

SCHOOLS LINK



As we continue to progress through this strange and uncertain time, we want to let you know that we are still here for you. The transition from school to college can be daunting, but we are looking forward to welcoming you into our safe and friendly environment in September.

At all of our colleges we are extremely proud of our inclusive environment and we will continue to support all of our new and existing students throughout this time. Our excellent Heads of Pastoral are always on hand to offer their expert guidance.

If you would like to get in touch with the Heads of Pastoral, please email enquiries@salfordcc.ac.uk.

APPLY ONLINE

WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING
ONLINE APPLICATIONS

All the colleges in Salford are currently accepting applications for 2020 entry. Applications can either be emailed to admissions@salfordcc.ac.uk or completed online at www.salfordcc.ac.uk

RETAINING GOOD MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

The Coronavirus pandemic is a difficult time for us all and an important time to ensure we are looking after our mental wellbeing. If you are a parent, carer or prospective student of one of our colleges we have compiled a list of helpful websites that you can access for support as a parent or as a young person about to start college.

If you would like any further advice or information please email one of the Heads of Pastoral Support or if you have any questions about starting college in September please get in contact with the relevant Head of Pastoral Support below:

City Skills – sallyann.middlehurst@salfordcc.ac.uk

Eccles Sixth Form College – victoria.evans@salfordcc.ac.uk

FutureSkills at MediaCityUK – jennifer.stead@salfordcc.ac.uk

Pendleton Sixth Form College (A-level) – amy.vaughan@salfordcc.ac.uk

Pendleton Sixth Form College (Vocational) – mark.wilkinson@salfordcc.ac.uk

Worsley College – rebecca.cross@salfordcc.ac.uk

www.headspace.com

Headspace is an online breathing and meditation app offering 10 free sessions called 'Weathering the Storm' this can be found on the front screen as you log on

<https://web.ntw.nhs.uk/selfhelp/>

This is a link to lots of self help leaflets that you can download from the NHS.

<http://gmhealthhub.org>

This is the page of the GM Health Hub – young people need to follow the links for the feelings and living live to the full tabs.

[@giveusashoutinsta](https://www.instagram.com/giveusashoutinsta)

This is the Instagram page for Shout which is sponsored by Place 2 be to manage online free chat 24/7 for young people with a counselling volunteer. They need to text SHOUT to 85258 and all texts are free.

www.youngminds.org.uk

Young minds have got loads of support online for young people and contact details and helpful sections for parents worried about their children too.

www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk

BEAT have access to downloadable resources, online support groups and services along with additional support services for you to contact.

onlinesupport.42ndstreet.org.uk

42nd Street Online Support is a free friendly online support for young people in Greater Manchester Aged 13-24. They provide online groups and weekly one-to-ones with an assigned worker to help you through the tough times.

www.kooth.com

Kooth is an online mental health community. Access is free, safe and anonymous.

We are all really looking forward to welcoming you to college, hopefully the sites above will be helpful between now and September, please feel free to pass this information onto any of your friends or family with children who are struggling. Until we meet at enrolment, take care, look after each other and stay safe.

HAPPY CAFE

FutureSkills at MediaCityUK is delighted to be launching our first 'Happy Café' in association with Action for Happiness. Each week all students will be able to visit the café - a friendly and welcoming place to meet other people with a shared interest in promoting happiness and wellbeing. Together you will create a beacon of happiness in the college where you can express yourself and be inspired by others.

Find out more here:

<https://www.actionforhappiness.org/happy-cafe>

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YMCA PEER EDUCATORS AND MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPIONS

Some of our colleges are excited to be continuing our work with the YMCA during the next academic year, training student volunteers to support others with their mental well-being. The Peer Educators work weekly with a trained counsellor to develop skills and materials to help support others and eventually have the opportunity to become Mental Health Champions who are recognised and rewarded in our exciting formal ceremony at the end of the year.

Find out more here:

<https://www.ymca.org.uk/about/what-we-do/health-and-wellbeing/ymca-mental-health>

WELLBEING ROOMS

All our colleges include a well-being room where students can relax, make new friends, play board games, participate in mindfulness activities and help prepare cakes and biscuits for our many charity bake sales throughout the year. We support many different charities and take great pleasure in decorating our social spaces with information about those we support and events for all students to participate in. We encourage all of our students to commit some of their time to helping others and kindness is at the heart of all that we do.

FLY AWAY WITH A BOOK AT FUTURESILLS

At FutureSkills we love to celebrate literacy and have a wide selection of books for all students to enjoy. We are really proud of our LGBT+ fiction section and our staff recommendations that are available for you to take away and enjoy with one of our beautiful bookmarks. Our book club meets twice each week and is a lovely peaceful haven of reflection open to all students. Similarly, our creative writing group work together once each week to produce new pieces of writing that we love to share and celebrate with staff and students. Our library is a place for you to enjoy peace and tranquillity and allow yourself to be carried away with words.

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STUDENT COUNCIL

We have a fantastic Student Union with representatives from all five colleges. The Student Union meet regularly at each college to plan exciting activities, discuss the needs of fellow students and make sure that college is a welcoming and exciting place to be. The Student Union provides regular forums to listen to other student views and is well supported by the staff at the college to respond. They also organise end of term activities such as Christmas grottos, Easter egg hunts and zombie mazes at Halloween. Every student is welcome to apply to become a Student union representative or as an SCC student you can simply enjoy all of the activities they provide.

LIFE AFTER SCHOOL

During these difficult and different times young people have now completed this stage of their education, and whilst there is still some uncertainty, there are new and exciting times ahead.

To help your young person, below is a list of key documents they will need in order to move into further education or an apprenticeship.



DOCUMENTS NEEDED	HOW TO GET THIS
<p>ID</p> <p>Ideally a Birth Certificate and/or valid Passport – this needs to be in date and can take a few weeks to be returned once an application is submitted</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth Certificate: If you need a replacement and were born in Salford you can call into Swinton Registrar Office, Chorley Road, Swinton, M28 5FJ Fee: £20-£28 • Passport: Your young person will need to collect an application form from the Post Office or complete the online application here. They will need a birth certificate before applying for this.
<p>Bank Account</p> <p>Most banks will offer a 16 year old a basic current account. It is often easier for them to open an account where their parent/carer already has one. However with the right ID any bank should be able to help. This needs to be open before a young person starts college, an apprenticeship or employment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop into your local bank and ask for the details and key documents needed to open an account • Make sure you have all the documents needed and if not, make arrangements to get them ASAP • Then make an appointment at the bank to open an account, this usually only takes 20-30 mins.
<p>National Insurance Number</p> <p>This is usually sent to every young person just before their 16th birthday. Cards are no longer sent, just a letter with the full NI number</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the letter with the NI number is kept in a safe place as this will be needed for any employment • If your young person has lost the number/ letter or did not receive one you can request a new one via https://www.gov.uk/lost-national-insurance-number
<p>Supporting school letter for ID</p> <p>If you are unable to get a birth certificate or passport, then you can request a supporting letter from their last school they attended</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school staff being asked to provide this should know the young person well and detail the length of time they have known the young person and also at which home address • This can often help when trying to open a bank account, however cannot be used for passport applications.
<p>Up-to-date contact details</p> <p>Ensure the college you have applied to has your correct email and phone number. We are aiming to communicate all updates electronically regarding enrolment, so want to make sure you receive the updates from us.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email any changes of details to admissions@salfordcc.ac.uk as soon as you can.



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<p>Email Address</p> <p>Every young person needs a professional email address. Young people can sometimes have a silly email address that is not suitable for employers to have.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a new one using one of the main accounts such as Hotmail, Gmail, Yahoo etc. • Make sure your young person makes a note of the login details, as these can often be misplaced and can cause issues when trying to retrieve emails from businesses.
<p>Social Media</p> <p>Most employers can and will check an applicants Facebook/Twitter accounts either before, during or after a person has started working for them.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure your young person has an appropriate profile picture and ensure their privacy settings are appropriately set. • Young people should avoid putting any negative/offensive status' or comments.
<p>Interviews</p> <p>The colleges are conducting interviews over the telephone.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure you have any documentation in front of you that you may need to discuss during the telephone interview. • Do not worry, our advisors are friendly and knowledgeable and are there to help you through the process.
<p>Our Pass</p> <p>This is a free bus pass for all 16 and 17 year olds (once they have left school)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications can be made online https://ourpass.co.uk/ or by going to your nearest bus station. • ID will be required and a £10 admin fee for the year
<p>Provisional Driving License</p> <p>You can apply for your first provisional driving licence with the DVLA.</p>	<p>To apply you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be at least 15 years and 9 months old • be able to read a number plate from 20 metres away • You can apply here.

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