

16 June 2020

Dear Year 10 Students, Parents and Carers

Firstly, we hope you are all staying safe and well. We want you to know that we are still working hard behind the scenes for Year 10 students and making sure that any decisions you make about your next steps post-GCSEs are as informed as possible.

Normally, at this time of year, we would be talking directly to many of you in school and preparing you for next year and your transition onward. However, due to the Covid-19 situation, we are unable to visit you in school so we are taking this opportunity to share some important information with you, which hopefully you will find useful.

Open Events:

Our June Open Events, taking place this Saturday 20 June for Banbury and Bicester College and next Saturday 27 June for City of Oxford College, are normally well-attended by Y10 students who are thinking about next year. These events have now become virtual, if you would like to register or see more details, please visit:

For City of Oxford College:

<https://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/events/2020/june/city-of-oxford-college-virtual-open-event>

For Banbury and Bicester College:

<https://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/events/2020/june/banbury-and-bicester-college-virtual-open-event>

College Virtual Presentation:

Even though we are currently unable to visit you in school, it is important that you still get all of the information you need to make these important decisions and we are providing alternative ways to ensure this happens. One of which, is our narrated college virtual presentations - they give a real insight into college life:

For City of Oxford College follow this link: <https://youtu.be/EklbvcJBnmI>

For Banbury and Bicester College follow this link: <https://youtu.be/wDI61F1Is8>

If you have any questions after watching the presentation, please visit our website as it has details of all of the courses we offer, with entry requirements and shows all of the amazing facilities that you will be able to use at our Colleges: <https://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/>

T Levels:

We'll soon be introducing T Levels, the next level qualifications which offer an alternative to A levels or Apprenticeships. With T Levels, you will learn the skills that employers need in the classroom and have the opportunity to put those skills into practice in an industry placement. For more information about these new and exciting qualifications, please follow this link: <https://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/study/what-to-study/t-levels-technical-education>

Apprenticeships:

If you are considering an Apprenticeship or want to find out more information, please follow this link for further details and to see a current list of Activate Apprenticeship vacancies: <https://activateapprenticeships.co.uk/>

Take care and best wishes

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