

## **Your Future First.**

### **Our Commitment to all year 11s in Rochdale Borough's Secondary Schools**

Our ambition is that no year 11 student should be disadvantaged when taking their next steps after leaving school this summer. Consequently, all of the colleges and other post-16 providers in the borough are working in partnership alongside our schools and council to ensure that the disruption caused by the Covid-19 outbreak to year 11 pupils is minimised.

Those year 11s who need advice on their options can speak to Positive Steps - our 'Career Guidance' partner in the borough. Positive Steps supports year 11s so that they make impartial and informed choices on their next steps in education, employment or training from September – even helping those who wish to study outside of the borough.

The Positive Steps website is [www.positive-steps.org.uk](http://www.positive-steps.org.uk) and year 11s can also access the service through their school Careers Lead.

#### **Colleges**

The two colleges in the borough; Hopwood Hall and Rochdale Sixth Form College (RSFC) have had a positive working relationship since the opening of RSFC in 2010. This relationship has ensured that young people across Heywood, Middleton, Rochdale and Pennines benefit from the wide range of courses on offer, and receive excellent and impartial careers information, advice and guidance. The college principals have pledged jointly that from this September there will be courses for all school leavers at Hopwood Hall and Rochdale Sixth Form College.

Principals Richard Ronksley and Julia Heap said, *'In these unprecedented times, both colleges will ensure that all year 11 students are able to progress onto the course that best suits them. We understand how unsettling the current situation can be for school leavers; by working together in this way we will make the transition to college smooth and manageable.'*

*Hopwood Hall and RSFC will provide excellent and comprehensive advice and guidance to students so that they enrol onto the best course for their future. For any students who have not applied to study with us, we would encourage them to get in touch and we can discuss the courses on offer.'*

#### **Diary Dates:**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May: HHC Virtual Open Event - 3pm- 8pm. Register via the college website <https://www.hopwood.ac.uk/events/virtual-open-day>

Thursday 4th June, 2pm – HHC & RSFC joint live Q&A Session. More details to follow.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July: RSFC New Student Welcome Day. Invitations to follow.

*Prospective students can contact the colleges using the information below.*

[enquiries@hopwood.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@hopwood.ac.uk)

[studentadmin@rochdalesfc.ac.uk](mailto:studentadmin@rochdalesfc.ac.uk)

#### **School Sixth Form**

Cardinal Langley offers a wide range of A Level provision and further information can be found on their website <https://sixth.clrchs.co.uk/>

Andy Greaves, Head of the Sixth Form, said *"as we find ourselves in unprecedented times, we are still welcoming applications from year 11 students who wish to study at Cardinal Langley Sixth Form. Our promise is to work with you to realise your ambitions, reach your potential and achieve your dreams which will enable you to progress onto Higher Education, a degree level Apprenticeship or employment"*.

Prospective students can contact the school using [sixth@clrchs.co.uk](mailto:sixth@clrchs.co.uk)

## **Apprenticeships and work based options**

Year 11's wishing to start an Apprenticeship or training in the workplace can contact one of our specialist providers based in the borough, such as Rochdale Training, Apprenticeships@Hopwood, The Growth Company or Mantra Learning.

Jill Nagy – Chief Executive of Rochdale Training said *“although the economic situation is very uncertain at the moment, we are predicting that there will still be opportunities in the borough for those wishing to start an Apprenticeship. Year 11's should contact providers about opportunities and open events”*

Contacts for Apprenticeships and work based training are:

info@rochdaletraining.co.uk

[apprenticeships@hopwood.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@hopwood.ac.uk)

info@growthco.uk

[enquiries@mantralearning.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@mantralearning.co.uk)