

**Sent by Email**

Miss Taylor  
Oasis Academy Mayfield

Monday 30 March 2020

Dear Miss Taylor,

On behalf of the College I hope you, your family, colleagues, pupils and friends are all well. Here at the College we have been able to move quickly to online learning, whilst still being able to provide support for vulnerable children, and the children of key workers. At the end of our first week of working in a very different way, I could not be prouder of the staff team and our learners.

This letter is to update you on three key points relating to College support for Year 11 pupils and College success.

**1. Support for your Year 11 pupils.**

We recognise that the exam and assessment changes this summer will have caused uncertainty for schools, pupils, their families and future employers. The College is wholly committed to ensuring that no course or apprenticeship applicant will be disadvantaged as a result of the exam and assessment changes and we will work with every individual to ensure transition to College is as smooth as possible.

For those yet to apply or yet to be interviewed, staff will ask to see Year 10 and Year 11 reports, mock results and any GCSE or vocational courses already completed, to inform decisions about all course and apprenticeship offers.

Please note our applications process remains fully operational and interviews will be conducted via phone, or Microsoft Teams. Contact details for any enquiry are available on our website <https://www.eastleigh.ac.uk> and applications can be made via <https://www.eastleigh.ac.uk/application-forms/course-selector/>

In addition, we are also developing transition materials for schools to pass on to their Year 11 pupils so as to provide support for pupils who now face many months before beginning their post-16 studies. This support is being led by Lou Gittens (Vice Principal (Curriculum)) who is working with our Curriculum Managers to develop subject materials for the different levels delivered at our College.

**2. College success continues – Eastleigh is now the Number 1 College (both Further Education and Sixth Form) in Hampshire for 16-18 student achievement, and 10<sup>th</sup> nationally for all age student achievement.**

Yesterday saw the government release the national achievement rates tables for 2018/19. The College was delighted that the performance of our learners has seen the College climb the national tables for both Further Education and Sixth Form colleges.

We are enjoying a very successful year. In addition to now being the number one Further Education and Sixth Form college in Hampshire for 16-18 student achievement, please see below our top five achievements specifically related to our 16-18 delivery.

- At 72.4% our Eastleigh College Training Agency (ECTA) day and block release overall apprenticeship achievement is significantly above the 2018/19 national average of 64.7%.
- Currently shortlisted by the TES for the Outstanding GCSE resits provision award.
- Achieved the Association of Colleges, Beacon Standard and Commended Status for Employer Engagement.
- Achieved the Association of Colleges, Beacon Standard and Commended Status for Support for Students.

- Winner of the 2019/20 FE Week and AELP SEND Apprenticeship Champion award.

These are certainly challenging and uncertain times for us all. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or a member of the team above, if you need any support.

Take care and stay safe,



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