



27th April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I have previously informed you that the school's pastoral team will make contact by phone with as many parents as we can to check on how children are coping with the work set and with the lockdown generally. In relation to Year 11, we would like to offer you further support in order to ensure that your child transitions from St Bede's to their Further Education (FE) Provider as smoothly as possible.

Mrs Heyes, our Careers Coordinator is working with New Directions, the Local Authority Careers, Advice, Information and Guidance Service, to provide a support package for your child.

In order to provide this support package, we will need to share your telephone numbers with New Directions. If you do not want us to do that please e-mail Mrs Heyes to inform her of this no later than Thursday, 30th May 2020.

All Year 11 will then be contacted by either Mrs Heyes or a member of staff from New Directions to discuss their progress in relation to applications, interviews and offers from colleges and/or apprentice providers. They will also be able to pass on information in relation to how the FE Providers have been affected by Covid 19. Careers advice will be given where appropriate as well as ensuring that contact is maintained between your child and their FE Provider. Your child will also be asked to give their consent for information to be shared between New Directions, FE Providers and ourselves so that we can ensure that all Year 11 begin their courses in September as planned.

If you have any immediate concerns in relation to careers you may contact Mrs Heyes directly aheyes@stbedesblackburn.com.

Below is a list of the websites of local FE and sixth form colleges as well as training providers which you may find useful.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

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Headteacher



St Bede's

Roman Catholic High School

Believe all things are possible

Useful contacts and web sites for Careers

St Bede's RC High School Careers Co-ordinator

Mrs Heyes: ahey@stbedesblackburn.com

Local Further Education Providers

Blackburn College: <https://www.blackburn.ac.uk/>

St Mary's College: <https://www.stmarysblackburn.ac.uk/>

Cardinal Newman College: <https://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/>

Runshaw College: <https://www.runshaw.ac.uk/>

Accrington and Rossendale College: <https://www.accross.ac.uk/>

Training 2000: <https://www.training2000.co.uk/>

North Lancs Training Group: <https://www.nltg.co.uk/>

General Careers Information and Guidance

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers>

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