

Our Reference: BB\*/CB\*

20<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Families,

**Re: Year 12 Apprenticeship Summer School**

We have been made aware of a fantastic opportunity for Year 12 students to gain an insight in degree apprenticeships. The Sutton Trust are hosting a virtual Apprenticeship Summer School from 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> July and the deadline for applications to attend is midnight on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May. For more details and to apply please visit <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/apprenticeship-summer-school/>.

Information about the event:

*"You will gain an in depth understanding of degree apprenticeships, what they involve and whether a degree apprenticeship is the right choice for you. You will hear from current apprentices, experience networking opportunities, attend interactive digital sessions hosted by employers and learn the different application processes employers use. The programme will be delivered through live interactive sessions, webinars, Q&A panels, pre-recorded videos, group work and other online resources."*

To apply to the Apprenticeship Summer School, you must meet the following criteria:

- Attend, and have always attended, a state-funded, non-fee-paying school/college.
- Be in Year 12 (England and Wales), Year 13 (Northern Ireland) or S5 (Scotland) at the start of the programme.

In addition, we are looking for students who:

- Have achieved at least five GCSEs at grades 9 – 6 (A\*-B), including English and Maths. A minimum of two of these qualifications should be at grades 9 – 7. Or five A or B grades at National 5 including one A.
- Would be the first generation in their family to gain a degree/degree-level qualification.
- Have been eligible for Free School Meals whilst at secondary school.
- Live in a neighbourhood with a low rate of progression to higher education or a high level of socio-economic deprivation.
- Have attended schools with a lower than average progression to higher education, or a higher than average proportion of students who qualify for Free School Meals.
- Have been looked after or in care.

The more criteria you meet, the more likely you are to get a place on the programme.

I would be grateful if you could keep me informed of any applications you make by contacting me on [bbrake@raynespark.merton.sch.uk](mailto:bbrake@raynespark.merton.sch.uk).

Yours faithfully,

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