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Dear Students and Parents

We recognise that this has been a particularly challenging time for students, and especially for those leaving school this summer, to begin the next chapter of their education. Working together, Cumbrian colleges, schools, advice agencies and the Local Enterprise Partnership have been thinking about how we can best signpost Year 11 students and prepare them for their next step, particularly if that's to a technical career or a future apprenticeship. With the spring lockdown measures, it hasn't been possible to visit local colleges in person for advice and a discussion and so working together we have produced **Cumbria Activate Your Future** – an online learning portal where you can register to access a host of careers guidance resources, followed by a collection of online resources in a range of technical skills areas.

Our offer includes introductions to the following vocational subject pathways:

- Business
- Construction
- Engineering
- Hair and Beauty
- The Arts
- Catering
- Health and Social Care
- Early Years
- Information Technology

The self- study packages are free of charge, and your school will be able to register you to access **Cumbria Activate Your Future** from 15th June 2020 onwards.

Our aim is to support young people with their September choices and if you've already made an application for college in September, to get a head start on the technical subject you've chosen – or to try a range to make sure you've made the right choice.

We hope you find the resources helpful and motivating in preparing you for your future in the coming academic year.

Best wishes
Cumbria Activate Your Future

About Us

Cumbria Activate Your Future is an online learning resource created by a group convened by the Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership, made up of representatives from local FE colleges and schools, supported by Inspira and The Cumbria Careers Hub. Learning resources are provided by Carlisle College, Furness College, Kendal College and Lakes College as well as sourced from the Blended Learning Consortium. The project is sponsored by Hello Future and supported by Energy Coast UTC, Trinity School, Beacon Hill Community School, The Lunesdale Learning Trust, and Ulverston Victoria High School.

