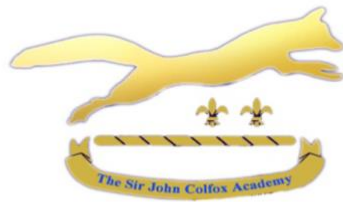


# The Sir John Colfox Academy



**Inspiring Learning, Achieving Excellence**

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Thursday, 15 July 2021

Dear Students, Carers and Parents,

## Re. Start of term arrangements, Yeovil College Partnership

I hope this letter finds you all well and enjoying the summer, which seems to have finally arrived. This letter is intended to give you some information about the start of the new school year in September. I will be available on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August - GCSE results day – to confirm next steps and offer advice to students.

Yeovil College are currently planning to reopen the college fully in September. **The first day for Yeovil College students is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, with transport leaving Colfox at 8.50am.** All students starting courses with the Yeovil Partnership should catch this bus, which returns to Colfox at around 6pm.

Please be aware that there are some costs attributed to courses that will need to be paid to Yeovil. At the time of writing, the total cost for your child's course is £100. This total covers a resource fee of £40 and an additional fee of £60 which covers DBS check, one t-shirt and one sweatshirt. This fee will be payable in the new term. **Please note that financial help is available for eligible students via the school's bursary programme.**

Students attend Yeovil College on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays**. The number of days students are expected depends on the course and the level at which students are studying. Students are expected to be in school on Tuesdays and Fridays. **GCSE retake classes** take place on Fridays and Tuesdays, periods 1 and 2 and if students require a '4' pass in either English or Maths, **attendance at these sessions is compulsory**. Students have been assigned a tutor (Tracey Smith - [T.Smith@colfox.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:T.Smith@colfox.dorset.sch.uk)) and are expected to make the most of their time completing college work and engaging with the tutorial programme during their time at school.

**Transport to Yeovil** (via Damory – 01305 250717) runs throughout the year. Students who are starting a Level 3 course will need to attend on all three days. Those on Level 2 courses may only need to attend on two of the days. **Please note that all first year students are expected to use this bus service.**

### Bus Timetable

Departs Colfox School:	8.50am
Departs Beaminster School:	9.15am
Departs Yeovil College:	5.10pm

Please note that the bus is strictly timetabled. Students will need to arrange their own transport if they miss the bus.

### Bus Passes:

Students are required to pay for the use of the bus service, which has been subsidised. **Two instalments of £200 (£150 for Level 2 courses) are payable, due Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September with the second instalment due on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>**



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**January 2022.** The preferred method of payment is Wisepay, or cheques are payable to 'The Sir John Colfox Academy'. **Again, financial help is available for eligible students.**

Students have course tutors at college, and Yeovil's support staff are on hand to help. **Any absences should be reported to the college on 01935 423921.** The college is responsible for recording attendance and will inform the school if a student is not present. The school will then contact parents. A similar system is in place at school on Tuesdays and Fridays. **Attendance at school on these days is mandatory.** Report school absence on the usual 01308 422291.

**Work Placements:**

Many of the Yeovil College courses require the student to do a regular work placement, although the details of these are to be confirmed in light of COVID. The students should be aware of whether their course involves this element or not. Work placements will start for most students after the October half term. The school will help the student find a suitable placement and complete all the necessary paperwork. This process will begin shortly and it would be helpful if students could give some thought to possible employers we could approach.

Thank you again for your choice, and please remember to make the most of this fantastic opportunity. The 'partnership' element is important. Whilst Yeovil are able to provide unique vocational and specialist courses, you get the benefit of remaining in a school environment that knows you as a student and an individual. We can help with career advice, pastoral support and study guidance. The tutorial programme (on Tuesdays) will help equip you with research and study skills, practical skills for independent living, an understanding of your rights as a citizen and financial knowledge. Work hard, enjoy your course and please do not hesitate to contact the college or school with any queries you might have.

With very best wishes,



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