

## YEAR 11 Applicant FACT SHEET - FAQ'S

Starting college is a great time in your life. It is a new chapter, in a new environment and an opportunity to make friends as well as experience learning in a new way. Any change in life brings with it questions, and it's okay to be a little unsure of things to start off with. Sandwell College is very welcoming and our staff are here to support you. We welcome any questions, but to get started we've thought of some of the things you may want to know, especially because life at the moment whether in school, at home or out on the street isn't what we're all used to!

### Q. IF THE COLLEGE IS CLOSED CAN I STILL APPLY?

Absolutely! We have online applications via [www.sandwell.ac.uk](http://www.sandwell.ac.uk) just register and away you go.

Your place will be confirmed once you click the submit button. You'll get an email back with these details

After that, one of our tutors will give you a call to check you're happy and that's a great time to ask any course specific questions.

The important thing to remember is not to worry - even if you change your mind about what you want to do or if you're unsure about how grades are going to work that's okay, the College is here to help.

### Q. WILL I NEED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW FOR MY PLACE?

We've made this bit even easier for you - you'll get a telephone call back. Don't worry if you miss the call either, we'll leave a message and try again later.

The phone call isn't about whether you have a place or not - that's already guaranteed! The phone call is your chance to talk with our staff, get your parents or carers involved if you like and ask any questions, and tell us what you're interested in.

### Q. IF I'VE ALREADY APPLIED, IS MY PLACE SECURE FOR SEPTEMBER 2020?

Your place is totally secure and we're working hard to get everything ready for you!

You can expect to hear from us as we approach August 2020 and again during the summer once your grades are with you.

Also our website and social media will always have the most up-to-date information - so check them out, follow and like us. That way you're covered.

### Q. WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH EXAM GRADES THIS YEAR?

We know this is a massive change compared to what normally happens. Loads of work is going on, but the important thing is not to worry. You can apply with or without any predicted grades.

When you come to enrol on a course, you'll need to bring your results with you in whatever form you have them. Our course tutors will be on hand to discuss the right course for you. The important thing to remember is there is lots of choice and not just one or two routes. So whatever your results the message is - come and talk to us first!

### Q. DOES THE COLLEGE OFFER 'RESIT' EXAMS?

Firstly, it's important to know that any results, even ones you may not be too happy about will allow you to make progress in the College.

Secondly, our tutors are really experienced with offering advice and guidance and giving you options. You may not need to 'resit' anything, so don't assume that you do before you've spoken to us.

The College will offer maths, English and science exam options where this needed and we'll be able to talk you through this and how these can fit into your timetable.

We will continue to update you in the coming weeks and we are here to answer any further questions you may have.

If you are contacting the college, we recommend emailing: [schools.liaison@sandwell.ac.uk](mailto:schools.liaison@sandwell.ac.uk) and we'll give you a response or call back.

We know that the current situation is making decisions on your future that little bit harder at the moment, but at Sandwell College we're pleased to be able to support you through it all.

We look forward to welcoming you to our outstanding college in September 2020.

**MANY THANKS**

**THE SCHOOLS LIAISON TEAM**