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Exam Results? Talk to us

We know exam results day can be a stressful time, but Birmingham Careers Service Advisers are here to listen to you and help you whatever the outcome.

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Send a text or WhatsApp message to us and one of our advisers will get back to you.

EMAIL US

BCareers@birmingham.gov.uk

Email us and we'll be on hand to help you with any questions you may have.

WE'RE SOCIAL!

***CONTACT US VIA FACEBOOK,
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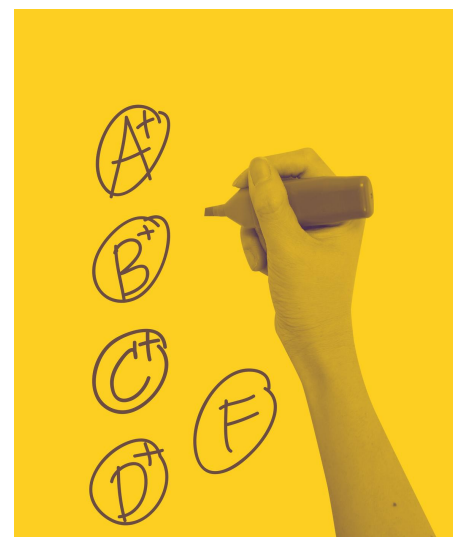
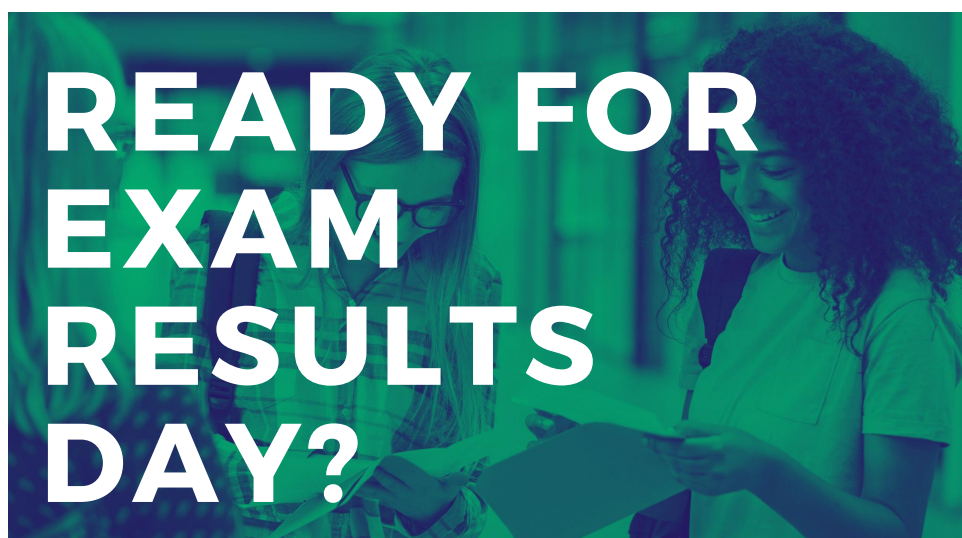
Whatever works best for you!



WEBCHAT

WWW.BIRMINGHAMCAREERSSERVICE.CO.UK

visit our website and chat directly to an adviser.



BY HELEN RICHARDS & SHARON WEEKES

Exam Results day can be a stressful and worrying time, without the added concerns caused by Covid 19. You may be unsure about what to do next if you missed out on getting the grades that you wanted, or even if you exceeded your expectations. Try not to panic, there are lots of options that you can consider.

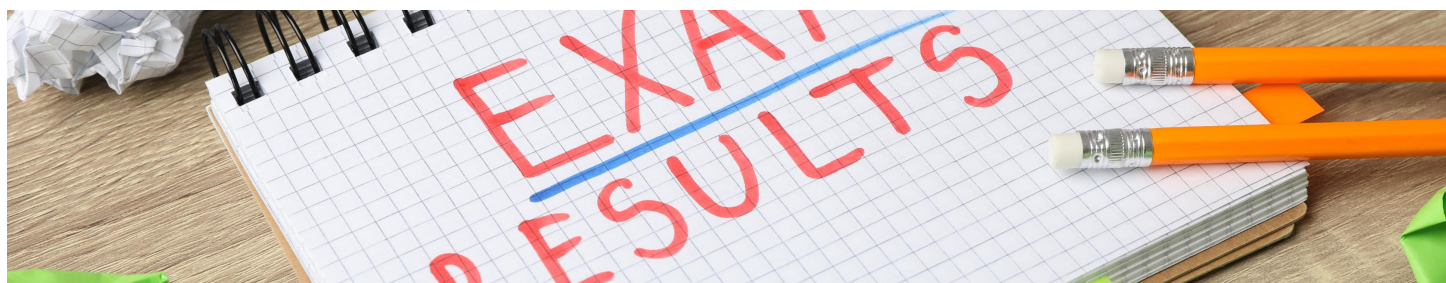
YEAR 11

GCSE results will be issued on Thursday 20th August. Check your school website or emails to find out how you will receive your grades.

Colleges and Sixth forms will start enrolment after GCSE results day, and they will let you know whether this can be done online or by appointment.

Don't worry if your grades are not what you expected. There is a starting point for everyone at college, and during enrolment tutors will ensure you are placed on the right level course. You could also consider a Study Programme or a Traineeship with a Training Provider so you can improve your maths and English and gain work experience to lead to an Apprenticeship.

If you achieve higher grades than expected, you can also change your original plans. You might decide to study a more academic course with exams such as A Levels.



YEAR 13

Depending on the qualifications you studied, you will receive your exam results on or before Thursday 13th August 2020.

The decisions you make next will be really important, so don't rush into anything. Consider all your options carefully, and remember most careers have a range of entry routes, so don't be disappointed if your original plans need to change. For example, you don't need A Level Law to study a Law degree.

APPLIED TO UNIVERSITY:

On results day check UCAS Track. If you haven't met the conditions of your offers you can use UCAS Clearing until 20th October 2020 to find a place in higher education.

Are your grades higher than needed for your Conditional Firm choice? If so, you can consider an alternative course through UCAS Adjustment. This may be a course you originally felt was out of your reach. You can use this option from 20th August to 1st September 2020.

In both Clearing and Adjustment take your time to consider the courses you are offered. This might mean visiting or taking a virtual tour of universities, looking at accommodation, talking to a Careers Adviser, teacher, or family, before making a final decision.



ALTERNATIVES TO HIGHER EDUCATION:

You may feel you need a break from full-time study. If so, consider an Advanced, Higher or Degree apprenticeship. In the current climate there will be a lot of competition for apprenticeships and jobs, so take time completing the application form and prepare well for assessments and interviews, by thinking about your skills, qualities, and achievements. www.apprenticeships.gov.uk

You are able to defer your place at university for one year and have a Gap Year. You can use this time to volunteer, study new subjects, earn money, gain work experience, or travel. www.push.co.uk/gap-years.html

For information on how GCSE, AS and A level results have been awarded this year, and how to find out more information, please see the Student Guide to post 16 qualifications results Summer 2020. www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Student_Guide_Summer_2020.pdf

Whatever your situation on results day, Birmingham Careers Service's friendly Advisers are here to help with your next steps. We can help you: Get back on track; look at routes into your chosen career; understand the special arrangements put in place this summer; explain what you can do if you are unhappy with your results and support you to consider the options and opportunities available to you.

FINANCE – EVERY PENNY HELPS!

16 – 19 BURSARY

Don't forget to check at your post-16 enrolment to see if you are eligible for a bursary. You can use this money to help fund your studies. You might need help to cover the cost of your travel, lunch, books, stationery, course equipment, clothes or educational trips. There are two types of bursaries available, a discretionary bursary and one for vulnerable students. For more information go to www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund

HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING

Before starting a Higher Education course in the Autumn, research all your funding options. Apply for funding online through Student Finance for tuition fees and living costs. Extra funding is available for Students on a low income, with a disability or who have children. www.gov.uk/student-finance Your University will offer scholarships and bursaries, so look at their website and see what you are eligible to apply for.

TRAINING PROVIDERS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Our adviser Martin Lorimer provides an update

Local Colleges and Training Providers are taking online referrals for courses starting in the next few months. Colleges may have cancelled or changed some of their original courses. Training Providers will be offering limited places and some courses may be part-time with an online element. It is important to check the websites of any college or training provider you are thinking of applying to for the latest update.

Interested in Traineeships and Apprenticeships?

Follow these links to find out more:

www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships

www.gov.uk/guidance/traineeship-information-for-trainees

Voluntary work

can often be seen as a stepping stone to employment. It's a great way of gaining some experience and looks good on your CV.

TRAINEESHIPS & APPRENTICESHIPS

70%

of jobs are not advertised but are available through Social Media and word of mouth.

Calling all school leavers

Birmingham and Solihull Training Provider Network will be running a series of 30 minute sessions on Zoom, to tell you more about the Traineeships and Apprenticeships they offer. The event is being held on the **18th and 20th August between 11.00am - 1.30pm and 2.00pm - 4.30pm** To find out more visit bstpn.org

Virtual Tours

Visit our website where local training providers can show you around the centres and talk to you about the courses they offer.

www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/virtualtours

Remember – if you are looking for advice about College, Training or Employment contact Birmingham Careers Service – we are here to help!



HOW OUR ADVISERS ARE CONTINUING TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH CAREERS GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT DURING LOCKDOWN

Although we are currently unable to see young people in person, we are still here to help. Our Advisers are busy delivering careers guidance and support to young people over the phone, via online chat, messaging and email with their next steps!

Here are some examples of how we are currently supporting young people:

Providing guidance to young people who are unsure of what they want to do: informing them about the range of options and opportunities

Offering support to those who have changed their minds: offering careers advice about courses, colleges, training and helping them find suitable alternative options

Supporting young people with making applications for college, work and training

Preparing young people for telephone and online interviews for college, training and employment opportunities

Our school-based Advisers are continuing to offer online careers guidance to school leavers needing help with their next steps

Delivering online careers workshops providing young people with advice on CV writing and interview tips. Check out our website for future careers workshops

Referring young people to training providers

Supporting with job and apprenticeship searches and producing CV's.

Supporting young people with applications for student finance

Our Young Parent Advisers have been busy working with young parents / parents to be including support with applying for benefits, housing applications and referring to support agencies

Developing our social media sites to help ensure we provide relevant and up-to-date information on careers options and opportunities

If you are struggling with the easing of lockdown and moving forward with your future plans, our partners, Birmingham Youth Service, can offer support to overcome your individual concerns and barriers you may be facing.

VOICES: YOUNG PEOPLE WE HAVE SUPPORTED:



“

Thank you very much for finding these connections for me throughout the past few weeks, I really appreciate it

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A YOUNG PERSON LOOKING FOR WORK

“

Goes without saying but throughout the past few years you have been an amazing pastoral support aswell I really appreciate all the work you do

”

A YOUNG MUM WHO HAD SUPPORT RETURNING TO EDUCATION

“

Thank you, without you I wouldn't have been in this position

”

A YOUNG PERSON WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES WHO RECEIVED HELP TO FIND A SUPPORTED LEARNING COURSE AT COLLEGE

“

The support I have received from you is excellent. So I think I rate it a 5

”

A YEAR 11 SCHOOL LEAVER WHO HAS RECEIVED SUPPORT FINDING A TRAINEESHIP IN CHILDCARE FOR SEPTEMBER

“

If it hadn't been for you contacting me I would never have applied for college

”

A YOUNG PERSON WITH LOW CONFIDENCE AND NO INTERNET ACCESS WHO HAS NOW SECURED A LEVEL 3 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE COURSE AT BOURNVILLE COLLEGE

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Your support is so good for me you help me a lot to improve my language skills thank you so much

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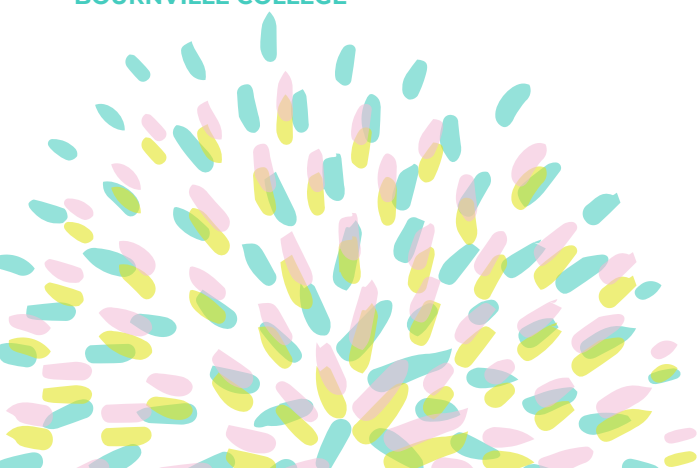
A YOUNG PERSON WHO IS ENGAGING IN ONLINE LEARNING TO HELP IMPROVE HIS ENGLISH SKILLS DURING LOCKDOWN

“

Thank you so much you have been an absolute gem to me

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A YOUNG PERSON WHO HAD HELP WITH APPLICATIONS FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP



APPRENTICESHIP VACANCIES

Log on to www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch and enter the vacancy reference number for more information

Apprentice Customer Service Adviser

The purpose of this role is to provide a quality and friendly service to our customers, with the aim of increasing our customer retention, customer satisfaction, and receiving positive customer reviews. Within the company, you are required to liaise with internal departments such as purchasing, warehouse, trade counter, and marketing.

Reference number: VAC001640521

Location: B42

Weekly Wage: £145.25

Desired qualifications: GCSE or equivalent Grade C (4) English and maths

Closing Date: 01 Sep 2020

Childcare Apprenticeship

Are you looking to start a career in Childcare? We are looking for a keen and enthusiastic new apprentice to join our Nursery and become part of our team at Roundhouse Day Nursery Birmingham.

Reference number: VAC001621474

Location: B16

Weekly Wage: £168.75

Desired qualifications: Someone who has completed the relevant maths and English qualifications would be preferable but full training will be provided.

Closing Date: 31 Aug 2020

Childcare Apprenticeship

Head Start Day Nursery are looking for an apprentice to join their team. We are always looking for special staff who understand our passion and our vision for holistic, high quality care.

Reference number: VAC001640922

Location: B33

Weekly Wage: £132.80

Desired qualifications: GCSE's C/4 or above in maths and English (or equivalent) are desirable but not essential

Closing Date: 27 Aug 2020

Hairdressing – professional Apprenticeship

Francesco Group are looking to recruit a Hair Professional Apprentice to carry out various Hairdressing tasks within a salon. Apprentices will be employed and work in the salon while undertaking Francesco Group Hairdressing Training

Reference number: VAC001640106

Location: B2

Weekly Wage: £124.50

Desired qualifications: There are no formal entry requirements for this apprenticeship.

Closing Date: 27 Nov 2020

Engineer Apprentice (Machinist/ Service Grinder)

Starting on surface grinding, you'll become an expert on measuring on manual machines. You will use Milling Machines, lathes, Saw, Wire erosion, engraving machines. Both manual and CNC machines.

Reference number: VAC001633536

Location: B19

Weekly Wage: £153.55

Desired qualifications: Grades 4 or above (A*-C) or equivalent qualifications in maths and English.

Closing Date: 15 Sep 2020

Mechanical Engineering Apprentice

Aston Fittings Manufacturing Ltd are looking to take on a Mechanical Engineering Apprentice taking on all aspects of work and will complete a level 3 Engineering Operative qualification. There is the opportunity to secure full-time employment and progress to higher level qualifications

Reference number: VAC001632831

Location: B11

Weekly Wage: £168.35 - £322.64

Desired qualifications: GCSE's C/4 or above in maths and English (or equivalent) are desirable but not essential

Closing Date: 30 Aug 2020

Digital Marketing Apprenticeship

Looking for a creative individual who loves the world of social media to join MY Business Counsel as a Digital Marketer apprentice.

Reference number: VAC001635375

Location: B4

Weekly Wage: £153.55

Desired qualifications: Must have grade C/4 or above in English and maths GCSE (or equivalent), or Functional Skills Level 2.

Closing Date: 25 Sep 2020

Business Administration Apprenticeship

A fantastic opportunity has become available working alongside a professional team of individuals. You will be supported through your business administration apprenticeship.

Reference number: VAC001640427

Location: B33

Weekly Wage: £153.55

Desired qualifications: maths and English GCSE Levels A* - C/4 - 9 or equivalent.

Closing Date: 28 Aug 2020

DAF Service Administration Apprenticeship

Working in an office, the apprentice will train in a number of areas including improving customer relations, monitoring and dealing with customers orders, safe storage of parts, handling, storing and receiving stock, payments, procedures, monitoring and solving customer and processing customer orders, responding to customers.

Reference number: VAC001641346

Location: B33

Weekly Wage: £166.00

Desired qualifications: Full training will be provided, no skills required

Closing Date: 31 Aug 2020

Apprentice Pharmacy Assistant

Fantastic opportunity for someone with an interest in science and an ability to learn fast to jump-start an exciting career in pharmacy. We are a community pharmacy located in Smethwick. Our values and mission are to provide the very best healthcare and we aim to provide the highest standard of service to all our patients.

Reference number: VAC001640248

Location: B66

Weekly Wage: £153.55

Desired qualifications: GCSEs at grades C/4 or above (or equivalent) in maths and English.

Closing Date: 25 Aug 2020

Adult Care Apprentice

This is an exciting opportunity to work for a well-established homecare Service Company. Offering support and management to service users, whilst completing a qualification alongside.

Reference number: VAC001630729

Location: B66

Weekly Wage: £172.90 - £331.36

Desired qualifications: Candidates must hold GCSEs at grades D/3 or above (or equivalent) in both English and maths

Closing Date: 07 Sep 2020

Apprentice IT Technician

You will learn and develop your skills through hands-on experience, supplemented by completing technical qualifications as part of the apprenticeship scheme. This is a fantastic opportunity for an enthusiastic IT-oriented individual to develop their skills within a fast-paced and exciting environment.

Reference number: VAC001639840

Location: B6

Weekly Wage: £155.63

Desired qualifications: 5 GCSE'S or equivalents Grade C/4 or above in English, maths, ICT and two other subjects nonspecific

Closing Date: 07 Sep 2020

If you would like help or support with applying for these or any other vacancy, get in touch with us and one of our Birmingham Careers Service Advisers can help you.

POST 16 & POST 18 OPTIONS WEBINAR SESSIONS

Birmingham Careers Service will be delivering webinar sessions on Post 16 & Post 18 options aimed at young people and parents/guardians. If you are aged 16-19, and need support with what to do following your GCSE or A-Level results we can help.



Further details on when these sessions will take place can be found by visiting www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk

VISIT OUR ONLINE LIBRARY

Our Discover library is here to offer lots of useful careers guides for young people. From post-16 and post-18 options, to creating your CV and simple easy guides to perfecting your interview skills.



Visit our website for these and many more.

www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/publications

For further information
contact your local
Young Parent Adviser
07880180422, 07919887107

Care to Learn

www.gov.uk/care-to-learn

<http://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn>

Childcare support for young parents


Education & Skills
Funding Agency



DO YOU WANT TO STUDY AND NEED HELP WITH CHILDCARE COSTS? IF YOU ARE UNDER 20 THEN CARE TO LEARN MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILDCARE NEEDS.

For more information on Care to Learn, visit our website at www.gov.uk/care-to-learn, email caretolearn@studentbursary.education.gov.uk or call our helpline on 0800 121 8989

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