

The Lancashire Colleges' bridging offer for Y11 learners, summer 2020 (updated 18.5.20)

College	Y11 bridging offer
<p>Blackburn College</p> <p>Contact: Schools Liaison team sl@blackburn.ac.uk</p>	<p>Blackburn College is still open for applications online for 2020. Year 11s can visit www.blackburn.ac.uk/apply to complete their application to a large number of courses including Vocational/Technical, A-Level and Apprenticeship programmes available online at www.blackburn.ac.uk.</p> <p>The College is not conducting face-to-face interviews with Year 11s at this time. Instead, offers of places will be made based on a students' predicted grades. When results are known in August, additional transition activities and interviews will take place to ensure students are enrolled on the right programme of study for them.</p> <p>The College is currently preparing activities that, where appropriate, Year 11s can engage with over the next months ahead of their College course. These will be shared with all applicants.</p> <p>The College's scheduled New Students' Day will take place virtually.</p> <p>Support is available from our dedicated Schools Liaison team for pupils requiring one to one advice at this time. Please email sl@blackburn.ac.uk. One to One Careers Advice is also available remotely by our dedicated Careers team contact careers@blackburn.ac.uk</p>
<p>Blackpool & The Fylde College</p> <p>Contact: School Liaison Team school-liaison@blackpool.ac.uk</p> <p>https://www.blackpool.ac.uk/support</p>	<p>Our School Liaison Team have been putting together short information videos on topics such as next steps, how to apply, college life, etc. and these have been going on social media and distributed to schools to share with current Yr 11s. The School Liaison Team are continuing to communicate with our contacts in the high schools, i.e. career leads. in order to answer any questions or queries and be on hand for any student referrals.</p> <p>We have a comprehensive FAQs section on our website dedicated to applicants and you can still apply online. https://www.blackpool.ac.uk/coronavirus/applicants. We have sent e-comms informing applicants about interviews with tips on how to prepare. Staff in our curriculum areas continue to conduct student interviews remotely. Curriculum colleagues have been devising tasks, reading lists, useful website links and activities to be sent direct to applicants and via schools to distribute.</p> <p>We have sent a Covid-19 update letter with FAQs to all applicants/ parents/ guardians. Our Admissions team have been calling any new applicants to discuss next steps and to answer any questions they may have. Our Marketing team have been posting lots of information on social media relating to careers advice, admissions support and financial support. Alongside health and well-being hints and tips.</p>

	<p>We have been working with Blackpool Council in terms of the Careers Journey and helping to build a section on U Explore (Start) with videos for applicants on careers, college life, post-16 options, etc. Our Careers Team continue to provide a service remotely by offering advice on different aspects such as career, university, finance.</p> <p>We are finalising a virtual open event for May which will include general college information as well as provide an opportunity for applicants to engage with curriculum colleagues in a webchat format.</p>
<p>Blackpool Sixth</p> <p>Contact: Jon McLeod, Head of Admissions, Liaison and Marketing</p> <p>jmcleod@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk</p>	<p>We are providing all our year 11 applicants with reading and learning materials relevant to the subjects they have chosen to study when they join us. This has been provided on a dedicated 'hub' on our website. We have also shared this information extensively through social media and email. Applicants can also access material from the full range of subjects, so that if they have changed their mind about the subject/s they want to study they will be able to access the new subject materials.</p> <p>We are also planning on-line new student days to be delivered in July which will provide a wide range of opportunities for applicants to find out more about their courses, extra-curricular opportunities and the support we offer. We are also considering summer schools, although this is in the early stages of discussion. In addition to all this, there are, of course, the transition arrangements for the high need and vulnerable students which are being pursued on an individual basis by our Additional Learning Support team.</p> <p>We are still accepting online applications. Year 11 applicants are all being interviewed via email and/or phone if they had not already had their face-to-face interview before the lockdown period began. Our Admissions team are also handling enquiries from applicants and using social media posts and emails for more general advice and support about making a successful transition to college as well as career planning.</p> <p>We are working with Blackpool Council to enhance the on-line Career Journey materials on Start Blackpool.</p>
<p>Burnley College</p> <p>Contact: Schools Liaison Team</p> <p>admissions@burnley.ac.uk</p>	<p>We are maintaining communication with applicants, alleviating any fears about those crucial next steps into FE and also share some exciting activities with them to take part in as part of the wider College experience. All applicants have been invited to a Facebook group for their chosen subject areas - on this page they communicate with other applicants and tutors, as well as receive important updates relating to their course. This is where bridging work is posted, so it's really important that the students are joining these relevant pages.</p> <p>Applicants engage with fascinating insights from their future tutors through a suite of online subject packs that they complete from now to over the summer. The packs include links to videos made by tutors that introduce new students to the teaching team and the exciting topics they will study as well as providing interesting and engaging activities linked to the subject. For example; Film and Media students can watch key scenes from films and then begin to analyse what they have seen, Maths students can try their hand at puzzles and Engineering students can utilise industry standard software to give them a head start on CAD and CAM drawing. These opportunities are provided for all course areas enabling curious Year 11s the opportunity to find out lots more about the course they have chosen and interact with their tutors.</p>

	<p>We are also working on a range of interactive activities which will be available over the summer period, such as a 'Staycation' pack, a way of being able to travel the world, see new sights and experience new cultures, all from the safety of their own home. The Burnley College student experience is a key part of the personal growth and development of our students, and we are really excited to be able to bring this to life for our applicants, before they start with us. It's another opportunity to 'meet' new friends and classmates and get involved in College life. As always individual students or schools can contact the schools liaison teams to ask questions via a form on our website https://www.burnley.ac.uk/adviceandguidance, via email, admissions@burnley.ac.uk or on the phone 01282 733322 and students can still apply on-line. https://www.burnley.ac.uk/Sixth-Form-Home</p>
<p>Cardinal Newman College</p> <p>Contact: Kirsty Smythe, Marketing Admissions and Communications</p> <p>ksmythe@cardinalnewman.ac.uk</p>	<p>Applicants can access 'Newman Beginnings' which is a Microsoft Teams site providing access to material from all of the subjects studied at the college. New content, reading lists, tasks and useful links for their subject areas are being added on a daily basis, with access to asking questions to curriculum staff about their chosen subject. For more details on Newman Beginnings visit www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk</p> <p>Year 11 are still able to apply to the college via the online application form: https://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/apply/</p> <p>Once an application has been submitted the Admissions Team will be in touch with regards to a telephone interview and to discuss next steps.</p> <p>We would also encourage applicants to get in touch with us via email admissions@cardinalnewman.ac.uk or social media should they have any questions about their place at college.</p>
<p>Lancaster & Morecambe College</p> <p>Contact:</p> <p>Iain Parkinson: Director of Curriculum & Innovation, i.parkinson@lmc.ac.uk</p> <p>Maggie Dodd: Director of Personal Development & Welfare, m.dodd@lmc.ac.uk</p> <p>Charlotte Rawes: Director of Apprenticeships & Employer Engagement, c.rawes@lmc.ac.uk</p>	<p>College curriculum teams will provide Y11 applicants with a series of on-line sessions that can be accessed on a roll on roll off basis across the summer. These sessions will introduce a range of topics across the differing levels with learners able to select, according to their September intent, the sessions most relevant. Completed work will be submitted and feedback provided as required.</p> <p>Applications can still be made online and learners can keep in touch via social media. The college is running virtual open days and a remote interview service plus high school transition meetings and pastoral / safeguarding support services will be provided remotely.</p> <p>On-site sessions will be introduced as and when we see a loosening of restrictions, based on the current welcome and taster day sessions these will be more focused on the expected level of entry per learner.</p>

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<p>Myerscough College</p> <p>Contact: Stuart Davidson, Director of Marketing</p> <p>sdavidson@myerscough.ac.uk</p> <p>marketing@myerscough.ac.uk</p>	<p>The college are in contact with Careers/Progression and IAG contacts at NW schools, providing information about applications received as well as reassurances regarding college applications processes etc.</p> <p>We are holding Virtual Open Mornings, the next one is planned for Saturday 6th June and students can still apply online.</p> <p>Our central Admissions and Marketing function has sent a range of communications directly to applicants (relating to their applications), trying to keep them up to speed with things like accommodation bookings, financial support and enrolment information. We're now starting to take that further and have asked individual departments to put together a series of interventions for their Year 11 applicants this will include a mix of IAG, curriculum and careers-based activities along with some elements of pre-teaching to keep Yr11s reasonably engaged.</p> <p>We're also asking all applicants to keep a close eye on our social media channels where departments are posting examples of additional learning activities alongside their core online teaching via our VLE. Finally, we've got LiveChat facilities on our website seven days per week (for students, parents and teachers) plus online careers advice sessions and engagement in other online careers events.</p>
<p>Nelson & Colne College / Accrington & Rossendale College</p> <p>Contact: Fionnuala Swann, Assistant Principal</p> <p>f.swann@nelsongroup.ac.uk</p>	<p>Students can still apply online for a place at our colleges.</p> <p>Curriculum teams have devised a whole range of tasks, with the aim of supporting students get prepared to study their chosen course.</p> <p>They range from Ted Talks and documentaries, to virtual tours of museums, projects and skill building. These resources will be ready for circulation to schools and as an eshot directly to Y11s in the next few days.</p>
<p>Preston's College</p> <p>Contact:</p> <p>Debbie Ireland, Head of Curriculum, DIreland@preston.ac.uk</p>	<p>Sprint Start programme – we have developed provision in our VLE (Canvas) which will enable young people to develop their knowledge of technical programmes, whilst engaging in preparatory learning activity in readiness for their course at college. We are in the process of giving direct access to all learners who have applied for either a study programme or an apprenticeship and will also be inviting all schools to promote across their Y11 cohorts.</p> <p>We are linking in with local schools to support the transition of Y11s to college.</p>

<p>David Elliot, Recruitment and Progression Manager, DElliot@preston.ac.uk</p> <p>Mick Noblett, Vice Principal, mnoblett1@preston.ac.uk</p>	<p>Students can still apply online and we have continued to conduct interviews following the receipt of applications, including by Zoom and phone. We have a planned communication programme with all applicants, and these will involve 'welcome events' to be held virtually in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Our Schools Liaison Manager holds a daily 'drop-in' service for young people and their parents to discuss transition arrangements / respond to questions and queries. This continues to popular, particularly with parents.</p> <p>We have made our 'Career Coach' programme available to all Y11 pupils. This is an excellent on-line resource which provides rich information about careers, salaries and the demand for skills. It also supports individuals in creating things like their CV and personal statement.</p> <p>For those in need of financial support our bursary portal is open for prospective learners to apply. Staff are on hand by phone and email to offer support and guidance with the process helping to provide reassurance that the appropriate financial support is in place, prior to a learner starting college.</p>
<p>Runshaw College</p> <p>Contact: justask@runshaw.ac.uk</p>	<p>The college website is being regularly updated with links to a wealth of useful resources to help students to prepare for both academic and vocational courses. https://www.runshaw.ac.uk/study-at-runshaw/exciting-links-for-year-11-students/</p> <p>You can still apply online at https://apply.runshaw.ac.uk/</p>
<p>St Mary's College, Blackburn</p> <p>Contact: Emily Paterson, Marketing and Events Coordinator</p> <p>e.paterson@stmarysblackburn.ac.uk</p> <p>Admissions Team admissions@stmarysblackburn.ac.uk</p>	<p>St Mary's College, Blackburn have launched their 'Out of the Blocks' campaign which is a dedicated Hub hosted on the college website for all Year 11 students. The hub can be found here https://www.stmarysblackburn.ac.uk/year-11-hub</p> <p>The hub acts as a one stop shop for all Year 11s to ensure their transition from Year 11 to Year 12 at St Mary's College runs as smoothly as possible. The hub includes information about the forthcoming virtual New Student Day, helpful careers quizzes, websites, CV and interview prep guides, our FAQ page along with a selection of reading materials for Parents. The Courses information section is ever expanding to include reading lists, online resources, introduction activities & videos and further information for each of our individual courses and level of study.</p> <p>The hub will be shared directly with all applicants via emails, newsletters & text, school contacts via the Marketing and Liaison Team and prospective students across social media, email, and various digital activity channels.</p> <p>Students who have applied for St Mary's have also been receiving regular e-newsletters and social media channels are kept up to date daily with announcements, useful information, videos, links and much more. Live chat on Facebook and inviting questions across other social media channels is proving popular and is being controlled by the Marketing Team who offer quick and efficient response times to all online questions.</p>

	<p>We are still accepting applications for September 2020 across our A Level and Vocational Courses. The Admissions Team are conducting over the phone interviews and are on hand to answer any questions for current and new applicants or parents.</p>
<p>West Lancs College</p> <p>Contact: Dawn Hughes, Schools Liaison Manager dawn.hughes@westlancs.ac.uk</p>	<p>Year 11 applicants have been sent various information, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Careers Coach - pupils can access this online package from home and can get started on their CVs and also carry out research on the career they are interested in. • Introduction email from their course Tutor, invite to Teams/Zoom groups so they are able to be in touch with their Tutor and class prior to joining • Student Support Information <p>They have been emailed bridging work for the course area they have applied for in preparation for their transition to college in September. This consists of various research tasks related to their course that will help engage and prepare for their future studies.</p> <p>In addition, applicants have been emailed specific links to the WLC website relevant to the course they applied for. These course pages provide useful information on course content, Tutor contacts, course enhancements, alumni etc so they start to feel a part of the college prior to joining us.</p> <p>Finally, we are planning a series of short virtual events that pupils will be invited to attend including, Choosing West Lancs College – what to expect, Applying to College, Learner Services – how we will support you, Become an Apprentice, Develop your CV & interview skills (Apprentices).</p> <p>Students can still apply online and our Admissions Team is available online to answer any question or queries pupils may have through these uncertain times. They can be contacted via admissions@westlancs.ac.uk and can request a phone call if required.</p>

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