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Dear Year 13

Re: Supported Study Opportunities June and July

Your last day at school will be at half term but your studies should continue throughout June and July in order to best prepare you for your next step. In a normal year, we would begin "study leave" in preparation for A Levels at this time but as you have completed your assessments, this offers you a unique opportunity to embark on training in other areas.

We will support you with a range of opportunities to keep you motivated and continue your learning into the Summer months. It is advisable to keep a record of the additional study that you complete as this can be used as evidence in future applications in education or employment.

We have outlined for you below the formal learning opportunities that we are making available to you.

Additional Study

1. **BeReady** – We have collaborated with this company to be able to offer all of our year 13 students access to certificated courses on employability, presentation skills, negotiation, job hunting and many more. You will have received an invitation to your school e-mail address which contains the link to use to access the courses and we will be able to support you and track your progress at school.
2. **SpringPod** – This is a website which offers virtual work experience programmes. The site allows you to apply to join live delivery programmes from a huge range of employers and you will be sent recordings of the session to review at a later date. With hosting virtual work experience, the platform allows you to learn about positions in cities throughout the country that you would not normally be able to access as part of a standard work experience. Click on the link below and sign up by creating your own account – all you will need is an e-mail address.

<https://www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes>

3. **FutureLearn** - This is an online education company that allows you access to accredited courses in anything from personal finance management to a taster forensic science course. The courses are funded by industry to allow the contents to be free and you can register to complete them over a series of weeks. In order to gain access to the assessments and certificates, you have to pay a fee but you can still access all of the content and record your completion in your Record of Achievement with a free account. Click the link below to browse their courses and "find out more" and then click "join course for free" to register. You will need an e-mail address.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses>

They have a course entitled "Preparing for University which can be found at the link below:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/preparing-for-uni>

4. **OpenLearn** – This website hosts free courses that are produced by the Open University and they offer nearly 1000 free courses across 8 different subject areas including "Education and Development", "History and the Arts" and "Science, Maths and Technology". You will need an e-mail address to set up a free account.

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>

5. **The Skills Toolkit** – This is part of the National Careers Service and again offers free courses to help you learn new skills including general skills that apply to all sectors such as "Computer essentials" or "Practical Maths". You will need an e-mail address to create a free account and then you can access and track your progress in all of the courses.

https://www.eassessor.co.uk/cgi/radSVQ.cgi/register_DfE_Business_and_Customer_Awareness?_ga=2.170631141.479925812.1620726167-923079211.1620726167

Journey to Work – This is a free online learning programme which contains access to 8 courses to boost your skills and career confidence. You get a certificate for your CV when you complete each course.

<https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/employment-help-young-people/choices/online-skills-and-careers-courses/journey-to-work-free-online-course/>

There are other opportunities available through the National Careers Service <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/career-choices-at-18> and Mrs Poppleton will continue to be available to work with you and advise you on your future plans. If you would like to book an appointment with Mrs Poppleton, then please e-mail j.poppleton@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk and put Careers Appointment in the title line.

If you need any further support then please do not hesitate to get in touch with us – nobody ever truly leaves the school and we will be there to support you through any further education opportunities you take and beyond.

Kind regards

Mrs Baird and the Post 16 Team