

Focus on the Future!

A summary of your Post 16 options.

Now is the time to be attending virtual open evenings and considering making your applications to colleges and sixth forms.

Colchester Institute open their applications online on THIS WEEK! The Colchester Sixth Form will be allowing you to apply starting in October.

Both institutions are offering advice and guidance on their website, for Colchester Institute you can register to receive notifications of any open events or virtual tours. The Sixth Form have produced three videos on how to apply, how to choose your A level subjects and a tour of the sixth form.

Please see the attached guides as a reminder of what they both offer. Don't forget there are many other colleges as sixth forms on offer and you can apply to as many as you want at this stage.

**I would advise you ALL to keep your options open
for as long as possible!**



You can keep your options open by:

1. Attending more than one open evening (virtually)
2. Applying to more than one college or sixth form, perhaps a 1st and 2nd choice
3. Having a backup plan (especially for apprenticeships!)
4. You can accept an offer from more than one college and make your final decision as late as possible in year 11.

What to consider when making your decision...

- 1, What the day to day learning is like,
- 2, What the building is like and what facilities are on offer
- 3, What extra clubs or societies are there?
- 4, What type of qualifications are on offer and what are the entry GCSE grades needed?
- 5, What that could your course choices lead to?

You are not committing yourself by applying or by attending an interview!

You can change your mind about which subjects or courses you end up studying and can tell the sixth forms or colleges of any changes you want to make, but you **must apply** to give yourself these choices!



I look forward to offering you all more advice and help in school. Please remember the advice so far and use this information to help you. Keep positive about the amazing options you have ahead of you!

