



Ark Charter Academy

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Dear Y10 Parents/Guardians/Carers

College Taster Days

I would like to offer you a quick update on local colleges taster days this Summer. Most colleges have been in touch with us to say whether they will be offering any virtual or real-life taster days. Below is the outline of what's on offer.

Portsmouth College: Virtual Taster Day between 6th and 10th of July – <https://www.portsmouth-college.ac.uk/events/virtual-taster-day-2020/>. Please also visit the YouTube channel to watch the virtual assembly video focused on progression and next steps for year 10s. The video is here: <https://youtu.be/Vgi-d08tpKc>

Highbury College: will not be offering virtual tasters this term. They will review the situation again in September. In the meantime, Year 10 students can explore courses via the Virtual Open Event, which includes a virtual tour and videos of staff and students talking about their subject area. Pupils can also request a call back from the tutor to find out more. Visit: <https://www.highbury.ac.uk/virtual-open-event-june-2020/>

Alternatively, the college have 2 socially distanced Open Events on the 15th & 16th July. The 15th will be at our Northarbour Construction centre and the 16th is at Highbury Campus in Cosham. Year 10s are welcome to attend and see the College. More info here: <https://www.highbury.ac.uk/news-and-events/2020/06/11/13/19/july-open-event/>

Havant and Southdowns: will not be offering virtual Taster Days. Depending on the situation in the new academic year they are hoping to be able to offer the students something in replacement of the taster days. I will keep you updated. In the meantime, please visit Ark Charter website (under home learning, careers) where you can find a "Transition to College" presentation <https://charteracademy.org.uk/home-school-learning/resources-home-learning-and-careers>

Fareham College: will be producing some videos for Y10s to cover all college areas, details will follow later. In the meantime, please visit Ark Charter website (under home learning, careers) to see their presentation "Why choose Fareham College" <https://charteracademy.org.uk/home-school-learning/resources-home-learning-and-careers>



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St Vincent College: new virtual 'Click & Meet' platform will now be going live from this Monday, 22nd June - Friday 10th July inclusive <http://www.stvincent.ac.uk/click-and-meet/>
Students will have the opportunity to see what's new at college, find out more about their transitions and speak on live chat with a college representative.

Do check colleges' websites for more information and keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter feeds for updates.

If you have any further queries about Y10 taster days, please get in touch with me on o.riches@charteracademy.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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