

January 2021

Dear Year 11 Student and Parent,

Next Steps

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well and that students are adapting to a new way of working. At this time of year students need to be seriously considering their next steps and, despite the unprecedented circumstances, students still need to be planning where they are going to continue with their education. This should hopefully give them something positive to focus on at this challenging time. After the recent parents' evening and report students should be well placed to be making decisions about courses which are available to them and in which they will be successful.

- **Careers Guidance**
- Most students have been able to access careers guidance interviews in school since September. We are currently looking at adjusting this provision virtually. Should you feel that you need more guidance to help you make choices for next year please email bennettn@clystvale.org with your enquiry.
- In particular, if you are considering an apprenticeship and you haven't already let us know please contact me.
- Students should have researched which courses that they would like to study next year and be making decisions on this. The following links will take you to the appropriate websites for our CVCC provision and that of local colleges.

- **Applications**
- When students have decided which course that they would like to apply for they need to apply direct to the institution. All the links for this and details are below, please be aware that the last virtual open evening for Exeter College is on 19th January- details below.

- **Apprenticeships**
- If students are considering an apprenticeship they will be provided with some more support later this month. Please see the links below as a first step in the process.

Please can students let your year 11 tutor know when you have applied to your chosen course and if you have completed your interview.

If students are any having difficulty with making decisions about next steps or applying, please let me know.

Take care of yourselves,

Kind regards

Nicola Bennett

Careers Lead

Careers guidance links

CVCC <http://www.clystvale.org/sixth-form/>

Please see the subject videos to help with subject choices. Miss Haynes has contacted you regarding the application process.

Exeter College <https://exe-coll.ac.uk/open-events/>

Please register for the open evening if you haven't already attended on 19th January from 5-7pm this is the last event the college are offering.

Bicton <https://www.bicton.ac.uk/events/taster-days-at-bicton-college/>

Please register for the open day on 7th April 2021 (although this is subject to change due to restrictions).

Petroc <https://www.petroc.ac.uk/open-event-at-mid-devon-27-january-2021>

Please register for the open evening on the 27th January, the live Q&A is at 6pm.

Applications

Each organisation will deal with applications differently and any queries with this need to be directed to the school / college.

CVCC- Miss Haynes has been in contact direct about completing your applications by January 29th.

Exeter College- applications can be completed online, students will need to register using their email and verify this before completing their application. <https://apply.exe-coll.ac.uk/>

Should you have any difficulty with completing this online this is a link to the paper application form which can be completed. <https://apply.exe-coll.ac.uk/application-form-2021.pdf>

Exeter college have a team of advisors should you want advice on a specific course you can contact them direct. <https://exe-coll.ac.uk/school-leavers/support/college-advice-team/>

Bicton College- applications are completed online and you must first create an account, when applying you need to click on the course you would like to do and then click apply.

https://www.cornwall.ac.uk/wp-signup.php?_ga=2.78322388.1195531776.1610621256-563804309.1492522162

Petroc- applications need to be completed online through the following link.

<https://www.petroc.ac.uk/courses-search/leaving-school>

Apprenticeships-

Should you be considering an apprenticeship next year I will need to be made aware and I will be putting together an online pack of information for you as well as contacting you direct.

If you want to find out more about apprenticeships please use the following link.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

Exeter College, Petroc and PGL are the local providers and looking at the following links will be a great place to start.

<https://exe-coll.ac.uk/apprenticeships/apprentices/>

<https://www.petroc.ac.uk/courses-search/interested-in-apprenticeships>

<https://pgltraining.com/apprenticeships-we-offer/>

Applying for an apprenticeship-

You will find apprenticeships are advertised through the above providers, through companies themselves and through the apprenticeship website- link below. As a first step I would advise students to register on the website link below and they will then receive alerts. Please be aware that most vacancies for September will not come up until nearer to the end of the academic year, although some may come up from now.

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