

## **Post-16 Transition Information**

### **Ark Alexandra**

At Ark Alexandra, we are offering an exciting transition programme which will set the students up for success in their post 16 education. The programme begins after half term and students will have the opportunity to choose from a wider range A levels and Business and Sport BTEC. Each student will study 5 subjects and, in the week, preceding the 25<sup>th</sup> June, each student will have a 1 to 1 conversation to confirm the subjects they wish to study in September. The opportunity to try a range of courses strengthens their understanding of the A level courses they wish to pursue and their decision making around their choices. Also, during the transition, they will enjoy a range of career related events, team building activities and sessions to develop their study skills in preparation for their post 16 courses. The purpose of the transition programme is to set students up with the skills to be successful in the next stage of their education, inspire them to study their chosen subjects, and introduce them to the rich opportunities the Ark Alexandra has to offer.

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### **Beacon Academy**

**Year 11** - have two planned transition days on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June. Our students who are staying on with us will have sessions with all their future A-level and equivalent course choices. In the first session they will be taught content and work will be set to be reviewed in their second session a week later. In the second session, alongside the review of the work completed, our students will be set up with their summer work to complete in preparation for September.

The link to our website page on this is here: <http://www.beacon-academy.org/web/sixth-form/year-11-into-year-12-transition-portal/>

**Year 13** - they will have sessions on offer to them. These will be run by the 6<sup>th</sup> form team and will include preparation for University, personal finance etc. The 6<sup>th</sup> form team are currently planning the exact nature of these sessions with the idea that they will run after the TAG submission

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### **Bexhill College: Year 11 Transition Plans**

We are planning to

- Release broad transition activities on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 which we will send to all prospective students and to schools as requested by the Board
  - Release an online transition event which will have subject specific activities on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021
  - Hold an onsite transition event the week of 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021
  - We will run small group tours during the Easter holidays and May Half term. we will also run a small number during the term after school hours. These will be booked online. We will announce those next week (w/c 29/03/2021) and post on social media etc. Last time we did this they were booked up quickly.
  - We are continuing to take late applications and offer interviews as well.
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### **East Sussex College**

The attached document is being distributed to all Headteachers in East Sussex today to ensure they are aware of our approach. Entitled 'Get to Know ESC' the document provides the high-level information of all our Year 10 and 11 activities that are underway or are in preparation.

This information has already been shared with CEIAG leads in each school and take up of our Year 10 offer is already looking strong.

We will have further information on all our Year 11 focused activities in the next couple of weeks and will share all workbooks and final information on the Year 11 events which are taking place in w/b 21/6 and 28/6 in the next couple of weeks.

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## **Gildredge House Sixth Form**

The transition programme we have put together aims to prepare you for your time with us, working alongside the Sixth Form staff to provide you with a full insight into life in the Sixth Form at Gildredge House. It is vital that you choose courses that interest you; courses that enable you to progress onto your chosen Post-18 pathway, and courses where you will want to work independently and challenge yourself to improve your own understanding.

I know this is not the end of Year 11 that you had envisaged, you may not be able to sit your GCSEs this summer, but you will still be sitting your BTEC and A Level exams in the summer of 2023. With this in mind, there is no time like the present to start preparing for these. Sixth Form is the gateway to life beyond school, and the choices you make are some of the most important you will face. You have made an important decision to study at Gildredge House Sixth Form. You will find aspects of both teaching and learning in the Sixth Form to be different from the way your learning was organised throughout Key Stage 4.

The jump from Year 11 to Year 12 is a big one. Whilst September may seem a long way off, it is important that you are fully prepared for your A Level/BTEC studies in order that you can start as you mean to go on.

It is imperative that students arrive in September with a positive mind-set and all transition tasks and activities are completed to a high standard. Regardless of examination results, these tasks provide you with an opportunity to demonstrate your suitability for your chosen courses. Sixth Form staff will have high expectations of students and the jump from GCSE courses to A levels is significant. The Sixth Form staff will be there to support students fully with this transition. This transition period will inform staff of your ability to cope with the demands of the subjects you have chosen.

Your time in the Sixth Form will go by very quickly, look how the last five years have flown, so you need to hit the ground running! We aim to do all that we can to support you with making outstanding progress during your Post-16 studies. In your two years with us, we hope that you develop the confidence and skills to flourish at University and in the workplace. We are here to support, guide and elevate you to fulfil your ambitions and achieve your potential.

### **Summer Transition Tasks**

Our Sixth Form staff have designed tasks and activities to provide you with an insight into life in the Sixth Form. Courses at A Level and BTEC are significantly different to GCSE and provide exciting opportunities for independent learning. To support our application process, we have put together a Transition Programme which aims to prepare you for your time with us. For each subject that you intend to study, we ask you to complete the tasks set and bring them with you to your first lesson of each subject in September. Each task asks you to research or explore something, and to complete some work which will challenge your existing skills. You may find these activities difficult, but please give them your best attempt. This transition work will help you make a flying start to Sixth Form, as well as provide teachers with information to help understand your level of knowledge, skill, and ability.

These tasks are important because they:

- provide an introduction to key ideas within the course.
- help to bridge the gap between GSCE and A Level/BTEC.
- encourage students to think like an A-level/BTEC student; and
- demonstrate a commitment to study - Subject Teachers will expect tasks to be completed to a high standard.

Links to subject tasks can be found on our website from **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**.

### **Transition Day**

If the roadmap out of lockdown continues as planned, we will be holding an onsite Transition Day on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**. The purpose of the day is to meet other students who will be joining Gildredge House Sixth Form in September 2021, meet subject staff and have a chance to ask questions about course. We hope that it will be a

chance to clear up any worries you may have about the subjects, familiarise yourself with the Sixth Form building and to get to know the rest of the student body. We look forward to meeting you then.

We are continuing to accept late applications and offer interviews for a September 2021 start.

Whilst transition work is important, it is also essential that you ensure you rest and relax over the summer to prepare yourself for the challenges of Sixth Form - it's not easy, but it is extremely rewarding. We hope you enjoy the summer and that you receive the excellent grades you deserve. We very much look forward to welcoming you to the Sixth Form in September.

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### **Hailsham Sixth Form**

We are extremely excited at the prospect of welcoming our latest cohort of Sixth Form students to Hailsham Sixth Form in September and supporting them through their Post 16 journey.

With this in mind, coupled with the challenging situations Year 11 students have experienced over the last couple of academic years, all of us at Hailsham Sixth Form are committed to ensuring our students are fully prepared for Sixth Form life via a Key Stage 4 to Key Stage 5 transition programme.

This programme will roll out on June 21st, 2021, with a detailed plan of subject activities, transition materials and opportunities to join us on site at the college. It is our clear goal that following such a programme, our young people will be equipped with the base level of skills, attitudes and experiences needed to ensure a smooth start to Year 12 life.

The Sixth Form transition programme can be accessed via the link below, with all necessary materials and information to be uploaded by June 21st, 2021. Also available via this link will be the contact details of subject leaders who will be available to answer any queries students might have.

[Sixth Form Transition Programme – Hailsham Community College \(hccat.net\)](https://www.hccat.net)

The expectation is that these transition activities will serve as a good bridging exercise for both staff and students, so it is therefore essential that students complete them to the best of their ability in readiness for the start of term in September 2021.

With regards to enrolment, students are invited to join us on site on Friday 13th August 2021. With GCSE and BTEC results available at this point, we will be able to confirm subject choices and/or make amendments where necessary. The key point to make here is that as a small, dedicated Post 16 provider, Hailsham Sixth Form can work with you to ensure you reach your goals and support you every step of the way. Personal invitation letters and email correspondence regarding enrolment will be going out in the coming weeks.

We look forward to meeting all our students in the very near future!

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### **Heathfield Sixth Form**

We are looking forward to meeting all of our new Heathfield Sixth Form students in September and have prepared the following programme to support transition into A Levels.

Our materials will be live on the College website from **Monday 7 June** with a preliminary launch video available on **Monday 24 May**. Our dedicated webpage will include materials that prepare you for the step up to Sixth Form including:

- Effective time management and independent learning
- How to take notes and how to be efficient with reading and revision

Alongside of this there will be specific subject work that will support you with bridging the gap between GCSE and A Level studies, exploring further reading alongside specific Transition Tasks set as part of our induction period.

### **Taster Day: Wednesday 30 June**

Our Taster Day will take place on Wednesday 30 June and students will receive information regarding this by email prior to the day. Students will have the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a sixth form student by attending lessons and getting involved in our enrichment offer.

### **Open Mornings**

Open Mornings will take place in Term 6 for students who have applied for September 2021. This will include a tour of the College and a question and answer opportunity with a member of the Sixth Form Team. To book an open morning please visit Transition Page on our website or contact us directly.

### **Question & Answers**

If you have specific questions about the College or your application, there are a number of opportunities to book a 15-minute Q&A with a member of the Sixth Form team. See the website for further information.

### **Results & Enrolment**

Our enrolment form will be published in July and can be submitted prior to results being received. For students to be successfully enrolled at the College they must meet the entry requirements and have submitted their enrolment form and statement of results no later than **Tuesday 17 August at midday**. Any enrolment forms received after this date cannot be guaranteed places on the courses opted for.

If students require advice and guidance regarding their application, they can book appointments to meet with a member of the Sixth Form team on Thursday 12 August (current Heathfield students) or Friday 13 August (new to Heathfield students)

We know that you have experienced a challenging year, but we hugely impressed with how you approached your applications and interviews and know that you will be ready to take the next steps in your studies in September.

### **Links**

Transition Page: [https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/?page\\_id=1498819](https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/?page_id=1498819)

Twitter: @heathfield\_6th

Contact: [office@heathfieldcc.co.uk](mailto:office@heathfieldcc.co.uk)

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### **Plumpton**

Plumpton College are planning a range of events and activities to welcome prospective students to access our site both physically and virtually.

**Saturday 22 May** - we are planning our next **Information Event** which will allow prospective students to access in-depth course information, have a one-to-one chat with one of our lecturers and have an **onsite visit**. – This event will incorporate an opportunity for perspective students, who have not previously applied, to come onsite to view our facilities and speak to curriculum and support staff alongside a online Virtual event where students can access course information, view interviews with our staff and book a 1 to 1 appointment.

**June** - Our curriculum staff are keen to start to engage with our potential students and are aiming to set a series of **Summer Tasks and Challenges** over the summer months which will give students (who have received an offer) a taster of the courses they will enrol on in September – details of the summer challenges will be released in **June**.

**5 July** - We will be running a **Parent Welcome Event**. This virtual event will equip parents with all the information they need regarding students start in September along with setting the colleges expectations of all of our students.

**6 July – Parent Onsite Forum** - A chance for parents to visit the site and ask our staff any questions face to face.

**8 July – Student Welcome Event** – This event will give all students, who have received an offer, the chance to come onsite to meet their lecturers and peers as well as familiarising themselves with our site and the facilities we have available.

**Keeping in Touch** - We will be sending regular **monthly** updates and information out to all students who have been offered a place here at Plumpton along with 'Keeping in touch' WhatsApp messages to keep students engaged.

**Application are still being accepted** - We will continue to interview students over the summer months for any late applicants or applicants who change their mind and want to come to Plumpton following exam results.

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### **Seaford Head Sixth Form – Transition arrangements**

We are looking forward to welcoming new students to the sixth form centre on our induction day on Wednesday 7th July. On this day, new students will get to tour the sixth form centre and meet their new teachers in a taster lesson. There will also be the opportunity to find out about day to day routines in the sixth form, learn about our vision and expectations for students centre and meet other key members of staff.

Students will also receive a transition unit of work for each subject which is designed to support the move from KS4 to KS5. This will give students some activities to do over the summer to help stay focused and inspired ahead of starting with us in September. There will also be a reading list and information about the course which will help you to prepare for the year ahead.

Your new teachers will take in the transition work in September, and this will give them an indication of how well prepared you are to start the KS5 program of study. We will spend some time at the beginning of Year 12 looking at study skills and independent learning techniques.

Our enrolment day is on Friday 13th August, so once students have their GCSE results on Thursday 12th August, they can enrol at the sixth form centre the following day to confirm their place.

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### **Uckfield Sixth Form**

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Y12 students into the Sixth Form to start the next crucial part of their education. We know that the last 18 months have been unprecedented, and students have had to show resilience and self-motivation like never before.

We fully understand the challenges that students have faced, and we are ready to support them with the next stage of their journey, which hopefully will be more straightforward. We have provided a range of transition activities that are being sent to both our own current Y11 and our applicants from other schools and colleges. These tasks are designed to keep your mind active but also to help you prepare for the specific subjects that you have decided upon.

As well as these activities we are also offering a two-week introduction to Sixth Form life and studies in July. Students are invited to join us and to participate in this 2-week immersion to give them a head start in their subjects and experience the everyday life of a Sixth Former at Uckfield.

Our enrolment will take place on Thursday 26th August and students should email [k.kirknessoboyle@uckfield.college](mailto:k.kirknessoboyle@uckfield.college) if they have not already requested a place at the college. On this day we will enrol students on to their chosen A level and BTEC Level 3 courses and make any necessary adjustments to their programmes on the basis of the exam results. The Sixth Form team carry out enrolment so are well equipped to provide any support and advice that is needed. Students at enrolment will also be provided with an induction

task for each of their subjects, which they will complete before the start of term so that they can really “hit the ground running” in the first lesson.

Please feel free to email [k.kirknessoboyle@uckfield.college](mailto:k.kirknessoboyle@uckfield.college) (Sixth Form admin) with any questions you might have.

We very much look forward to welcoming you in September and wish you a very enjoyable summer.

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## **Uplands Community College**

Uplands Community College looks forward to welcoming the sixth form students of September 2021 and to engaging with them in the next stage of their educational journey.

Careers advice and information regarding post-16 choices is always a priority and an explicit feature of our careers provision throughout the sixth form. In addition, we always ensure that each year 11 student has an interview with both a level 6 qualified careers adviser as well as with a member of our own careers team.

This year, because the additional difficulties caused by the national school lockdowns, we have introduced a two-week A-level readiness programme which will take place in term 6. This programme will enable us to cover some of the essential knowledge that is needed for A-level study that may have been missed due to the pandemic and will allow us to further develop independent study skills. We also aim to ignite a passion for the A-level programme of study and provide students with some independent work to be carried out over the summer holidays so that they arrive in our newly refurbished 6th form area ready and able to hit the ground running in September. There will be more information about the A-level readiness programme soon.

Year 12, enrolment takes place on GCSE results day, with a two-day induction at the start of the September term. Further information on the enrolment process will be sent to students towards the end of term 6.

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## **BHASVIC Year 11 Transition Plans**

**Will BHASVIC provide learning content for Year 11s who have completed their Level 2 (GCSE, etc) studies early in the summer term?**

Some Year 11 students and their parents, carers and secondary school teachers have been asking whether they could or should begin to study for their Sixth Form courses now that the GCSE syllabus has finished and there are no GCSE exams to revise for. Year 11 students do not need to begin their Sixth Form studies early. The journey to academic readiness for Year 11s transitioning to Sixth Form study this September will follow our normal approach, which is:

1. Ensure you have completed and mastered the content of your GCSE courses to the best of your ability. Reviewing aspects of these courses which link to your course choices at BHASVIC, especially content you found more difficult, will be highly beneficial to your success at Sixth Form. Complete any work, including project work, that your schools have set you and these will provide fantastic opportunities to hone the transferable skills you will need for your next steps.
2. BHASVIC Moving on Day – Tuesday 6 July – on this day you will attend a lesson in your chosen courses, and you will be set some work to do over the summer. This summer work is not designed or intended in any way to ruin your summer holiday (see below), but will enable you to keep your mind and other skills going and for you to be able to start in September with a little more confidence and familiarity with your chosen course. Our students enjoy and like the work our departments set you over the summer.

**What should I do with study once my GCSE courses have finished?** Our strong recommendation for Year 11 students is to use the remainder of the summer term and the summer holidays to conduct hobbies and enrichment activity, to socialise, have fun, to be outdoors and follow your wider interests... or develop new ones. These activities bring incredibly valuable wellbeing and personal development opportunities and are valued by

all educators as a demonstration of engagement, dynamism, and a healthy lifestyle. This summer is one of those rare opportunities in your life where you will **not** have lots of study and looming exams or assessments to be prepared for – make the most of it!

We encourage as much safe social and outdoors activity as possible, having been stuck indoors for so much of the recent past. However, we know that many young people are fascinated by, and deeply enjoy, activity which occurs indoors, such as digital activity, reading or making. This is OK too, of course, and these interests are incredibly valuable – just try to limit the social media and computer games time and ensure you connect with friends and head outdoors as well each day.

**I want to keep my mind and study skills going - what do you advise I do?** For those young people who love to study and develop their minds, and before our summer work becomes available to you, there are some fantastic online learning courses and wider reading opportunities. If you stick to established and reputable sources, such as exam board reading lists and recommended platforms (all our BHASVIC courses have the link to the exam board specification from the course page on our website) you can take this time as an opportunity to proactively broaden your skills and interests in all sorts of fascinating topics and areas.

If you are unsure whether an online course ('mooc') is worth your time, any course which broadens your **critical thinking skills** will always be advantageous for Sixth Form study. There are a wide range of providers such as [FutureLearn](#), iTunes U, [Coursera](#), [Khan Academy](#), [Alison](#) and the slew of Universities in the UK and USA, who have lots of different courses that can be studied for free.

**I feel like I have not learnt as much as I should or could have done due to lockdowns and know that everyone is saying that students through Covid are now at a disadvantage. I am worried that, despite meeting the GCSE entry requirement grades for my sixth form courses, I will still struggle and be behind - what should I do about this?** For those young people who are concerned they may have fallen behind in their academic abilities and feel they may be at a disadvantage when starting Sixth Form, we have three key reassuring points to make to you:

1. We've got this for you! Our teaching teams and staff are experts in what they do and our curriculum delivery for you when you get to BHASVIC will enable you to regain your momentum and will support the closing of knowledge and skills gaps. There is time at sixth form to do this and you will catch up.
2. If you feel you are lacking in any critical aspects of your Level 2 (GCSE, etc) learning, which form important building blocks for sixth form study, then do take the time and opportunity to use the extensive revision content available from your school and from central locations such as the exam boards and BBC Bitesize, to practice and close any knowledge or skills gaps you are concerned about. However, our advice is to not worry about this and to enjoy this break in academic demands whilst you have your end of secondary school summer holidays, which you have earned!
3. The independent study skills you will have been developing due to lockdown learning put you in a more developed position than past students. Each phase of education requires a jump in independent learning skills and the jump from secondary to sixth form is a notorious one (as is often the jump from sixth form to university and from any education to the world of work). We believe you will be an advantage here – even if you have not fared so well during lockdown learning. Despite national media rhetoric about lost learning, which has of course occurred, we'd stress at BHASVIC that this is overplayed and there are other skills that have been developed. Also, the need to take up those social opportunities with friends and family and to follow your hobbies and interests are more important to your future success.

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### **Varndean**

#### **Transition Support Plan Year 11 Summer 2021**

w/b: June 7<sup>th</sup> 2021 - Varndean College Academic Project

w/b: June 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 - Subject specific work online-29<sup>th</sup> June

June 30<sup>th</sup> - Transition DAY face to face teaching

June 31<sup>st</sup> - July-10<sup>th</sup>- subject follow up (we call it A Flying Start)