



Year 11 - Preparing for your next steps!

Tips and advice for moving on
from school - May 2020

Hi Year 11s!

I hope you are staying safe and well!

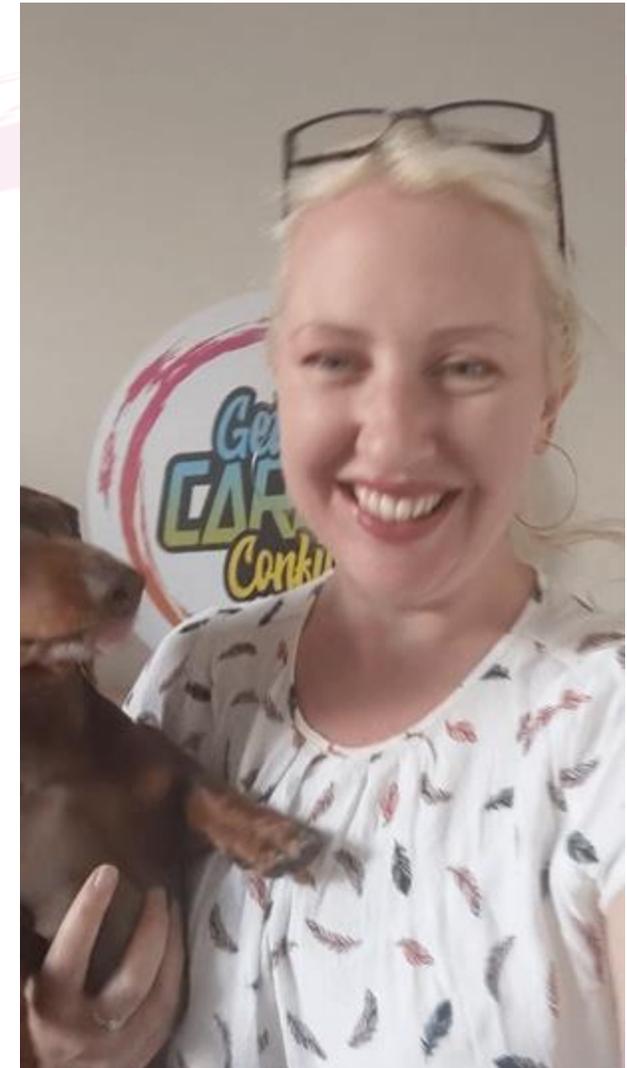
I know life might feel very uncertain at the moment so I wanted to give you some key information to make sure you are as prepared as possible for your next steps!

Work through the next few pages, watch the videos relevant to you and make sure you are feeling confident for whatever the future holds!

Take care,

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What we are going to cover

1. Top Tips for Everyone
2. Going to College Checklist
3. On Results Day
4. What to expect at College
5. Want to do an Apprenticeship?
6. Remember - this won't be forever!





1. Top Tips for Everyone

1. The most important thing right now is to stay safe and sane. Have a read of [Unicef's top tips](#).
2. Be kind to yourself. Even small achievements count! Listen to Lizzo's [advice](#)!
3. Keep working - learning online is different and it can be difficult to stay motivated but remember the work still counts and your brain and future you, will thank you! Bored? Then watch our [video](#) for suggestions for free online courses and read our Boredom Breakers [handout](#).
4. If you haven't made solid plans for September, now is the time to do it! Watch our [videos](#) (choose year 11 from drop down list) to remind you of your options. If the pandemic has made you question your decision for September, have a watch of our [video](#) (available mid May).
5. Get help from Get Career Confident! Keep up to date on [Instagram](#), watch our [videos](#) and sign up for an [interview](#) for more help.

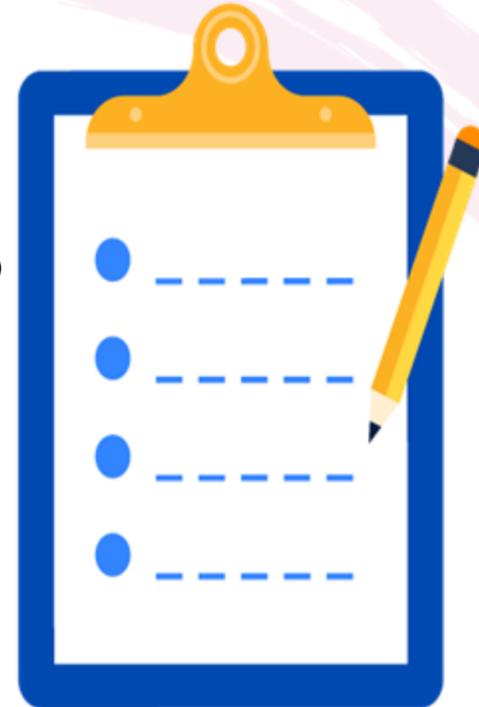




2. Going to College Checklist

Have you?

1. Checked you've received a confirmation email/letter from the college. If not then contact them to check. If you have, make sure you accept your place!
1. Made sure ALL your school work is complete - watch [this](#) for some online learning tips. Try and keep engaged with your chosen subjects, so you are up to speed for when classes start. Your college may send you pre college work packs so look out for that!
1. Got the basics sorted? That includes a sensible email address, checked with the college if you can get a travel bursary (free money!) and if you need any specific equipment for your course, bought an [NUS card](#) (for loads of great student discounts), and set up a bank account.





3. On Results Day

If you get the results you were expecting:

Yay off you go to college to do your planned courses!

If you don't get the results you were expecting:

If you were planning on doing a Level 3 course (A Levels or L3 BTEC) then you generally need at least 5 subjects at grade 4/5 and above. If you haven't achieved that, then call the college immediately. They may still be able to let you on to the course or they will give you an alternative option e.g. retakes of Maths or English alongside A Levels or a year of Level 2 course.

There is also the possibility of appealing your grades or taking exams in the autumn. Read more about that [here](#).

Do not despair there are ALWAYS options!

For more information have a read of [this](#).





4. What to Expect at College



1. Remember everyone is new! Smile, be friendly and talk to everyone - you never know who will become your people!
2. You will have much more responsibility for your own learning - teachers won't push you like at school. Put the effort in but also ask when you need help!
3. Treat teachers with respect - be on time and ready to learn. Remember you'll need them to write your references for jobs and university!
4. Keep track of your notes and on top of college communications. You won't get as many reminders as at school so get those deadlines in the diary!
5. Make the most of opportunities offered: work experience, clubs, teams. These are all ways to help you develop, learn new skills and demonstrate your motivation all valuable for when you move on to your next steps after college.



5. Want to do an Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships

1. Watch our [video](#) giving an overview of apprenticeships.
2. Watch our [videos](#) showcasing some local apprenticeships (write 'apprenticeship' in the search box).
3. Download this [guide](#). It is very thorough and it will cover everything you need to know as well as help you to start searching for and applying to apprenticeships.
4. Watch our [video](#) on how to choose an apprenticeship and the video on [how to find one](#).
5. Don't forget to apply for a college place as a backup. Especially this year, there will be less apprenticeships available so make sure you have something set up for September (you can always start an apprenticeship instead if you find one!)
6. When you start your apprenticeship make sure you get your discount [card](#).

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