

Parent newsletter

Welcome to our newsletter for the parents, carers and guardians of our students.



Proposed merger with Chichester College Group

As you may have seen in the local press, GB MET is proposing to merge with the Chichester College Group (CCG).

Please be assured that this proposal will have no impact on your/your young person's current course or teaching arrangements.

We have prepared some questions to answer any queries you might have. [To read these please visit our website.](#)

[Read more here](#)

EU Settlement Scheme

We would like to remind the parents, carers and guardians of our students that all EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and their family members, who were resident in the UK by 31 December 2020, should [apply to the EU Settlement Scheme](#) (EUSS), so that they can continue to work, study, access free healthcare and benefits in the UK after 30 June 2021.



Your young person is eligible for settled or pre-settled status if they're under 21 and either:

- an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen
- not an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, but you, or your spouse or civil partner is
(The EEA includes EU countries and also Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway).

If your young person was born in the UK but is not a British citizen, they will still need to apply. You can [check here if they're a British citizen](#) if you're not sure. The EUSS application process is free and there is [support available for anyone who needs it](#).

[Click here for further information](#)

Brighton Festival volunteering opportunities

[Brighton Festival](#) recruits volunteers every year from local communities to support the delivery of the festival, and are currently looking for volunteers to join the team. Volunteers play a vital role in welcoming artists and audiences to the city and shaping the festival experience for everyone. [Find out more here](#).

Our Employability team has been working on exploring other opportunities for work experience to support our learners.

[Click here](#) for further information about the latest employer opportunities from the GB MET Employability team.



Find out more about the options available to you as you consider your future career.

19–30 April 2021

Activities include:

- ▶ Presentations from industry representatives
- ▶ Access to information about different career pathways
- ▶ Drop-in sessions with a Careers Adviser
- ▶ Workshops on writing applications and preparing for interviews
- ▶ Talks about preparing for university



Your future in focus: 19 - 30 April 2021

Our progression weeks are an important event in the annual college calendar, intended to help raise aspirations, broaden horizons and open the minds of our young people.

The theme this year is 'Your future in focus' and will provide students with a dedicated opportunity to reflect on their academic progress with their personal tutor and get advice on the next steps they need to take to achieve their full potential.

We are hosting a number of workshops and webinars, including: CV writing, interview skills and preparing for university. Our Careers team are also providing drop-in sessions at each of our campuses, to offer a wide variety of support, including:

- 1:1 appointments with a fully qualified careers adviser
- Helping students to choose what to do after their programme finishes
- Supporting students to explore which career is right for them
- Help with identifying strengths and skills, and action planning
- Help with tailoring a CV and interview preparation
- Where to find apprenticeships and how to apply
- Providing labour market information (LMI)

[Students can access further information, including the schedule of upcoming events, here.](#) Please note that they will need to be logged in to their college Google accounts to access. As always, we are available to support you and your young person, and can be contacted on careers@gbmc.ac.uk.

Your future in focus - information for students



Widening Participation

The Widening Participation team is delighted to let you know about our upcoming programmes of virtual talks and workshops – all free to attend for people in our local community. Our lectures, talks and activities are delivered by industry professionals and are designed to raise aspirations and give insight into higher-level study and graduate careers in the creative industries. Upcoming outreach events include:

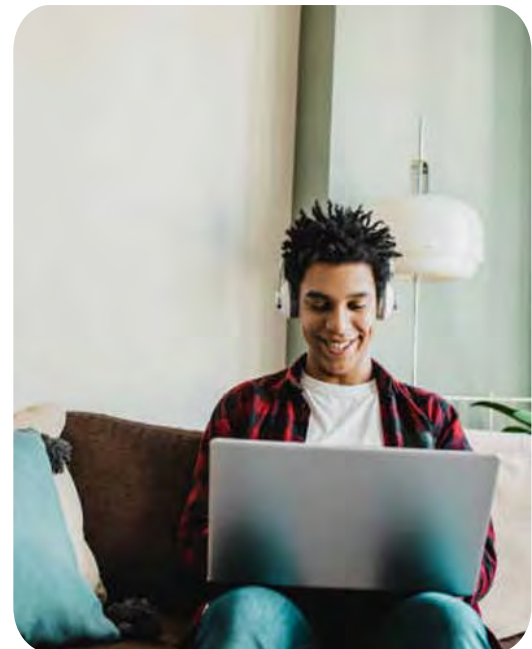
- [Design Culture: Virtual Twilight Lecture Series](#)
- [Music and Media Industry Weekly Webinars](#)

Read more information and [sign up here](#).

The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has recently launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever consultation with young people aged 4 to 17 in England.

It aims to find out young people's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that the government can put young people at the heart of our country's recovery from the Covid-19 outbreak. This survey only **takes 5-10 minutes to complete** and is open to parents, as well as young people.



Get involved and take the survey today!



Inspirational Voices from the Global Majority

In collaboration with [LOOKOUT](#), we are running a series of free talks and workshops from people of colour in music and the performing arts. These are open to students at GB MET, other local college students and people in our wider community.

The following talks and workshops will run between 22 April - 27 May 2021:

- Introduction to African Oral Storytelling
- Juwon Ogungbe: Making Musical Theatre
- Prema Mehta: Lighting Designer and Founder of Stage
- Sight Suhayla El Bushra: Writer
- Nadia Khan: Woman in CTRL
- Tarik Elmoutawakil: Artist, Programmer and Creative Producer

[Sign up now](#)



Travelling to college safely

As lockdown restrictions ease, it is likely that the roads and public transport system will get busier, given that other businesses have reopened. Please encourage your young person to travel safely by taking the following measures:

- avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble
- if you are using public transport to get to college, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey
- if you live a short distance from college, walk or cycle to and from college wherever it is possible and safe to do so

When travelling by public transport, don't forget to:

- wash or sanitise your hands regularly
- social distance where possible
- be considerate to fellow passengers and staff
- wear a face covering (unless exempt). It is important you wear them for the entirety of the journey, including inside a bus or train station

Upcoming dates to remember:

- Monday 3 May: Bank holiday
- Wednesday 26 May: Teacher training day (No College)
- Monday 31 May: Bank Holiday



If you have any questions about anything in this newsletter, please contact marketing@gbmc.ac.uk

