

PARENTS' INFORMATION

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At Fareham College, our purpose is to ensure that every student succeeds to the best of their ability and can progress onto their chosen career. Whether your child decides to go straight into employment, go to university or undertake an Apprenticeship after their time at Fareham College; we can offer your child a course that will prepare them for their future and ready for their next steps.

We appreciate that the transition from school to college can be daunting for parents and carers and this parent and carer guide has been put together to give you information about how we will support your child at Fareham College.

WHY FAREHAM COLLEGE?

Fareham College offers a range of courses across our three state-of-the-art campuses. We offer Full Time courses, T levels and Apprenticeships. As well as Traineeships, Higher Education and Part Time courses too.

Our Bishopsfield Road campus delivers an extensive range of courses including Art and Design, Photography, Fashion, Graphic Design, Performing Arts, Music, Hospitality and Catering, Hair and Beauty, Travel and Tourism, Education and Childcare, Health and Science, Sport, Uniformed Services, Construction, Business, Computing and Digital industries.

All of our Automotive, Engineering and Manufacturing programmes are delivered at the College's CEMAST campus, our Centre of Excellence in Engineering, Manufacturing and Advanced Skills Training, located in Lee-on-the-Solent.

Neighbouring CEMAST, our Civil Engineering Training Centre (CETC) offers a range of different courses; from one-day training sessions through to Level 3 Apprenticeships.

To see our full range of courses, please click on this link to see our digital prospectus



Bishopsfield Road campus



CEMAST campus



CETC campus



HOW DOES THE APPLICATION PROCESS WORK?

Applications for year 11's open at the end of September each academic year. Once your child has applied online by visiting fareham.ac.uk, your child will then be invited in for an interview with one of our friendly Careers Centre Advisors.

Once your child has attended their interview, they will then be invited to an intro session. An intro session is a session after school where your child will be given the opportunity to try the course they have applied for, and they will be able to meet their tutor and new classmates. If your child is unsure on which course they would like to study with us, we will invite them to multiple intro sessions to ensure that they are choosing the right course for them.

Once your child has attended their intro session, we will give your child a conditional offer. The offer is conditional at this point, as we will need a satisfactory reference for their school and we will also need to see GCSE results. Your child does not need to get the reference themselves, we will request this from their school in the summer term.

WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE AT FAREHAM COLLEGE FOR MY CHILD?

For any students that are struggling with college life or simply need someone to talk to then the college can provide support through our Student Services team. We have a number of Health and Wellbeing Officer's across all of our campuses. Within our Student Services department, we can also offer financial support which supports parents and carers on a lower income with travel, kit and uniform.

We also have a Learning Support department which has it's very own study centre and learning support assistants who can support your child with assignments and homework.

Every student at Fareham College will engage in one tutorial session per week. These tutorials focus on safeguarding in the first instance and then explore a variety of self and wellbeing practices alongside skills and knowledge that contribute toward both life and employability skills. Tutorials are delivered by Success Coaches that also meet on a 1:1 basis with each student to ensure their experience of college is positive and to offer additional help and support with pastoral and academic success.

WHY IS IT A GOOD IDEA TO ATTEND AN OPEN EVENT?

Open events are a great way to visit the College and see our facilities for yourself. You will also get the opportunity to speak to lecturers, current students and support staff at Fareham College. We have the following open evenings planned for this academic year:

Tuesday 30th November, 5pm - 8pm

Wednesday 19th January, 5pm - 8pm

Wednesday 4th May, 5pm - 8pm

School students usually start visiting college open events from year 10, however we do see some younger students who want to start thinking about college nice and early.

We advise that you keep an eye on our social media channels prior to each event due to Covid-19 guidance



T LEVELS, WHAT ARE THEY?

T Levels are a new type of qualification that have been available for students since September 2020. T Levels are a renovation in education and are the equivalent of three A Levels. T Levels give students great progression opportunities such as university, Apprenticeships and full time work. We have 13 T Levels available from September 2022!

Students who choose a T Level programme will spend 80% of their time in the classroom and 20% of their time on a work placement. The work placement works out at 45- 60 days and will give the student a huge amount of valuable work experience to support them in their career progression.

For more information about T Levels, we recommend you attend an open evening. T Levels are a revolution in education and we look forward to showing you and your child our practical spaces and facilities at Fareham College.



HOW WILL MY CHILD BE SUPPORTED WITH THEIR PROGRESSION AT FAREHAM COLLEGE?

We have a team of qualified Careers Centre Advisors who will support your child from the start of their journey at Fareham College, right through to when they leave us. Our Careers Centre Advisors will interview your child, support them with their progression plans each year and then also discuss with them their plans for when they leave us. Our Careers Centre Advisors can be contacted at info@fareham.ac.uk should you have any questions.

We hope that you found this document useful and informative, and we hope that you can see why excellence is closer than you think at Fareham College. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at info@fareham.ac.uk.



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