

## Questions to ask when visiting colleges/sixth forms.

We've listed some questions you could ask on open days:

- ❓ How will the course be assessed? Exams, coursework or a mixture?
- ❓ How many students will be on the course?
- ❓ What careers have recent students gone on to?
- ❓ Is there opportunity to take a placement? If so, will the college organise this?
- ❓ What sort of student support provision is in place?
- ❓ What sports and enrichment activities are available at college?
- ❓ When will I be interviewed for my course?
- ❓ What grades do I need – and can I still get a place if I don't quite get the grades?
- ❓ Which qualifications and combinations of qualifications do they accept/prefer? Do they accept BTEC and GCSEs?
- ❓ Am I able to apply for more than one course?
- ❓ What do they look for in your application and personal statement?
- ❓ Does the college have an application deadline?
- ❓ What will the course be like when you're there - suggestions from a careers adviser, student or college tutor.
- ❓ What does the course cover?
- ❓ How many hours a week will I be in timetabled teaching?
- ❓ What facilities are there for breaks and lunch?
- ❓ Are there spaces I can use to study or do research when not in class?
- ❓ How much flexibility is there?

- ❓ How will the course make you more employable? Do they offer or arrange placements?
- ❓ What have previous students gone on to do after finishing?
- ❓ What's on offer here that will provide opportunities for you to develop your employability skills? Are there any connections with local employers?
- ❓ Are there any jobs on the college campus available for students?
- ❓ Are there any volunteering opportunities?
- ❓ What academic support is available?
- ❓ What sports and societies are available?
- ❓ What are the transport links like? Are most things available on the college campus?
- ❓ Will the college timetable allow room for a part-time job?
- ❓ What bursaries, scholarships or financial help is available? How do you apply?
- ❓ If I get stuck with an assignment, who can I go to for help?
- ❓ Lots of colleges offer the subject, so why should I choose you?
- ❓ What have the grade results been like for the last 2 years?
- ❓ Do you offer subject taster days?
- ❓ What is the process if I pick a course, then find it's not for me – what can I do?
- ❓ Once I've applied to the college, how long will it be before I get an interview date?
- ❓ If I drive, cycle or ride a moped, is there a place to park/secure bike storage?
- ❓ Are there any additional costs for my course? For example hair, engineering, catering or construction may require protective equipment or specialist kits.
- ❓ Is there any financial help if I can't afford something for my course?
- ❓ Is there access to a careers service?
- ❓ What help is there to get into university or find an apprenticeship?