Principal’s Update – 14th July 2020

Choosing and starting your post-16 journey in September

I thought it would be useful to explain in a little more detail, the options for those who are leaving school and about to choose and start their post-16 journey in September.

The main point to emphasise is that you are in control – you are free to choose an option – full-time education, apprenticeship or employment with training, whatever best suits you. Making this decision is always a complex and difficult one which takes time. Many of you began this journey back in Year 10 when you started to go on visits to colleges and listened to careers talks. The Pandemic that has interrupted your final year at school has made your decision even more challenging.

At Carmel we want you to take as long as you need to make your choices. To help you do this, we have reserved you a place at college but we won’t actually put your programme of study together until we see you again once you have your GCSE results:

If you have applied and had your initial interview you will receive an invite to come to Carmel for your enrolment interview either on Results Day or the day after. (Don’t worry if you are on holiday or not available on these days we will be able to offer you an alternative day during the following week)

If you haven’t applied yet there is still time, but at Carmel you will go onto our waiting list. Many post-16 providers may even still allow you to apply after results day.

Your future
Some colleges and schools may have asked you to confirm an offer or course or formally agreed subject choices – this is often more to help with their timetabling and planning.

Remember, Year 12 is the next step in your future and it’s your choice.

You can apply to multiple colleges and schools and you don’t have to make your final decision until you have had your interviews in August.

We hope that after your visits, interviews and taking part in virtual taster sessions or dipping into the resources on our Carmel New Student Gateway, many of you are still firmly considering Carmel as the place for the next step in your journey.

We are looking forward to meeting you and helping you with your final decisions in August.