



Nunthorpe Academy

29 April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly I would like to send my best wishes to you and your family. These are challenging times for all of us and preserving our health and well-being is of the utmost importance.

This letter is to keep you informed of what Nunthorpe Sixth Form has been putting in place for all our Y11s including 6th form applicants from both Nunthorpe and other schools as well as for Nunthorpe students moving on to new institutions.

I am always available to answer any questions and can direct students to relevant contacts if they need further support. In the first instance please email me Ms Hermione Jackson (hjackson@nunthorpe.co.uk). It is also important that students check the weekly updates from Mrs Kell on the Nunthorpe Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/NunthorpeAcademy>) and the Academy website (<https://www.nunthorpe.co.uk/news/>).

At this stage Y11s no longer need to be producing work for their GCSE or vocational courses. Teachers are currently working through their data to submit accurate and fair grades to the exam boards. Details of this process can be found on the Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020>. The Government has announced that GCSE results day will go ahead on Thursday 20 August 2020, therefore we anticipate keeping our enrolment date on the same day. Currently we do not know if we will be able to run our two induction days on 29 and 30 June 2020. However, we will put activities in place if we cannot meet with the students in person. I will contact you with more details later in the summer term.

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Sixth Form Applications still accepted

We are still accepting applications from students via our online application form: <https://www.nunthorpe.co.uk/sixth-form/applying-sixth-form/>. I appreciate that many students might now be rethinking their plans for next year. Nunthorpe Sixth Form offers a supportive, academic environment with a wide range of courses on offer. If you are unsure please email me for advice and I can direct you to the relevant course leaders for information. Our website offers comprehensive information on all aspects of Sixth Form life, including a prospectus outlining all the courses on offer: <https://www.nunthorpe.co.uk/sixth-form/>.

Sixth Form Enrolment (Thursday 20 August 2020)

The government has made it clear that the GCSE results rewarded will carry the same weight as results from previous years. We will be enrolling students who have met the GCSE entry requirements as set out in our Sixth Form prospectus. We always treat each student on an individual basis and if required will discuss a student's results with the relevant Head of Department before making a final decision on course acceptance.

Prospective Sixth Form and College Students

For students who are intending to continue their studies at Nunthorpe Sixth Form or another 16-19 institution in the Autumn Term I have produced a list below of activities which would benefit all students:

- I have registered for all Y11s to complete an online course on 'Creative Problem Solving' provided free by Eton College. This will be excellent preparation for students moving onto further study. Login details for students will shortly be provided via student school email and parent emails. (For external applicants we will use the parent email address on your application form)
- Look at the exam board websites for the A Level or Vocational Courses you will be studying and use the internet to research relevant information to support the course.
- Complete a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) in a subject you are interested in and will support your studies. These courses are free (no need to choose the paid option) and can be accessed in a number of ways. If you are a Nunthorpe student who is familiar using Unifrog you can use the MOOC search tool. Alternatively you can search for 'free online course' on the internet. Some useful websites are <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses> and <https://www.edx.org/>.
- Complete an Open University Free Online course – there are plenty now available <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses>. These may be challenging but worth persevering with. Choose the introductory or intermediate courses.
- Listen to some of the inspirational talks provided by 'Speakers for Schools' to help with inspiration for career paths. <https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/upcoming-vtalks/>
- Hodder Education have made all their archive A Level subject magazines available for free. <https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/magazines/magazine-archives>. Login details for students will shortly be provided via student school email and parent emails.



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For students who have applied to Nunthorpe Sixth Form your teachers are currently getting together activities and reading lists for you. These will be made available through a range of ways (Class Charts, email, Google Classrooms, etc.). **It is very important that students regularly check their emails to have access to work set and receive important information about the Sixth Form.** Nunthorpe students can access their email account from the Academy website: <https://www.nunthorpe.co.uk/our-academy/staff-student-access/>. For all external applicants we will use parental email addresses from the 6th form application forms.

Apprenticeships

Some Y11 students may be considering Apprenticeships. Unifrog keeps an updated list of apprenticeships and students can create a shortlist of areas of interest. The Amazing Apprenticeships website offers a great range of valuable resources: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/>.

Mr Chuhan (Assistant Head of Sixth Form) and myself are very excited to welcome students into the Sixth Form for the next academic year. We both appreciate that circumstances are unusual but are confident that Year 11 students are resilient and will be able to cope with the transition into the next stage of their education.

Yours faithfully,

Hermione Jackson
Head of Sixth Form