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Next Steps



We are looking forward to welcoming many of you to back to continue your studies at WSFC next year. As you are aware however, progression is **not** automatic and is dependant on meeting the entry requirements for each Level 3 course, good attendance and a good attitude towards study all year also play a major part. With this in mind we would advise that you explore back-up plans and alternative options as soon as possible. More info below!

Your Choices at College



Worcester Sixth Form College offer an exceptionally wide range of courses and flexible programmes in which any subject can be combined with virtually any other to make a study timetables that suits you

A Levels are subject-based qualifications that can lead to university, further study, training, or work

Applied Level 3 Vocational qualifications help develop practical knowledge, skills and understanding needed to prepare for a chosen career.

Supplementary Qualifications:

EPQ provides you with the opportunity to develop and demonstrate your skills of independent research

Core Maths Students learn through using and applying mathematics to solve meaningful and 'real life' problems

Enrichment Opportunities: There are a huge range of optional enrichment programmes to sign up for including the Performing Arts, Sports and Science Academies, The Ambition Programme and the Young Enterprise Class



Apprenticeships

Apprenticeship recruitment is still happening despite the current crisis according to Kim Cook, Managing Director of the [Worcestershire Apprenticeship Hub](#), however interview and start dates may be delayed. Looking for an apprenticeship? Register and apply [here](#)



- Check each vacancy to find out what qualifications the employer is asking for, some employers may consider you without and give you the opportunity to take the GCSE's as part of your apprenticeship.
- Unsure of a job area to go into? Consider applying for something that will give you some useful skills such as customer service, business admin or care. In apprenticeships like these, you can improve your communication, time management or build up your IT competencies.

Examples of the types of apprenticeship you could be applying for:

[Apprenticeships at Worcester NHS Trust](#) in Business Administration

[Apprentice Digital Content Producer and Photographer](#) for local film photography blog -35mmc owned by Its 'Appened

[Apprentice IT Support Technician](#) at Kings School Worcester



Other Colleges

You may wish to consider applications to alternative colleges in the area including:



[Heart of Worcestershire College](#)

[Kidderminster College](#)

[Warwickshire College Group](#)

How to Research your Career Options



Unsure about what you want to do in the future? That's completely ok, but getting an idea of what interests you, what's out there and how you can turn your passions into a meaningful and satisfying career can be really helpful. Try taking the **icould Buzz Quiz** and in under 5 minutes you could find out what your strengths and weaknesses are and how they link to different job types.

Interview Techniques

You may be planning on applying for an apprenticeship or part-time job which means getting to grips with interviews! There are different kinds of interview:



- Face to Face Interview - With just one person
- Panel Interview - Involves more than one interviewer
- Group Interview- more than one candidate being interviewed together
- Telephone Interview or Skype Interview
- Video Interview - responding to recorded questions that appear on a screen

To find out more click on the links below...

[Young Skills — A Guide to a Successful Job Interview](#)

[Teen Job Interview – Questions, Answers and Tips](#)

[Interview Skills in the Virtual World](#)

[The Most Common Apprenticeship Interview Questions \(and how to answer them\)](#)



Careers and Student Services Team at WSFC here to help



Don't forget the Careers team are still available to help you in providing impartial information, advice and guidance to support you in reaching your full academic potential. We are currently available via the email address careers@wsfc.ac.uk and can help you to consider your options, guiding you with your UCAS or apprenticeship applications, check over CV's and discuss career planning and next steps.

In the meantime here are 4 ways that you can plan with purpose while in lockdown:



- Know Your Kicks!** - What gets you up in the morning? What makes you happy? What are you passionate about? Which subjects do you really enjoy? What industry are you inspired by? Check out this [TED Talk by Noeline Kirabo](#) where she talks about how she did, and you can, identify your career passions
- See Your Skills!** Consider what you are naturally good at, ask friends and family, look over feedback from your teachers and employers, make a list of your key skills and then look for ways that you can apply these to potential future jobs. If you're not sure complete the Skills Health Check [here](#)
- Nail Networking!** Social distancing doesn't need to mean that you can't communicate with people. Now is the time to reach out and to make professionally meaningful connections. Who do you know? Who do they know? Use the extra time you have to engage with people who are already working in the field that you want to enter. Set up a LinkedIn Account [here](#)
- Perfect Your Portfolio!** Especially relevant for those looking to get into the creative sectors– future employers and universities are going to want to know what you did with your creativity during lockdown. Why not devise a special project for yourself to document your lockdown experience in some way? The very least you should be doing is organising your files so that they are ready to show when the time comes– some good information [here](#) about doing just that.

This year the careers team ran a number of face to face sessions with you covering next step options, if you would like to discuss these further one to one with a member of the careers team please contact us directly: careers@wsfc.ac.uk