

Preparation for going to college/sixth form in September 2021

Task	Approximate time taken
YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATION	
<p>Check your emails every day</p> <p>For important information from college and sixth forms that you have applied to. Complete any tasks requested of you asap and certainly by any deadlines set.</p> <p><u>If you put your school email address on your college application, you may want to consider changing your contact details with them to a personal email address that you will be able to access after leaving school.</u></p>	10 minutes – daily
<p>Attend induction days / transition events</p> <p>All colleges and sixth forms will run induction days and transition events for students who hold an offer with them. These generally happen in the summer term after you have left school. These are important opportunities for you to find out more about where you will be studying, have taster lessons, meet pastoral staff and much more.</p> <p>Attend transition events for all colleges that you have offers with, as you could end up studying at any of these in September. These events may be online/virtual this year.</p> <p>Colleges/sixth forms will communicate with your directly about these events.</p>	Dependent on the provider
<p>Complete any summer bridging tasks / projects over the summer break</p> <p>Many colleges and sixth forms will set summer bridging projects for you to complete in the subjects you have chosen to study next year. This is an important part of the transition process and these projects should be completed to the best of your ability. An example of these projects can be found below.</p>	Summer project
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<p>Have you thought about travel arrangements and costs?</p> <p>If you are travelling to college on public transport, have you looked into what is available, how much it will cost and whether any financial support is available for this? Links for the colleges that the majority of our students progress onto can be seen below:</p> <p>Kimberley College - https://www.kimberleycollege.co.uk/transport Bedford Sixth Form - https://www.bedfordsixthform.ac.uk/student-support/travel-and-transport Bedford College (inc. Shuttleworth College) - https://www.bedford.ac.uk/school-leavers-and-parents/travelling-to-college MK College - https://www.mkcollege.ac.uk/college-life/travel/</p>	A few hours

<p>Financial Support / 16-19 Bursary</p> <p>Make sure you look at your college or sixth form to see what bursaries and financial support may be available. Links for the colleges that the majority of our students progress onto can be seen below:</p> <p>Kimberley College - https://www.kimberleycollege.co.uk/financial-support Bedford Sixth Form - https://www.bedfordsixthform.ac.uk/student-support/financial-support-and-bursaries Bedford College (inc. Shuttleworth College) - https://www.bedford.ac.uk/student-support/financial-support/16-18-bursary MK College - https://www.mkcollege.ac.uk/college-life/student-support/student-finance/</p>	<p>A few hours</p>
<p>Update Your CV</p> <p>Many 16-18 year olds choose to find a part time job whilst at college. This is an excellent idea, because it will provide you with a good work ethic and something to fill those empty hours with, not to mention the extra money you will gain. Make sure that you take advice from your college about the maximum number of hours you should work to ensure your studies are not affected.</p> <p>Updating your CV and really selling yourself is a great idea to put yourself in a good position to be successful in applications.</p> <p>https://www.unifrog.org/student/know-how/world-of-work/how-to-write-a-speculative-application</p> <p>https://www.unifrog.org/student/know-how/world-of-work/acing-your-cv</p>	<p>A few hours</p>
<p>PREPARING FOR YOUR FUTURE</p>	
<p>Prepare for your future with an online course</p> <p>Youth Employment UK have a free online course for 14-16 year olds 'preparing your future' to help you build skills and careers confidence.</p> <p>https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/employment-help-young-people/choices/online-skills-and-careers-courses/preparing-for-your-future-online-course/</p>	<p>Self-paced - 6 weeks of activity available</p>
<p>UNIFROG</p> <p>Many colleges and sixth forms in our local area use Unifrog in Years 12 and 13, however if you find yourself at an education provider that doesn't have this, remember you can still log into your current Unifrog account for as long as you want to. If you are registered with your school email address, you may want to take this opportunity to change this to a personal email address so you will be able to reset your password in future. To do this please email careers@wootton.beds.sch.uk and we can change this for you.</p>	<p>10 minutes</p>

Explore jobs that are linked to your chosen course at college

Unlimited

The Nine to Five with Stacey Dooley: Advice and Stories from Stacey Dooley and five 16-18 year olds on the ultimate work experience:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p06zhf9j/the-nine-to-five-with-stacey-dooley>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zkgbhbkb>

Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience Nine Series of work experience placements explored by Rhod Gilbert. Over 30 career areas to choose from including fighter pilot, zookeeper, builder, Journalist, Hairdresser, care worker and many more. You can select the episode of interest by clicking on the picture above.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00zf3m1>

Complete a MOOC

Expand what you know about your planned college course choice by completing a MOOC (online learning course) from Future Learn/Unifrog that links to your college course choice. These are a really great way of expanding your knowledge, skills and placing additional information on your C.V. to help you to stand out to employers. It shows that you are motivated, committed and proactive with your learning and can organise your time productively – search here <https://www.futurelearn.com/> or by using the MOOC search tool on Unifrog. See some examples below:

- An Introduction to Screenwriting. This online course explores the key concepts and fundamental principles involved in the process of screenwriting. <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/screenwriting>
- Explore Filmmaking: from Script to Screen. Learn from award-winning filmmakers how films go from script to screen with this film production course from the BFI Film Academy. <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/explore-filmmaking>
- Explore Animation Learn animation techniques, including stop motion, 2D, CGI and pixilation, with award-winning animators, in this NFTS course. <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/explore-animation>
- Digital Skills: Social Media. Learn how to use social media for business, from creating a social media presence to measuring success. <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/digital-skills-social-media>
- Electrical Engineering: Sensing, Powering and Controlling. Get a taste of an electrical engineering degree. Build your confidence in communicating ideas and using technical vocabulary. <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/electrical-engineering>
- ABC of Flight Mechanics: How Do Planes Fly? Discover how airplanes work and explore simple flight mechanics: from take-off and landing, to the physics of flight. <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/flight-mechanics>
- Explore life inside UK prisons. Learn whether this type of punishment reduces crime and if rehabilitation can prevent reoffending. <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/incarceration-prisons-suitable-punishment>
- Sport for Sustainable Development: Designing Effective Policies and Programmes. Explore the ways in which sports can actively contribute to the advancements of the Sustainable Development Goals. <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/sport-for-sustainable-development>
- How to Write Your First Song - Get a practical introduction to the mechanics of song writing and meet established songwriters with this free online course. <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/songwriting>
- English in Early Childhood: Language Learning and Development. Discover how very young children learn English as an additional language and how you can help them progress. <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/english-in-early-childhood>.
- Introduction to Nutrition and Food Safety. Learn the basics of nutrition and understand what foods can harm us. <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/nutrition-food-safety>