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Dear parents, carers and students

I hope that you are all enjoying the summer so far and that our Year 11 students have been able to make the most of the opportunities over the last fortnight linked with post-16 opportunities.

I am writing to draw your attention to a brilliant set of activities that have been put together for this year's Year 11, considering the impact of COVID and the summer weeks ahead before they begin their post-16 courses. The SomersetWorks portal can be found here: <https://somersetworke.vfairs.com/>.

SomersetWorks is a fully funded project set up by Somerset County Council, which has a huge range of opportunities available, all of which can be found on their website. The programme is being circulated to you all with this letter. Key activities that I think could be really appreciated by and beneficial for some of our students include some A-Level Conference Days, held at different colleges from 22 to 25 June and also some outdoor activity days at Kilve and Charterhouse, helping students develop resilience and boost confidence.

There is a SomersetWorks Hub every week in Taunton on a Thursday from 10.00am until 1.00pm, where students can drop in and find out more about the programmes and activities on offer. The Hub is held at Taunton Somerset Skills & Learning Centre, Courtenay House, Blackbrook Park Avenue, Taunton, TA1 2PX.

All of the activities are totally free of charge, include free transportation if needed and also include free lunch if it is an all-day activity.

Do feel free to explore the website using the link above, read over the programmes available and get booked in. You will need to register on the website and then can select any aspects of the programme you would like to do.

This programme has only been set up for this academic year, after the challenges of COVID and in an effort to ensure this cohort is well prepared for the next stage of their lives.

Please get in touch with me at school if you would like any further guidance or have questions.

Yours sincerely



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