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# Year 11 - Preparing for Next Steps

Tips and advice to help  
parents/carers of year 11s support  
their child

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## What we are going to cover

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2. Going to College Checklist
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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. Mental Health is paramount - have a read of [Unicef's top tips](#).
2. Be kind to yourself and your child. Home schooling is tough and everyone's doing the best they can.
3. Work out what will help focus and [motivate](#) your child. Even small [achievements](#) count!
4. Bored teen at home? Encourage them to watch our [video](#) for suggestions of free online courses and to read our Boredom Breakers [handout](#).
5. Students with no solid plans for September can watch our [videos](#) (choose year 11 from drop down list) for a reminder of options.
6. Get help from Get Career Confident! Encourage your child to read the student version of this [presentation](#), keep up to date on [Facebook](#), and book an [interview](#).





## 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 your child has accepted their place!
2. Made sure ALL their school work is complete - watch [this](#) for some online learning tips. Try and keep your child engaged with their chosen subjects, so they are up to speed for when classes start. The college may send pre college work packs so look out for that!
3. Got the basics sorted? That includes a sensible email address, checked with the college if you can get a travel bursary and if there is any specific equipment required for the course, bought an [NUS card](#) (for student discounts), and set up a bank account.





### 3. On Results Day

**If they get the results they were expecting:**

Off you go to college to do the planned courses.

**If they don't get the results they were expecting:**

If they 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 they haven't achieved that, then call the college immediately. They may still be able to let them on to the course or they will offer an alternative option e.g. retakes of Maths 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](#).**



THE RESULTS ARE IN...



## 4. What to Expect at College



Some things to share with students:

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 show you how 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 make sure students apply for a college place as a backup. Especially this year, there will be less apprenticeships available so make sure your child has something set up for September (they can always start an apprenticeship instead if they find one!)
6. When they start your apprenticeship make sure they get their discount [card](#).

# Remember this won't be forever!

