

# Year 11

It is vitally important that you still apply for college if you have not already done so. Please follow the information and guidance below to do this. Any questions then email Miss Cunningham ([mcunningham1@cas.coop](mailto:mcunningham1@cas.coop)) or Miss Mckenna ([rmckenna@cas.coop](mailto:rmckenna@cas.coop))

## Newcastle College

If you still need to apply please click on the following the link:

<https://nscg.ac.uk/apply>

***If you have already applied to Newcastle college then please click the link below to find out an update on what will be happening due to the COVID-19 situation:***

<https://nscg.ac.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-advice/advice-for-prospective-students>

## Stoke Sixth Form

If you still need to apply please click on the following the link:

<https://apply.stokesfc.ac.uk/website/sotapps/Default.aspx>

***If you have already applied to Stoke Sixth form then please read below the advice they have given:***

We would like to take this opportunity to ensure all students who would like to make an application to the College/ have already made an application to join the College in September understand the following;

### Applying to the College

Please encourage students to complete an online application via the College's website. As it stands we are still following the same internal process with regards to new applications. Once applied, applicants will receive an email with their scheduled First Course Discussion (FCD) appointment. Applicants will also receive regular communications from the College via email and will be able to ask any questions via Cedar (Internal College Comms).

### First Course Discussions (FCD)

Had a FCD - Students offer letters and their place to study at the College from September is not affected. We do not operate on a first come, first serve basis and we treat every student on their own individual merit. We will be following the Government guidance with regards to

cancelation of the summer examinations and continue to update students with further information.

Awaiting a FCD - For now, all FCDs will still take place however they will now take place as a telephone interview rather than face-to-face. We trialled this for FCDs on Thursday 19th March and it worked well. We have emailed all prospective students awaiting a FCD explaining the new process.

Students awaiting an appointment can expect a telephone call from a member of our friendly Interview Team on the date and time of their scheduled appointment.

Missed FCDs - We will reschedule any missed appointments directly with students. As above students will receive a phone call.

## Stoke-on-Trent College

If you still need to apply please click on the following the link:

<https://www.stokecoll.ac.uk/> (Click on the apply button on the right of the page)

***If you have already applied to Stoke-on-Trent college then please read below the advice they have given:***

1. Postponement of interview and enrolment activity (move to online interviews?)

All applicants have a guaranteed place at Stoke on Trent College. We will contact all applicants, and in the meanwhile, we are still open dealing with application enquiries and can be reached by either phone or email.

2. Securing their place on their course from September without an interview

If you have already applied to the College for a place in September, please be assured that your application has been processed and your place is guaranteed.

If you have applied to the College but have changed your mind about the course you wish to study, please contact our Admissions Team on 01782 60 or email [info@stokecoll.ac.uk](mailto:info@stokecoll.ac.uk) so that we can ensure your details are reserved against the correct course.

If you have not yet applied to College, don't worry, you still have time to put in an application. All applications received are guaranteed a place in September. Someone will be in touch with you about your application and also be sure to look out for our next open event.

### 3. Postponement or cancellation of open events

Please continue to monitor the college website and social media. We will continue to post updates, and you will be contacted.

## Year 10

Year 10 you were obviously meant to be attending your college experience days this summer. These will obviously no longer happen so it will be really important that you attend Open Evenings when you come back in Year 11. We will get these dates out to you.

What you can be doing now though is having a look on the colleges websites and looking into apprenticeships if this is the route you want to go down. Many of these providers will have an Instagram account you can follow just so you can see what options are available to you.

All the links you need are below!

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### **Newcastle-under-Lyme College**

Click [here](#) to view the NULC website

Map and directions

The College is within walking distance of Newcastle town centre and on a range of bus routes. To view a map and directions to the new college click [here](#)

### **Stoke on Trent College**

Click [here](#) to view the Stoke on Trent College website

Map and directions

The college is split on to two separate sites, in Burslem and Caudon. Click [here](#) to find out how to get to both campuses.

## **City of Stoke on Trent 6th Form College**

Click [here](#) to view the City of Stoke on Trent 6th Form College website

Map and directions

Click [here](#) to find out how to get to the City of Stoke on Trent 6th Form College.

## **Reaseheath**

Click [here](#) to view the Reaseheath website

## **Other Training Providers**

### **PM Training**

Click [here](#) to view the PM Training website

### **Total People**

Click [here](#) to view the Total People website

### **Juniper Training**

Juniper Training are a full time education provider. They are a work based alternative for young people that do not wish to go to 6th Form or college. Juniper Training provide both apprenticeships and pre apprenticeship courses.

On Friday May 1st from 2pm they are having a virtual open day where young people will get an overview of what they offer, meet some of the tutors and students as well as a virtual tour of one of the centres.

To be part of this virtual tour sign up by clicking the following link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRdZbbx7V3c>.

## **Apprenticeships**

### **What is an apprenticeship?**

An apprenticeship is a real job with training which would allow you to earn while they learn, whilst gaining a nationally recognised qualification.

### **Apprenticeship levels**

There are various levels of apprenticeship you could apply for depending on their current skills and qualifications. Apprenticeships have equivalent educational levels:

Name	Level Equivalent	Educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grades A* to C or 9 to 5
Advanced	3	2 A level passes
Higher	4,5,6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

All apprenticeships will include elements of on the job and off the job training leading to industry recognised standards or qualifications. Some apprenticeships will require an assessment at the end of the programme to assess the apprentice's ability and competence in their job role.

### **Benefits of doing an apprenticeship**

- Earning a salary
- Training in the skills employers want
- Excellent progression opportunities, whether looking to study further or climb the ranks within the workplace
- Increased future earning potential
- Apprentices enjoy marked salary increases when they complete their training, and those completing a higher apprenticeship could see increased earnings of an estimated £150,000 over their lifetime
- Learning at a pace suited to the individual with the support of a mentor

- Paid holiday

### **Entry requirements**

Apprenticeships are available to anyone over the age of 16, living in England. There are different entry requirements depending on the sector and job.

### **Applying for an apprenticeship**

At any one time there are up to 28,000 apprenticeship vacancies available on the 'Find an apprenticeship' site in a variety of careers and industries across England. Visit [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) and search 'Find an apprenticeship'. You can search by keyword (job role, occupation type or apprenticeship level) and by location. Once the right job comes up, you can simply register on the website and follow the step by step instructions to apply for the role. The "How to apply" film has useful hints and tips on applying. To see this and other films on apprenticeships visit Youtube and search apprenticeships/NAS.

### **Not quite ready for an apprenticeship or job?**

You could try a traineeship with a local employer to gain valuable work experience and the opportunity to improve their English and maths, if needed. Visit [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) and search 'traineeships' for more information or to apply for traineeship opportunities.

### **Useful websites:**

Search for apprenticeships: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Information for parents and students: <http://www.getingofar.gov.uk/apprenticeships>