

Careers IAG News



Careers Update June 2020

I know that it has been incredibly difficult recently, COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has affected everyone and in these unprecedented times, things can seem unsettling, uncertain and confusing.

The Government has announced that all GCSE exams are cancelled and how they calculate your grades are explained on the gov.uk website.

For students who have applied for a college in Hampshire, Surrey and surrounding areas, the colleges are doing everything they can to ensure a smooth application process. Each individual college is making their own contingency plans and will be in touch with every applicant.

All colleges are still accepting applications for courses starting in September 2020, with these being processed as normal.

I am still available to provide impartial information, advice and guidance about post 16 options. So please feel free to contact me either via email or telephone.

Colleges have no intention of withdrawing any of their courses as a result of the Coronavirus, so please continue to make preparations for college as usual.

If you have applied for a course but not yet been interviewed, colleges are continuing to arrange for these to happen by phone and staff will be in touch with you soon.

Even if you haven't already visited the college at an open event or taster day, don't worry! You will get the chance to take part in orientation days within your first week, so you will very quickly get to know where everything is. And even if you get a bit lost to start with, you can ask anyone for help. Staff at the colleges are very friendly and eager to help!

If you haven't been to one of the college open events, there is still a chance you can still attend and colleges hope to be able to arrange these in June or July, due to current circumstances, these events are likely to take form of virtual online events. Rest assured, you will still get to speak to your tutor if you have any questions before you start in September.

Contacts:

FCOT – admissions@farn-ct.ac.uk

You can also find out more about what's happening at the college on their website

www.farn-at.ac.uk/news

Guildford College – Tel: 0800 612 6008

www.guildford.ac.uk/NewsEvents/CollegeNews

Alton College - <https://www.hsdac.ac.uk/contact-us/>

Don't forget... while it's a shame you can't visit your chosen college at the moment, there will be a time when you can and there's so much to look forward to when you join them.

We are all so extremely proud of the current year 11s they have achieved so much this year. Currently 99% of our students have applied for college placements and have been accepted. Two of our students have chosen a level 1 course in carpentry/joinery. Two students have applied for a supported internship and will continue their work experience placements and attend college ... an amazing achievement. Well done!

More news...

Unfortunately, the **Life After The Abbey Event** will need to be postponed and also the year 10 Work experience. I hope that we will be able to rearrange these and that some of our year 10's will be able to experience some work experience in the near future...

If you would like to discuss the above, or have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me @ vvisioli@abbey.surrey.sch.uk.

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