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| Post 16 Applications 2020 |
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| Information for Year 11 Students and Parents |

**Cottenham Village College**

#### CAMBRIDGE AREA PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS 2019/2020

**Making the most of Post 16 Open events 2019 – 2020**

This is an exciting, but perhaps sometimes confusing time as you will be making some very important decisions about your future. College and Sixth Form Open Days & Evenings offer you the chance to visit the Centers you are thinking about applying to and to talk to staff and students about courses and College/Sixth Form life. Some colleges had their Open Evenings in June 2019 but others open their doors in the Autumn Term. A full list of dates and times is included in this leaflet.

**Important dates:**

**26 September 2019**

Prospectuses available to students

**Thursday 10 October 2019 in the main school hall and the Sixth Form Atrium**

**Post 16 Information Evening: 6.00pm - 8.00pm (separate letter sent)**

The Post 16 application process will be explained to parents and students.

Representatives from Post 16 centres and the school will meet with parents and students. There will also be guests from other organisations representing different career opportunities.

**October / November**  Open Evenings at Post 16 Centres (see table on next page)

**Thursday 08 November** Conference Day – ‘Life after CVC’

**Monday 11 - 22 November** Mock exams

**Monday 09 December Internal deadline**! Applications should be fully completed on Mychoice@16 for in-school checking by this date. (You will have support from tutors and careers staff to help you achieve this.)

**By Monday13th January 2020** All applications **must** be received by the 6th Form Centres

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**After February Half Term** Post 16 Centres interview students

**By 31 March**  Offers of places, usually conditional on GCSE grades

**May / June** GCSE written exams.

**Thursday 20 August 2020** GCSE results published and offers confirmed or alternativecourses negotiated. Guidance will be available.

**Please note that it is important to be available on results day. If possible, please avoid booking holidays at this time.**

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| **INSTITUTION** | **DATE** | **TIME** |
| The Oakes | Tue 15 Oct | 6.00pm – 8.30pm |
| Bishop Laney Sixth Form | Wed 30 Oct | 6.00pm - 9.00pm |
| Comberton Sixth Form | Wed 30 Oct | 6.30pm – 9.00pm |
| Impington International College | Thu 17 Oct | 6.00pm – 8.00pm |
| CAST | Mon 28 Oct | 5.30pm – 8.00pm |
| Parkside Sixth | Tue 29 Oct | 5.30pm – 8.00pm |
| College of West Anglia (Milton) | Sat 9 Nov  Tue 21 April | 9.30am – 12.30pm  5.00pm – 7.30pm |
| Cambridge Regional College Cambridge campus                Huntingdon campus | Mon 16 Sep  Sat 12 Oct  Sat 23 Nov  Mon 25 Nov  Sat 25 Jan  Tue 21 Apr  Tue 16 Jun  Tue 15 Oct  Sat 16 Nov  Thu 30 Jan  Tue 24 Mar  Sat 13 Jun | 4.30pm -7.00pm  9.30am -12.30pm  9.30am -12.30pm  4.30pm - 7.00pm  10.30am –12.30pm  4.30pm -7.00pm  4.30pm -7.30pm  5.00pm -7.00pm  9.30am-12.30pm  5.00pm-7.00pm  5.00pm-7.00pm  10.30am - 2.30pm |

**Open Days & Evenings at Sixth Form Centres 2019/2020**

Mrs Scully is in the Careers office to help answer your questions about the Post 16 process.

Your aim should be to make the best decision for **you** using all the information available. There are people who can help and support you at all stages of the process. Debra Thorpe, our Careers Guidance Adviser will be coming in on Tuesdays to meet students by appointment to support and guide students through this process.

**Useful contacts**:

Mrs H Scully - Careers Coordinator; Mr J Abbott - Progress Leader; Debra Thorpe – Careers Guidance Adviser

**Useful websites to support transition.**

**Success at School** - https://successatschool.org

**Start Careers** - https://www.startprofile.com

**icould** - https://icould.com

**National Careers Service** - https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

**Careers Box** - http://www.careersbox.co.uk

**Not going to uni** - http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/

**Youthoria** – http://www.youthoria.org

**National Apprenticeship** **Website -** https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

**Before you go to Open Evenings**

**Ask yourself**

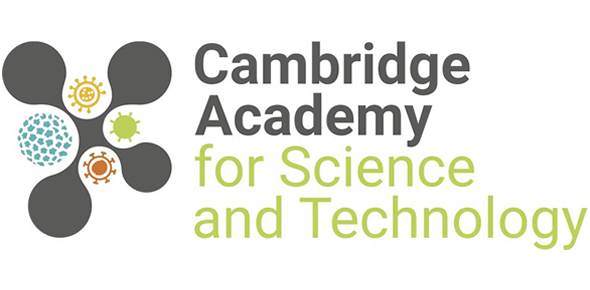
* Am I clear about my strengths/weaknesses, skills and interests, in order to help me explore the different courses which might suit me?
* Which Centres offer the courses and subject combinations I am interested in?
* Check [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education/transport](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education/transport) to find out how you will get to your Centre
* Am I thinking about what’s best for me?
* What influence are friends and others having?
* Have I considered all my options including Employment and Training?

**When you visit a centre**

* Check out where a course might take you in terms of work/training or higher education.
* Check out what GCSE grades you need to be accepted onto a particular course.
* Check out suitable alternatives.
* Check out costs such as equipment, clothing, field trips and books.
* Check out the ‘feel of the place’. Would you fit in and be happy? What does it offer in addition to the course?
* Check out the extra-curricular activities and any opportunities to advance your skills.



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