

Our Ref: SBE/AEL

Date: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please find attached some up to date and useful information that students can be accessing for further research to help them navigate through this difficult time and still see the relevance to future jobs and careers.

1. It is not essential for every student to know what they want to do in the future. Indeed there are many jobs that don't event exist yet. However, it is useful to start thinking about their skills and qualities and how these might fit into the world of work. If there are specific careers that they are interested in they can research them in more detail and make sure that they are aware of the different pathways they can take. Any of the following websites can start them on this journey .

<https://www.startprofile.com/>

<https://icould.com/> - try the Buzz Quiz

<https://sacu-student.com/>

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

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

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/FindYourCareer>

<https://www.goconstruct.org/learn-about-construction/find-the-role-for-you/ultimate-quiz/>

2. There are many routes open to students today that can allow them to follow different education paths depending on how they learn best.

### School

<https://www.thedustonschool.org/page/?title=Sixth+Form&pid=8> the traditional 6th form route which now offers a combination of vocational (BTEC) and linear (A Levels / exam based) qualification. Students pick a range of subjects that match their interests, strengths and career goals. Successfully completing 6th form allows students to go onto university, take higher or degree apprenticeships or go straight into the world of work.

### College

Offer the more vocational route of BTEC. The level 3 courses are equivalent to 3 A Levels and allow students to go onto university, take higher and degree apprenticeships or go straight into the world of work.

Local colleges - students can still apply for courses via the online links for all colleges and interviews are being held by telephone. Check out college social media channels for more information and virtual open days.

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

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

<https://www.bedfordcollegegroup.co.uk/>

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### **Apprenticeships**

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/> whilst the number of available apprenticeships is falling at this uncertain time, funding is still guaranteed for new apprentices and once business start to go back to work these will increase again. For anyone who has managed to secure an apprenticeship to start in the next few months, please keep in regular contact with the employer.

### **University**

<https://www.ucas.com/>

<https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/>

<https://www.whatuni.com/>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/applying-for-university/getting-into-university>

Feel free to use these so you can keep your children in touch with current careers advice and guidance. If you have any questions, the school has access to a qualified impartial careers adviser Mrs H Cottom who can be contacted at [hcottom@thedustonschool.org](mailto:hcottom@thedustonschool.org)

Yours faithfully

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