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June 2020

**ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS**



Dear Students

I hope you are all still managing to keep your spirits high in these difficult times and finding productive things to do with your time. I thought this would be a timely reminder of a few things that are scheduled for the future and keep you on track in terms of applications for your next steps.

**EXAM RESULTS**

We have sent out letters regarding exactly how your grades will be assigned however if you are still a bit confused please go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXuDOrtJY1Q> where you can watch a youtube video explaining the procedures clearly.

All results will be available on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August** and we are currently making plans for how these can be passed to you safely and within government guidance, however as you know this guidance changes frequently so we will not be able to give you the final details until much closer to the time.

**Class of 2020 PROM**

As you are aware, we have booked your Class of 2020 Prom. The date for this is **Friday October 9<sup>th</sup>** and the venue is Grand Station Wolverhampton. However as yet we have not sold enough tickets to make this viable. If you would like to join us please ensure you have bought your ticket by **12<sup>th</sup> June** via ParentPay. A few of you have asked about what will happen if the current restrictions have not been lifted by then. Please be aware, if the event is unable to go ahead due to the social distancing still being in place we will look for a timely postponement. If this is not a viable option and the Prom is unable to proceed we will reimburse monies paid for tickets.

**Leaver's Book and Hoodies**

Unfortunately, we have a very low uptake on both of these so they are not financially viable. As a consequence we are no longer able to offer either a Year book or a hoodie. I would like to thank Chelsie and all those who supported her for their efforts with this.

**Your Next Steps**

We are aware that this is an unsettling time and that until you get your GCSE results that you will not be able to make a final decision about exactly what you are going to do in September. However, to enable us to support you on and after results day and in line with government guidelines, we need to collect information on your current plans. Please complete the attached destination data form as accurately as you can and make sure you include a personal e-mail address and contact number as we will not be able to contact you using your school e-mail after 26 June 2020 (when you officially leave Dormston). **PLEASE COMPLETE THIS AND E-MAIL BACK TO MRS DAWES BY FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2020 on [ldawes@dormston.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:ldawes@dormston.dudley.sch.uk)**

## Twitter

We have launched a new Twitter account for the Careers Department at Dormston School. We will tweet all the new up-to-date careers information from local colleges, sixth forms, apprenticeship providers etc. along with any apprenticeship vacancies for you to be able to apply.

We also follow many Careers, Advice and Guidance specialists to keep you informed of all the different careers and pathways available to you.

Please look for Careers at Dormston School or @Dormstoncareers on your Twitter Account and follow us today!

We would also like to keep in touch with you all for our future Alumni Events on Twitter to share your stories and career pathways with the future generations at Dormston.

All local colleges have advice and guidance on their websites and are happy to answer any questions you may have. Some colleges have published reading material for their courses that you can make a start on now. Please keep checking their websites as new information and support is added weekly. The Black Country Skills Factory also has links to all local colleges & training providers: - <https://www.blackcountyskillsfactory.co.uk/schools/school-and-student-support-covid19/colleges--local-training-providers>

## Halesowen College – Update 1 June 2020

Have this week introduced a new 'live chat' feature on their website which anyone can use and speak to a member of their Admissions team with their queries and questions. This feature is available Monday to Friday from 8.30am until 4.30pm. Parents and prospective students can get their questions answered straight away.

They have a couple of new exciting courses which may be of interest to you:

**Access to A Levels-Level 2** - Our new 'Access to A Levels- Level 2' programme offers prospective students the chance to study a range of GCSE's in order to gain skills, understanding and entry requirements needed to study an A Level programme at Halesowen College. Students can study a range of 5 different GCSE subjects for a years programme. For more information about this course please visit <https://www.halesowen.ac.uk/study/course/access-to-a-levels--level-2/> or speak to our Admissions team on [admissions@halesowen.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@halesowen.ac.uk).

**Stuart Deeley Professional Chef Academy** – We will soon be launching an amazing new initiative 'Stuart Deeley Professional Chef Academy'. Stuart Deeley was the winner of Master Chef 2019 and a former Halesowen College student. This will be a fantastic opportunity for those learners interested in professional cookery.

## Dudley College

The main College website with all current information: <https://www.dudleycol.ac.uk/Coronavirus-Update>

You can contact Learner Services by e-mail: [learner.services@dudleycol.ac.uk](mailto:learner.services@dudleycol.ac.uk)

Live Chat is also being offered - <https://www.dudleycol.ac.uk/Live-Chat>

## Wolverhampton College

<https://www.wolvcoll.ac.uk/>

## Apprenticeships

Due to the current employment situation, any apprenticeship placements you had been offered may now not be available. **Please keep in touch with any employer that has offered you a placement to make sure that you will be able to start with them as originally planned.**

If you have applied for an Apprenticeship with a local college, your course will still be running but it may mean that you have to remain in college for your learning whilst a placement is being sourced. Again, please contact the college direct if you are unsure.

**If you are still looking for an apprenticeship, there are still placements available so keep looking - there were 68 local vacancies on the gov.uk site this morning!** You should already be registered on the government vacancy site. If not, register now and set an alert for all new vacancies. The Black Country Skills Factory also have details of local apprenticeship vacancies:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

<https://www.blackcountyskillsfactory.co.uk/apprentices/>

## Engineering Apprenticeships

**Please see below links and videos for all students interested in Apprenticeships & careers in Engineering:**

### DUDLEY REGION: IAIN COLE - DUDLEY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

<<https://nextgenmakers.acemlnb.com/lt.php?s=e173c7f33c08d366b973493fe7a124ed&i=23A70A21A110>>

Next Gen Makers caught up with Iain Cole from Dudley College, who explains options post year 11 to either study Engineering full time, or starting an Engineering & Manufacturing Apprenticeship at Dudley College.

Watch Video

<<https://nextgenmakers.acemlnb.com/lt.php?s=e173c7f33c08d366b973493fe7a124ed&i=23A70A21A110>>

### WOLVERHAMPTON REGION: NEIL DAVIES - CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COLLEGE

Neil Davies from City of Wolverhampton College explains the next steps for anybody currently looking for Engineering Apprenticeships or to study Engineering full time at College.

Watch Video

<<https://nextgenmakers.acemlnb.com/lt.php?s=e173c7f33c08d366b973493fe7a124ed&i=23A70A21A112>>

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### SANDWELL REGION: CHRIS DEMETRIOS - SANDWELL COLLEGE

Chris Demetrios, Associate Principal for Engineering at Sandwell College, joins us via a Zoom call to advise how Sandwell College will be supporting learners looking to enrol on Engineering courses and Apprenticeships during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Watch Video

<<https://nextgenmakers.acemlnb.com/lt.php?s=e173c7f33c08d366b973493fe7a124ed&i=23A70A21A116>>

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#### WALSALL REGION: STUDY FOR AN ENGINEERING CAREER - WALSALL COLLEGE

<<https://nextgenmakers.acemlnb.com/lt.php?s=e173c7f33c08d366b973493fe7a124ed&i=23A70A21A111>>

This recorded Facebook Live session discusses how students can discover the dream engineering course to match their dream engineering career; with opportunities to study engineering manufacturing, electronics, PEO and welding.

Watch Video

<<https://nextgenmakers.acemlnb.com/lt.php?s=e173c7f33c08d366b973493fe7a124ed&i=23A70A21A111>>

#### B'HAM REGION: MIKE TOWNSEND - BMET COLLEGE: APPLYING DURING COVID 19

<<https://nextgenmakers.acemlnb.com/lt.php?s=e173c7f33c08d366b973493fe7a124ed&i=23A70A21A113>>

Mike Townsend from BMet College advises how best to find and apply for Engineering Apprenticeships and Full Time courses during the Coronavirus pandemic

Watch Video

<<https://nextgenmakers.acemlnb.com/lt.php?s=e173c7f33c08d366b973493fe7a124ed&i=23A70A21A113>>

#### Virtual Work Experience -Open Week 22nd - 26th June 2020.

Launchyourcareer.com in partnership with West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), the Titan Foundation and the Career Development Institute (CDi) will be hosting the first ever Virtual Open Week to all Year 10 and 11 students within the West Midlands.

[launchyourcareer.com/virtualopenweek](http://launchyourcareer.com/virtualopenweek)



**REGULAR & RESERVE** The RAF are continuing to recruit and as with many employers they are having to adapt their application process. Please see link below for details of all job roles on offer with the RAF and how to apply:

[www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment](http://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment)

#### There are also videos that you may be interested in Find Your

Force (1min14sec) -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1sM3E4xFB0Y>

- Be Inspired (2min15sec) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jT3nRa2axFA>
- No Ordinary Job (1min1sec) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GcRI-J76bvo>
- No Room For Clichés (41sec) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILXKxe5yv3Y>
- My Two Homes (2min56sec) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X98EyRzQak8>

If you want any support or advice please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bassan, Mrs Bradnick or Mrs Dawes (even after you leave after 26 June):

Mrs Dawes ([ldawes@dormston.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:ldawes@dormston.dudley.sch.uk)) or  
Mrs Bradnick ([nbradnick@dormston.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:nbradnick@dormston.dudley.sch.uk))

Additional links can be found on the Careers Education & Guidance Section on the website. Also, should you require a one to one careers appointment this is available via our independent careers advisor Pete Small. His contact details are [Pete@theyetilt.com](mailto:Pete@theyetilt.com) 07949 345 108 and he is more than happy to be contacted so he can support as many students as possible.

Yours sincerely



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