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# NEWSLETTER JUNE 2020

## Leaving school & moving forward?

A free online event for parents

**30<sup>th</sup> June 2020**  
**from 12:00pm – 1:30pm via Microsoft Teams**

My son has sensor difficulties and will find the busy college difficult to deal with, the corridors, eating in the canteen will be too overwhelming for him!

My son hasn't got anywhere to go in September! What if he can't get a place?

My daughter is moving from a school where they know her really well, who can I talk to now?

There are so many students in the college how can they possibly support my son?

The college my daughter is moving to is so big and unfamiliar what if she gets lost?

My son suffers from anxiety and finds it difficult to ask for help, how will staff know he is struggling?

Does your child have special educational needs and is in year 11?

Need some help with moving on? This can be very stressful and worrying time for parents and children.

We are here to help. Come along to an online drop-in session on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, this will be an opportunity for you to ask about any last-minute worries you have with people who are here to help!

Delivered by Teresa Allen – Autism Lead for the 14-19 Participation Team



Black Lives Matter is an organized movement advocating for non-violent civil disobedience in protest against incidents of police brutality against African-American people.

<https://blacklivesmatter.com/>

Below is a link to a UK specific pool of resources and links to help you educate yourself and see in which ways you can help the BLM movement: [www.tinyurl.com/BLM-doc-unofficial](http://www.tinyurl.com/BLM-doc-unofficial)



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Best Choice Training are resuming Face-to-face teaching from the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020  
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This will be done in small groups to ensure social distancing measures are taking place.  
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They will take place in workshops which have been reduced to 2 hours from 10am-12pm on given training dates.

### Breakfast Club



Best Choice Training will be hosting a breakfast club every Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9am-12pm for learners to attend.

**“We aim to ensure that the needs of our learners are prioritised, through successful engagement and strong partnerships with employers, centres and government schemes”**



The national minimum wage for apprentices has increased to £4.15 commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020



Best Choice Training is currently celebrating a 100% EPA Pass rate.

## Learner Forum



Best Choice Training's learner forum has now moved online via ZOOM. This will take place on the following dates:

- 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020
- 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

This will take place from 10am-12pm on these dates.

## British Values and Online CPD

According to Ofsted, British values are democracy; the rule of law; individual liberty; mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

There is a range of online CPD to complete to help you learn British Values. ACAS has a lot of training modules to complete.

<https://elearning.acas.org.uk/>

# British Values

**Tolerance of Different Cultures and Religions**  
*Together we are one community who care, respect and understand one another.*  
Equity  
Equality

**Rule of Law**  
*We respect the rules of school and laws in society.*  
Equity  
Solidarity

**Democracy**  
*We all have a say.*  
Democracy  
Solidarity  
Equality

**Mutual Respect**  
*We respect others and expect them to show us respect.*  
Equity  
Equality  
Solidarity

**Individual Liberty**  
*We know our human rights and exercise these in school life and beyond.*  
Self-help  
Equality  
Self-responsibility

**Our Co-operative Trust Values link to the British Values:**  
**Self-Help** - Showing independence by achieving things on your own  
**Self-Responsibility** - Being responsible for your own actions  
**Democracy** - "Rule by the people" - having the power to take part in decision making  
**Equality** - Having the right to be treated the same as everyone else  
**Equity** - Having the right to be treated fairly and equally  
**Solidarity** - Working with others and sharing support



## EPA Online



Learners who are due for their EPA can now have this done from either work or home. There is a new EPA portal which is online so assist with this. This will be replacing face-to-face invigilation. You will be notified on this once your EPA is due and will be taught on how to use it.

## Functional Skills



Due to Covid-19, functional skills are no longer being sat. Learners who have completed their functional skills assessment will now receive calculated grades from 20<sup>th</sup> March until 31<sup>st</sup> July. Best Choice Training will be assessing previous work completed to assist in giving out accurate calculated grades to learners.

### **CHILDREN GUIDE TO CORONAVIRUS**

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/publication/childrens-guide-to-coronavirus/>

### **HOW TO USE ZOOM**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOUwumKCW7M>

### **MINDED**

<https://www.minded.org.uk/>

### **THE CHILD BEREAVEMENT NETWORK**

<http://www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk/schools.aspx>

### **MENTAL WELLBEING**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RVKP2NIUtb4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xzNMABRELPg>

### **SAFER INTERNET DAY 2020**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=neD2YZPgQ94>

### **STAYING SAFE ONLINE**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qm0kccbZpYY&feature=youtu.be>

Useful Links

### **WORKING FROM HOME**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtDet9wCQhE>

### **MENTAL WELLBEING**

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2020/april/supporting-children-young-people-mental-health>