

# Coventry College's September Guarantee

**Coventry College is committed to ensuring that all prospective learners secure a place with us as part of the government's 'September Guarantee' pledge.**

In addition, the College is part of a **Colleges West Midlands Education and Skills Pledge** which recognises that Covid-19 may change the ways of studying and working into the future. As part of this Skills Pledge we are committed to:

1. Ensuring all learners will continue to receive online/distance learning delivery through to the end of the summer term.
2. All full-time learners will receive an enhanced transition programme at the start of the new academic year to ensure that they are able to successfully move on with their studies.
3. Young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) will be supported directly through college focussed programmes and with specialist help and referrals.
4. Adult provision will be reconfigured to focus on areas of need and to support more flexibilities in the way adults may wish to study.
5. Unemployed adults, recently made redundant or furloughed will have access to an expanded range of redeployment programmes to return to employment.
6. Apprentices will continue to receive learning and reviews online under safe working arrangements at employer premises are agreed.
7. Learners progressing to higher education will be able to access an optional transition programme to support their next steps.
8. We will create a single access point to support employers looking to recruit new employees.

In addition to the above Pledge, Coventry College has made **a number of changes/commitments specifically for school leavers:**

1. Coventry College has adapted its admissions processes to enable school leavers to apply remotely. Applicants who submit an application to the College for a September 2020 start will be given automatic conditional offers (unless there are any reasons which would prevent this e.g. EHCP which require additional support).
2. All school leavers can submit an application following the steps outlined on this page: <https://www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/applicant-hub/how-to-apply/> or by getting in touch via the 'Live Chat' pop-up function which they will see once they enter our website. Our team are available from 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday to answer enquiries.
3. Given the current unprecedented circumstances, we will be considering entry qualification and requirements on an individual basis - pupils do not need to worry about their expected grades when applying to Coventry College. We are offering a place at the College to all applicants but will assess the levels and subject areas during the enrolment period. We recognise that some young people will have been absent from education for some time. The College will be providing a significantly different induction to college life, including support to improve study and engagement skills and assess appropriate starting points, without relying solely on prior achievement. We want to ensure that young people are reintegrated and prepared for college life.

4. For school leavers who are interested in completing an apprenticeship, please look at <https://www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/apprenticeships/> - our apprenticeship recruitment service continues to operate throughout the week and all prospective apprentices should register their interest in order for us to guide you through the employment process.
5. Any school leavers interested in applying to the College but wishing to find out more information about our courses, apprenticeships and support can pre-register to visit our new virtual open event called Spotlight, launching on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Details can be found here: <https://www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/online-open-event/>
6. For those learners who have already submitted an application, they should be looking at the 'Applicants Hub' which is an area set up exclusively for existing applicants. This area of the website has information which can be downloaded such as the 'FE Magazine Edition 2' which outlines all of our support services, campus information, subject specific information and success stories. In addition, this area provides an outline of the next steps for all applicants. It can be found at: <https://www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/applicant-hub/>
7. All applicants who have accepted their offer of a place at Coventry College will be enrolled online – this is a new process and has been created to maximise safety for school leavers. All applicants will receive further information on this process shortly.
8. All applicants continue to receive 'keep-warm' messages at least fortnightly from Coventry College.
9. A video FAQ has been filmed by the Principal and will be circulated shortly to parents/carers in order to allay any concerns that they might have about how we will ensure our spaces are safe for the new academic year.
10. All careers advisers have a dedicated area on our website which provides contact details for our School Liaison Officer, information on the admissions process and other helpful materials to download. This portal can be accessed at: <https://www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/careers-advisor-login>
11. Our dedicated Covid-19 resources which include useful information for parents/carers and learners can be found at: <https://www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/coronavirus/>

