

# Year 11 Summer Holiday Programme 2021

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After a really tough year we want to give all Somerset young people leaving Year 11 the opportunity to take part in some fun, interesting, supportive and informative activities which are all free to sign up to and taking place across the Summer of 2021. Some of the activities are virtual so can be undertaken at any time and some are live events and activities that will take place in different locations across Somerset in June, July and August. We hope that the offer will help support young people in their journey to Post 16.

We are currently building a **Virtual Summer Holiday Programme Platform** which will comprise of **FOUR Zones** to make it easier to navigate, see what is on offer and sign up for the huge range of activities on offer. The platform will be live and accessible from the start of May until the end of August so participants can return and keep signing up for different activities throughout the summer:

1. **Get A Head Start Curriculum** – will include introductions to Year 12 programmes from Colleges and Sixth Forms, Year 12 options, Higher Education information and careers fair type interactions.
2. **Get Ahead Support, Resilience and Aspiration** – a variety of mental health and wellbeing virtual and actual support to help students prepare for the next steps in their Post 16 journey, including support from SomersetWorks.
3. **Get Out There** – a wide range of REAL-LIFE activities of a length, time and place to suit as many young people as possible - including National Citizenship Service, Duke of Edinburgh tasters, SSE Outdoor events, Activate, Army, Princes Trust opportunities, etc.
4. **Get an Experience of Work** – access to a wide range of virtual Work Experience insights - to find about the many different and varied employment sectors, jobs and careers in Somerset and beyond.

The Virtual Summer Holiday Programme Platform will go live at the start of May and we will be liaising with all schools to help promote the offers and to assist in getting young people registered and signed up for activities. We are particularly very keen to ensure that our most vulnerable young people are encouraged and supported to sign up for programmes and will be discussing individuals with you during the Transition Panels next term. We would very much welcome your support to encourage participation in the project.

We will keep you updated on progress, activities and marketing materials throughout April so please look out for more information coming through or contact Julie Young at [JAYoung@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:JAYoung@somerset.gov.uk) with any further queries.

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