths, Physics, Biology and Chemistry**. They state that the:

"Head Start book is perfect for helping students get off to a flying start in (chosen subject)... and it's suitable for all exam boards! It recaps all the crucial topics they'll need to remember from GCSE, with crystal-clear study notes and examples, plus practice questions to test their understanding. What's more, we've included introductions to some of the most important A-Level topics. Brilliant for preparation work over the summer holidays!"

I hope that you will find the above information helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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