

## Post-16 – Next Steps: Information for Students, Parents and Carers

At this point in the academic year, Y11 students should have either submitted an application to their chosen post 16 destination or be in the process of making their final decision before applying.

If your child still needs to apply, please see the information below which should help them with their course choice and how to apply. Please also see the information regarding careers advice available to them.

### Careers Advice

Many students in Y11 have already met with Maria Masters (a qualified Independent Careers Adviser) at Isca for a 1:1 interview.

Careers Guidance Interviews will be resuming from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Maria will be phoning students to discuss their career ideas and post 16 plans. She will then email a detailed action plan and resources as a follow up.

The call will be made to the parent/carer's main mobile number that is on the Isca computer system. **You can email Maria Masters directly if there is an alternative number you would prefer to be called on and a preferred time. [MMasters@iscaexeter.co.uk](mailto:MMasters@iscaexeter.co.uk)**

If you would like your child's careers interview as soon as possible, please email Maria or call on 07791 339 267. Maria can help **all students** with any careers related questions.

#### Useful careers websites are:

National Careers Service: <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

Career Pilot: <https://careerpilot.org.uk>

#### Medical Work Experience Opportunity

For any students who are interested in a career in medicine, there is an opportunity to take part in a live online GP surgery work experience. Dates as follows:

18th February 2021 - 10am-4pm

19th February 2021 - 10am-4pm

28th March 2021 - 10am-4pm

12th April 2021 - 10am-4pm

13th April 2021 - 10am-4pm

To book, visit: <https://educationprojects.co.uk/medical-projects/gp-live/>

### Exeter College (based at different sites in and around Exeter city centre)

Courses are available as follows:

**Full time Vocational BTEC Diplomas (Levels 1, 2 and 3).** See page 16 of course guide for details of all subjects available.

These are practical, hands on courses, assessed mostly by coursework with less emphasis on exams. A student can progress from L1 to L2 and from L2 to L3. A good pass at L3 will allow for progression to university/undergraduate study. Just ONE of these courses can be studied (no combinations).

- Level 1 courses require grade 2 in English and Maths, plus 2 other GCSEs (4 in total).
- Level 2 courses require grade 3 in English and Maths, plus 2 other GCSEs (4 in total).
- Level 3 course require grade 4 in English and Maths, plus 3 other GCSEs (5 in total).

**A levels and BTEC Certificates (Level 3)** See pages 11 and 12 of the course guide for details of subjects available.

This route is for students who enjoy academic study. Assessment is mostly by examinations at the end of the 2 year course.

Three subjects must be studied in combination (either 3 A levels or 2 A levels plus one BTEC Certificate). Entry requirements are 8 GCSEs all at grade 4 or higher (see individual subject entry requirements). An Extend option must also be chosen (studied for one hour a week in the first year only). Visit: [exe-coll.ac.uk/school-leavers/extend/](http://exe-coll.ac.uk/school-leavers/extend/) for more details.

**T Levels (Level 2 and Level 3)** See page 15 for details.

These are new vocational qualifications involving 80% full time study, plus 20% (315) hours on a specific work placement. Grade 3 or 4 in English and Maths is required plus additional GCSEs depending on the level and subject studied.

**International Baccalaureate (Level 3)** See pages 127 and 128 for details.

Students study 6 academic subjects, 3 at Standard Level and 3 at Higher Level. Entry requirement is at least 8 GCSE's at a minimum of grade 6 or above.

**Apprenticeships.** See pages 17 and 18 for full details and page 19 for industry sectors available.

Students spend 4 days a week with an employer and 1 day a week at College. Contact the Apprenticeship team by calling 01392 400 800 or by email: [apprentices@exe-coll.ac.uk](mailto:apprentices@exe-coll.ac.uk)

**Note:** Entry requirements for all courses can vary, so always check the brochure for full details.

For more information on all courses, see the college website: [www.exe-coll.ac.uk](http://www.exe-coll.ac.uk) and follow the 'school leavers' link.

Videos recorded by subject lecturers, Heads of Faculty, and support areas are also available to view at any time at: <https://exe-coll.ac.uk/virtual-exeter-college-experience-school-leavers/>

#### **Order a Course Guide**

All students received an Exeter College course guide in September. However, if you need to request a new copy or view courses on-line, visit: <https://exe-coll.ac.uk/school-leavers/course-guide/> and follow the 'course guide' link.

#### **How to Apply To Exeter College**

To submit an application to Exeter College, visit: <https://apply.exe-coll.ac.uk/> and complete the following steps:

- Follow the 'Register' link. On this link you will be asked to submit your email address and to create a password.
  - Give your personal email address (not your Isca email) as this address will be used once you have left Isca.
  - The password must have at least 8 characters, one of which can't be a letter or a number (so include !,?/ for example). YOU MUST REMEMBER THIS PASSWORD, SO KEEP IT SAFE. IT IS THE ONLY WAY YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS YOUR APPLICATION AND ACCOUNT AT ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE.
- Once you have registered, you will immediately receive an email from Exeter College. Open this email and click on the link to activate your account. Then return to the first page (<https://apply.exe-coll.ac.uk/>) and continue as an existing applicant. Your username is your email address and the password is the one you created to register for your account.

#### **Further Information**

If you need further support or have any questions regarding courses or applying, please email either Mrs Taylor (Post 16 Transition Coordinator at Isca) [jtaylor@iscaexeter.co.uk](mailto:jtaylor@iscaexeter.co.uk), or Kerry Balchin (Exeter College Adviser) [kerrybalchin@exe-coll.ac.uk](mailto:kerrybalchin@exe-coll.ac.uk).

Learners may also find some of the information and links on the College Advice Team page useful if they are still undecided on their college course or want to explore future progression ideas: [www.exe-coll.ac.uk/cat](http://www.exe-coll.ac.uk/cat)

If possible, your child should submit their Exeter College application before the February half term.

## **Bicton College**

(Near East Budleigh, 13 miles east of Exeter – bus service available)

Bicton College offers Vocational Diplomas, Certificates and Apprenticeships available at all levels in subjects including:

- Horticulture (plants).
- Arboriculture (tree surgery – great if you like heights!).
- Animal Management.
- Equine (horses).
- Military and Protective Services.
- Veterinary Nursing and more.....

All courses are available to view online by visiting: <https://www.cornwall.ac.uk/16-18/>. You can also request a course and careers guide by visiting: [www.cornwall.ac.uk/order-a-prospectus](http://www.cornwall.ac.uk/order-a-prospectus). Courses are listed on p33.

#### **Taster Day Events**

To spend a day trying your chosen course visit: [www.bicton.ac.uk/events/taster-days-at-bicton-college/](http://www.bicton.ac.uk/events/taster-days-at-bicton-college/)

#### **Course and Career Advice Events**

To book, visit: <https://www.bicton.ac.uk/events/courses-and-careers-advice-event-at-bicton-college/>

All events will be subject to current coronavirus restrictions and may take place on-line.

#### **How to Apply To Bicton College**

Bicton Advise that applications are submitted by Easter in order to secure a place and to receive course related information. Some courses are proving extremely popular, including Animal Care, Military and Protective Services and Foundation Learning – so these will fill up more quickly.

To apply for a course at Bicton, visit: [www.cornwall.ac.uk](http://www.cornwall.ac.uk). All courses have an 'Apply Now' feature.

The form will go to Customer Services and the Admissions Team will then process applications.

#### **Further Information**

The Bicton Customer Services Team can answer your questions Monday to Friday, 9am to 3pm. Email: [enquiries@cornwall.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@cornwall.ac.uk) Telephone: 0330 123 2523 or you can use "Live Chat" on the Bicton website [www.cornwall.ac.uk](http://www.cornwall.ac.uk).

For any further information, contact [Sandra.everett@bicton.ac.uk](mailto:Sandra.everett@bicton.ac.uk) or Mrs Taylor at Isca [jtaylor@iscaexeter.co.uk](mailto:jtaylor@iscaexeter.co.uk).

#### **Bicton College Portal**

In preparation for a college course, students can view supporting learning material on the Career College learner portal: <https://www.virtual.cornwall.ac.uk/my-career-college/>

## **Apprenticeships**

Apprenticeships are available at both Exeter and Bicton Colleges, in addition to other training providers, such as:

- PGL / Careers4U [www.pgltraining.com](http://www.pgltraining.com)
- HIT (Hospitality Industry Training) [www.hittraining.co.uk](http://www.hittraining.co.uk)
- JTL (Plumbing and Heating) [www.jtltraining.com](http://www.jtltraining.com)
- The Focus Training Group (Electrical and Forestry) [www.thefocustraininggroup.com](http://www.thefocustraininggroup.com)
- Puffins Nursery (Childcare) [www.puffinsofexeter.co.uk](http://www.puffinsofexeter.co.uk)
- CITB (Construction) [www.citb.co.uk](http://www.citb.co.uk)

For more information about apprenticeships search: <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/> or email: [nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](mailto:nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)