

Macmillan Post 16 – Year 11 into 12

Frequently Asked Questions.

We understand that you will have concerns about the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak. Whether you are a current Year 11 Macmillan student, coming to Post 16 from another school, or are interested in studying at Macmillan Post 16 - the information below will provide some useful FAQs to help answer your queries and concerns.

We will do everything we can to support you in your studies at Post 16 in these unprecedented times.

Can I still apply to Macmillan Post 16?

Absolutely, yes! We are still accepting applications for September. You can apply quickly and easily online at www.post16.co.uk/apply.

I haven't attended Macmillan Academy; can I still apply to Post 16?

Yes of course, we receive lots of applications from students far and wide and welcome students from Middlesbrough, Stockton, Redcar and Cleveland and Hartlepool and even further afield.

What are the entry requirements?

To study BTEC courses, you need to achieve 5 x Grade 4's at GCSE. To study A-levels you need to achieve 5 x Grade 5's at GCSE, however some subjects require a Grade 6 such as Maths, Sciences, English and English Literature. Please visit our website for more details – post16.co.uk

I am due to start Post 16 in September. Will this now be delayed due to the Coronavirus pandemic?

Our new academic year will start on 2 September. We are currently awaiting further Government guidance to confirm if it is safe for us to start the new term as planned. Please continue to check our website and social media for updates.

What will Year 12 look like in September?

At the moment it is difficult to say. There is lots of speculation around what schools and colleges will do with regards to opening and at this stage it isn't clear. We will always follow guidance set out by Public Health England and the government. We keep our students regularly informed through email, social media and letter and as soon as we are in a position to let you know, we will let you know. We hope to provide you with an update soon. In the meantime, you can access all the individual subject transition work at <https://tinyurl.com/y9x9qg4w> or <https://frog.macmillan-academy.org.uk/post16bridge>. By completing this work, it will give you a flying start to your post 16 studies.

What safety measures will be in place?

Your safety is our priority. Please be assured that we are following the Government guidelines to ensure all our students and staff are safe on site. We have already implemented targeted cleaning measures, and wipes and hand sanitizer are available at various locations.

I am worried about starting Post 16 in September, how will you help me settle in?

We understand how difficult the past few months have been for many of our students. Please be assured we will do everything to ensure your transition from Year 11 to Year 12 is smooth, despite the challenges we are facing. Our virtual taster week launches online on 13th July and has lots of useful information to support you as you prepare to start Year 12.

We also have the subject transition work which is available here:
<https://frog.macmillan-academy.org.uk/post16bridge>. Completing this will give you the best possible start to life as a Post 16 student.

Can I still attend Taster Week?

Unfortunately, we have cancelled Taster Week 2020. However, we understand that it is important to get a taste of what Post 16 is like before you enrol, and we will be running a 'virtual taster week' from Monday 13th July. Keep an eye on our social media pages and website for more information.

What support do you offer for UCAS applications?

The UCAS application process begins for us in the Summer term of Year 12. We host and attend a variety of events both on and off site with a wide range of Universities to support their application and decision-making.

Early applicants (Oxbridge/Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary sciences) are fully supported by our Gifted and Talented programme. This comprehensive programme involves local employers, visits to Universities and interview preparation.

Why should I choose Macmillan Post 16?

We pride ourselves on the quality of education, range of experiences on offer and the support our students receive during their time in Post 16. Our students achieve fantastic results and go onto universities and apprenticeships locally and nationally.

Will I still be able to enrol if my GCSEs have been cancelled?

Yes, you will still receive GCSE results despite not sitting your exams. Please do not worry – your place is secure, and we can't wait for you to join us. You will be contacted regarding how to enrol, in due course.

When can I enrol?

You can provisionally enrol now by getting in touch via our website - post16.co.uk or by email - post16@macademy.org.uk.

Due to current social distancing rules, we are currently exploring the options for how to provide the safest enrolment process for the new academic year in September. As more firm plans are put into place we will be in touch and provide you with all the information of how to enrol. Remember, your place is secure, and we are here to support you. If you need any further advice or information, please contact us at post16@macademy.org.uk or via our social media channels.

What support do you offer students?

Care, support and guidance is undoubtedly a strong feature of Post 16 at Macmillan.

The Post 16 team monitor your overall academic progress and ensures that support is provided to help you achieve the very best results. Your pastoral tutor will provide day to day contact, monitoring and support, along with academic tutoring meetings, and there is learning support & SEN help where needed.

We also offer financial support to students eligible for the student bursary and offer a 1-1 counselling service for students who may need it.

What extra-curricular activities are on offer?

As an exciting and vibrant Post 16 provider, our students have many opportunities to engage in activities outside of their academic studies. The Student Union has become a recent addition with senior students holding roles and running events. We hold regular charity events and sports competitions which our students support and raise lots of money.

The Getting Involved programme allows students to enhance their skills set by taking on roles in and around the academy, such as reading buddies or classroom

assistants. Our students complete work experience in their desired field in addition to going on field trips and overseas visits to complement their learning. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is well supported, and a high number of our Post 16 students achieve the gold award.