



Careers support for young people in Year 11

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Even though most of you aren't going into school, Sheffield Futures is still here to help with your plans. However, the Coronavirus means we need to change how we do things over the coming weeks.

How to contact us

You can still get in touch with Sheffield Futures if you have any questions or concerns, big or small, about your applications or career plans. Email us at:

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Or Lorraine Jones (Mondays and Fridays) lorraine.jones@sheffieldfutures.org.uk

Please leave your name and phone number so that we can get back to you.

Don't be afraid to ask questions – the chances are that someone else will be worried about the same thing. This is a highly unusual situation and things are changing all the time so do keep on checking things with us.

If you have moved or changed your telephone number or email, make sure we have your new contact details.

Parents or carers are also welcome to get in touch.

We are looking into other ways of supporting you if things aren't back to normal when you officially leave Year 11 (Friday 26th June). Keep checking our website at www.sheffieldfutures.org.uk as this is where we will post information nearer the time.

Any Questions?

1. 'What will happen about my applications?'

Colleges, sixth forms, employers and training providers all want to make sure your application is treated fairly.

If you applied through Sheffield Progress, keep logging on to www.sheffieldprogress.co.uk for updates. You should be able to see when you log whether you have received a new offer. However, if there are no recent changes in your Status then contact the provider (e.g. school or college) to check. The current contact details should be displayed on their websites – many of which are listed below - and on Sheffield Progress.

If you have received offers take care to respond before any deadlines. Make sure all your own contact details are correct.

Below is a summary of how providers are handling applications at present.

The Sheffield College is making conditional offers, on your predicted grades, for full time courses. A member of staff from the college will then phone you in case you have any questions. They are planning to hold transition events when the college re-opens so that you can find out more about the course and meet staff before you start. New applications are still being accepted.

There is a full statement on their website so visit: <http://www.sheffcol.ac.uk/>

If you have applied for an **apprenticeship with The Sheffield College**, you will need to be interviewed and hired by an employer before the place is confirmed. The process is explained on their website:

<http://www.sheffcol.ac.uk/apprenticeships/apprenticeships-how-to-apply>

Many companies are not hiring at present (although some are carrying out telephone interviews). The College usually recommends that apprenticeship applicants also apply for a full-time course as a back-up. They allow students to move from a full

time programme to an apprenticeship programme if they find an employer after the start of term.

Sheffield School Sixth Forms have already made conditional offers (which you have probably already responded to). These offers will still apply, using your calculated grades that will be awarded to you in the summer. Sixth Forms will be in contact with you about their enrolment process over the next few weeks. New applications are still being accepted.

Many sixth forms have also put statements on their websites so visit:

<https://www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/>

<https://forgevalley.school/>

<https://highstorrs.co.uk/>

www.ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk

www.kes.sheffield.sch.uk

www.meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk

www.notredame-high.co.uk

www.sheffieldpark-academy.org

www.silverdale-chorustrust.org

www.taptonschool.co.uk

Longley Park Sixth Form College is writing to all applicants (who have not already had interviews) to offer them a place. They will discuss and confirm your choice of course at enrolment, by which time you should know your calculated GCSE grades. New applications are still accepted.

There is a full statement on their website – visit: <https://www.longleypark.ac.uk/>

UTC Sheffield (City Centre and Olympic Legacy Park) have made conditional offers to all applicants and are still accepting new applications. Check their website for statements: <https://www.utcsheffield.org.uk/>

Chapelton Academy have already interviewed and made offers to. Any further applicants will receive offers based on their predicted grades Check their website for more information: <https://www.chapeltonacademy.com/>

Employers and training providers are taking a range of approaches. Some are carrying out interviews over the phone or using online assessments, although they may

not be able to confirm enrolment or a starting date at this stage. If you have made applications, look out for emails and texts and keep checking their websites.

You can still search for apprenticeships on the website:

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

Important!

Make sure any organisation you have applied to has your correct address, telephone number and email. If your contact details have changed, email or message them to let them know.

2. 'Can I still make applications?'

Yes, but do so quickly before places will start filling up. Check the organisation's website to find out whether you should go through Sheffield Progress or apply direct.

3. 'What will happen about my GCSEs?'

Exams have been cancelled and you will instead be awarded a calculated grade for each subject. These grades will be based on a range of evidence, such as classwork, homework, mock exams, assessments, coursework and your general progress during the course. Exam boards are working out a way of doing this that will be as fair as possible to everyone. It's expected that you will receive your grades towards the end of July.

4. 'I'm taking other qualifications, what about them?'

You will be awarded a calculated grade for any vocational, technical or Functional Skills qualifications. For full details of how this will happen, check with your school and also on the Ofqual website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofqual>

Whatever qualifications you're taking, follow any advice and information you receive from your school. Do not ease up on your studies!

5. ‘Can I start a job now I’m not going to school?’

Not yet – you do not officially leave school until Friday June 26th.

6. ‘Where can I find more information?’

There is a lot of information in your Sheffield Futures *Options 2020* guide if you have a copy at home. The following websites should also be useful:

Sheffield Futures - Support with all aspects of your lives, including help with jobhunting and emotional wellbeing support through Door 43:

<https://www.sheffieldfutures.org.uk/>

Sheffield Progress – Details of courses at local colleges, sixth forms and training providers plus links to their websites. Keep logging in if you have made applications: <https://www.sheffieldprogress.co.uk/>

Apply Apprenticeship – Apprenticeship vacancies: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Child Benefit – Information about Child Benefit once you turn 16: <https://www.gov.uk/child-benefit-16-19>

16-19 Bursary – Support to help you stay in learning if you’re 16-19 and facing hardship: <https://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund>

National Careers Service – Job profiles: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Informed Choices – Information about college and sixth form choices and where they might lead, particularly if you’re aiming at university: <https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/>

UCAS – Everything to do with higher education: <https://www.ucas.com/>

Young minds – Support if you’re struggling with emotional health and well-being: <https://youngminds.org.uk/>