

13 May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, the leavers' day for Year 11 this year is 24 May. This is earlier than in previous years and we know that many students are not ready to leave school fully. Furthermore, we are aware that because of the impact of COVID-19 and the two lockdowns many students have genuine worries about going to college and starting new courses.

As a result of this, we have worked with the two biggest local colleges, Richard Huish College and Bridgwater & Taunton College to develop a programme for enhanced transition for students.

This programme will kick off with two assemblies:

Assembly for students going to Richard Huish:

Thursday 20 May 11.30am in the Main Hall

Assembly for students going to BTC:

Thursday 20 May 2.00pm in the Main Hall

Date	Time	Subject	Notes	Room
Tuesday 25 May	11.30-12.30	Head Start Project support	This is an open session for students going to Richard Huish who would like support with their Head Start Project	Library
Wednesday 26 May	9.10-10.10	Sport and PE	Sport and PE careers talk for both RHC and BTC students	T4
	10.10-11.10	PE	Open PE session for all students	Sports Hall
	10.10-11.10	RHC and BTC Drop-in session	Meet RHC and BTC staff and ask questions if you have any queries about anything	Library
Thursday 27 May	10.10-11.10	Maths	Maths pre-learning session for students going on to study Maths A Level	J17
	11.30-12.30	Head Start Project support	Open session	Library
Friday 28 May	10.10-11.10	RHC and BTC Drop-in session	Meet RHC and BTC staff and ask questions if you have any queries about anything	Library
	11.30-12.30	PE	Open PE session for all students	Sports Hall

Tuesday 8 June	10.10-11.10	Geography (with RHC staff)	Geography pre-learning session for students going on to study Geography A Level	S4
	2.00-3.00	Sociology (with RHC staff)	Sociology pre-learning session for students going on to study Sociology A Level	N1
Wednesday 9 June	10.10-11.10	English Lit (with RHC staff)	English Lit pre-learning session for students going on to study Eng Lit A Level	J13
Thursday 10 June	10.10-11.10	History (with RHC staff)	History pre-learning session for students going on to study History A Level	J17
	10.10-11.10	Physics (with RHC staff)	Physics pre-learning session for students going on to study Physics A Level	O5
	11.30-12.30	PE	Open PE session for all students	Sports Hall
	2.00-3.00	Technology	DT pre-learning session for students going on to study BTEC or A Levels	N1

If your child is interested in any of the sessions, we ask that they sign up using the link below:

<https://bit.ly/3w0klmQ>

Attendance at these sessions is voluntary and students will not need to wear uniform or go to tutor time. We ask that Year 11 students sign in at Main Reception and go to the room the session is in. We also ask that students leave the site promptly after their session finishes.

We will also be doing targeted accompanied visits to local colleges with a number of students. If you believe your child will benefit from this, please do let us know.

More information about the transition to Richard Huish and BTC can be found here:

<https://www.huish.ac.uk/school-leavers/> (5 to 8 July Richard Huish Induction Days)

<https://www.btc.ac.uk/find-a-course/school-leavers/>

The council are also running courses for students interested in vocational courses. See link below: [SomersetWorks \(somerset-ebp.co.uk\)](https://www.somerset-ebp.co.uk)

Kind regards



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