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Year 11

Life post Noadswood

All local colleges are now accepting online applications for September 2020 and pupils should apply through respective college websites as soon as possible and, ideally, no later than the 30th November 2019. It is possible to apply to more than one college, allowing a final decision to be taken next year and many pupils do this.

When completing college applications, pupils will need to create a username and password in addition to providing an email address. A suitable and professional sounding personal email address should be used in all college communication. **Pupils should not use school email addresses as these will not be available after the end of Year 11.** Colleges will send all correspondence electronically, it is important that junk folders are checked regularly and that college email addresses are placed on a safe recipient list.

Some colleges, including Barton Peveril and Brockenhurst, will require pupils to write a personal statement as part of their application. An information sheet advising on how to write a personal statement is available to download from the Careers page on FROG.

Open Evenings

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| • Brockenhurst College | Saturday 16 th November |
| • Brockenhurst College Maritime & Construction | Thursday 21 st November |
| • Richard Tauntons Sixth Form College | Thursday 28 th November |
| • Peter Symonds College | Thursday 25 th October |
| • Southampton City College | Saturday 9 th November |
| • Southampton City College | Thursday 21 st November |
| • Totton College | Tuesday 12 th November |
| • Barton Pevril Sixth Form | Already taken place |

College Interviews

College interviews will commence immediately after half-term.

Brockenhurst College will be interviewing pupils at Noadswood School on:

- Wednesday 6 November
- Tuesday 26 November
- Tuesday 7 January
- Wednesday 12 February

Further dates may be arranged subject to demand but are not guaranteed. Pupils will receive a message via their tutor and via their school email address to tell them the time and location of their interview at school.

For other colleges, pupils will be expected to make their own travel arrangements to whichever college they have applied to. Should this be in school time, authorised absence will be granted for the duration of the interview providing a copy of the college email and/or letter is shown to the pupil's Tutor or House Leader in advance of the interview taking place.

Apprenticeships

For those pupils who may be considering an apprenticeship, further information can be found at www.getingofar.gov.uk . Most apprenticeship applications will not commence until January 2020.

All young people must now remain in education or training until their 18th birthday, those wishing to obtain an apprenticeship need to make sure they have also applied for a full-time college back-up option.

Unsure of what to do next

It's really important that pupils discuss what they are thinking about doing next year and start the application process before the Year 11 Mock Exams start, they can book additional Careers appointments with Mr Lewis, as well as discuss their plans with their Tutor and House Leaders.