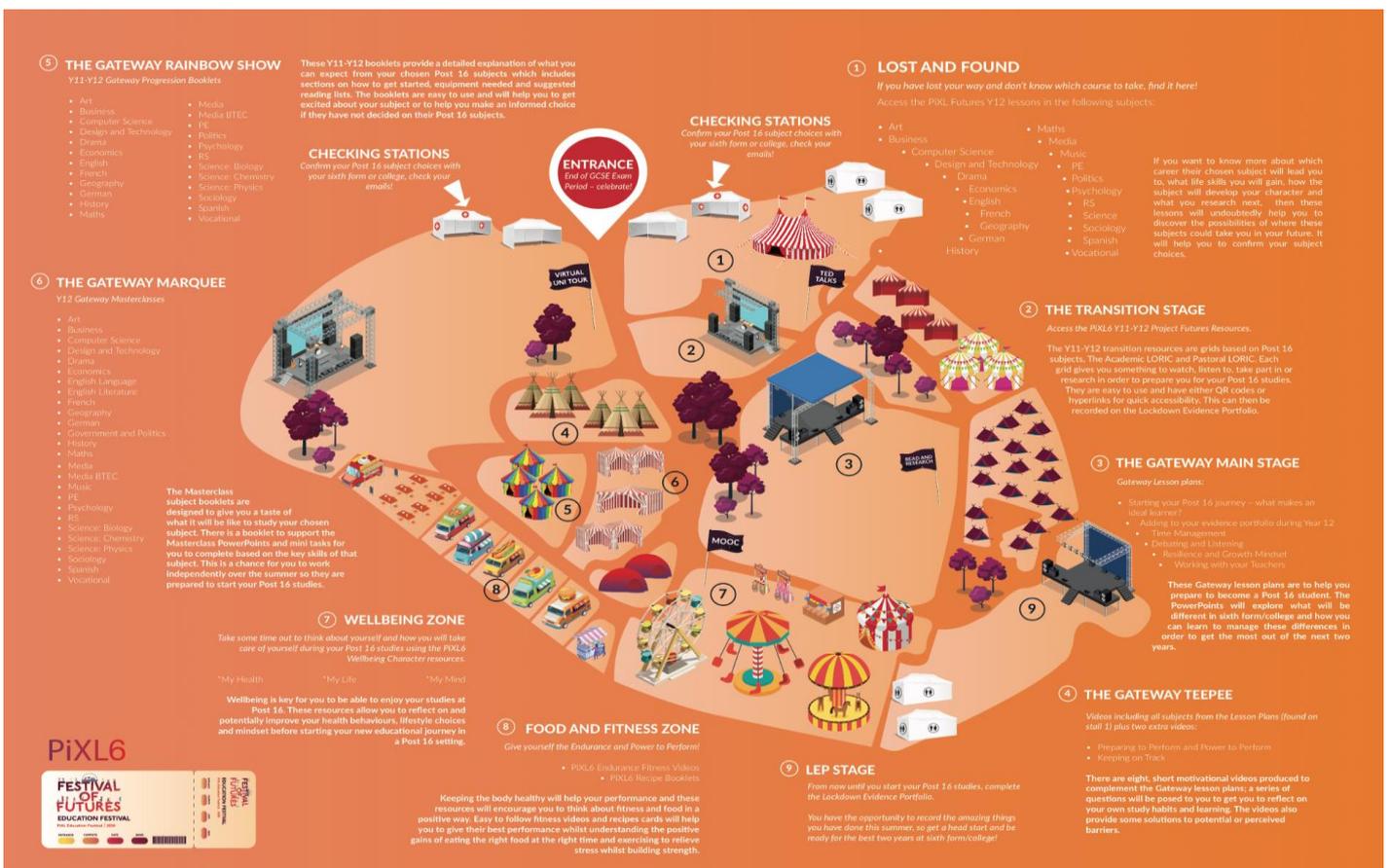




Dear Year 11,

We know that this past few months is not what any of us planned for or expected. We also know that this has been a strange time for you to navigate with so many unanswered questions. We cannot change this strange situation but what we can do is prepare you as best we can for the next stage of your journey so that you are ready for the months ahead. For you that will mean further education elsewhere. We want to help prepare you for all that is coming in the next few months. Please know that our doors remain open to you.

Today, we are launching 'The Festival of Futures' for you. Like a festival, you will be able to explore some of the areas that will help you as you start your Post-16 studies. Each area comes with some links/resources for you to work through and explore. There is a logbook that comes with it too for you to record what you have done, what you have learned and your thoughts about your learning or questions you have.



5 THE GATEWAY RAINBOW SHOW
Y11-Y12 Gateway Progression Booklets

- Art
- Business
- Computer Science
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- Economics
- English
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Maths
- Media
- Media BTEC
- PE
- Politics
- Psychology
- RS
- Science: Biology
- Science: Chemistry
- Science: Physics
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Vocational

These Y11-Y12 booklets provide a detailed explanation of what you can expect from your chosen Post 16 subjects which includes sections on how to get started, equipment needed and suggested reading lists. The booklets are easy to use and will help you to get excited about your subject or to help you make an informed choice if they have not decided on their Post 16 subjects.

6 THE GATEWAY MARQUEE
Y12 Gateway Masterclasses

- Art
- Business
- Computer Science
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- French
- Geography
- German
- Government and Politics
- History
- Maths
- Media
- Media BTEC
- Music
- PE
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- Science: Chemistry
- Science: Physics
- Sociology
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- Vocational

The Masterclass subject booklets are designed to give you a taste of what it will be like to study your chosen subject. There is a booklet to support the Masterclass PowerPoint and mini tasks for you to complete based on the key skills of that subject. This is a chance for you to work independently over the summer so they are prepared to start your Post 16 studies.

7 WELLBEING ZONE
Take some time out to think about yourself and how you will take care of yourself during your Post 16 studies using the PIXL6 Wellbeing Character resources.

- My Health
- My Life
- My Mind

Wellbeing is key for you to be able to enjoy your studies at Post 16. These resources allow you to reflect on and potentially improve your health behaviours, lifestyle choices and mindset before starting your new educational journey in a Post 16 setting.

8 FOOD AND FITNESS ZONE
Give yourself the Endurance and Power to Perform!

- PIXL6 Endurance Fitness Videos
- PIXL6 Recipe Booklets

Keeping the body healthy will help your performance and these resources will encourage you to think about fitness and food in a positive way. Easy to follow fitness videos and recipe cards will help you to give their best performance whilst understanding the positive gains of eating the right food at the right time and exercising to relieve stress whilst building strength.

9 LEP STAGE
From now until you start your Post 16 studies, complete the Lockdown Evidence Portfolio.

You have the opportunity to record the amazing things you have done this summer, so get a head start and be ready for the best two years of sixth form college!

1 LOST AND FOUND
If you have lost your way and don't know which course to take, find it here!

Access the PIXL6 Futures Y12 lessons in the following subjects:

- Art
- Business
- Computer Science
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- Economics
- English
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Maths
- Media
- PE
- Politics
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If you want to know more about which career their chosen subject will lead you to, what life skills you will gain, how the subject will develop your character and what your research next, then these lessons will undoubtedly help you to discover the possibilities of where these subjects could take you in your future. It will help you to confirm your subject choices.

2 THE TRANSITION STAGE
Access the PIXL6 Y11-Y12 Project Futures Resources.

The Y11-Y12 transition resources are grids based on Post 16 subjects, The Academic LORIC and Pastoral LORIC. Each grid gives you something to watch, listen to, take part in or research in order to prepare you for your Post 16 studies. They are easy to use and have either QR codes or hyperlinks for quick accessibility. This can then be recorded on the Lockdown Evidence Portfolio.

3 THE GATEWAY MAIN STAGE
Gateway Lesson plans:

- Starting your Post 16 journey - what makes an ideal learner?
- Adding to your evidence portfolio during Year 12
- Time Management
- Dealing with Learning
- Resilience and Growth Mindset
- Working with your Teachers

These Gateway lesson plans are to help you prepare to become a Post 16 student. The PowerPoint will explore what will be different in sixth form/college and how you can learn to manage these differences in order to get the most out of the next two years.

4 THE GATEWAY TEEPEE
Videos including all subjects from the Lesson Plans (found on stall 1) plus two extra videos:

- Preparing to Perform and Power to Perform
- Keeping on Track

There are eight, short motivational videos produced to complement the Gateway lesson plans; a series of questions will be posed to you to get you to reflect on your own study habits and learning. The videos also provide some solutions to potential or perceived barriers.

CHECKING STATIONS
Confirm your Post 16 subject choices with your sixth form or college, check your email.

ENTRANCE
End of GCSE Exam Period - celebrate

VIRTUAL UNIT TOUR

TED TALKS

MOOD

READING CORNER

There are many areas to explore in the 'Festival of Futures' - this is a national project provided by PIXL for all Year 11s but we are choosing the areas that we would like you to explore.



There are different areas of the festival that we feel would be helpful and supportive based on our knowledge of you as Beacon High students – these are attached to this email, or accessible via the links below. The areas of the festival we would like you to explore are as follow:

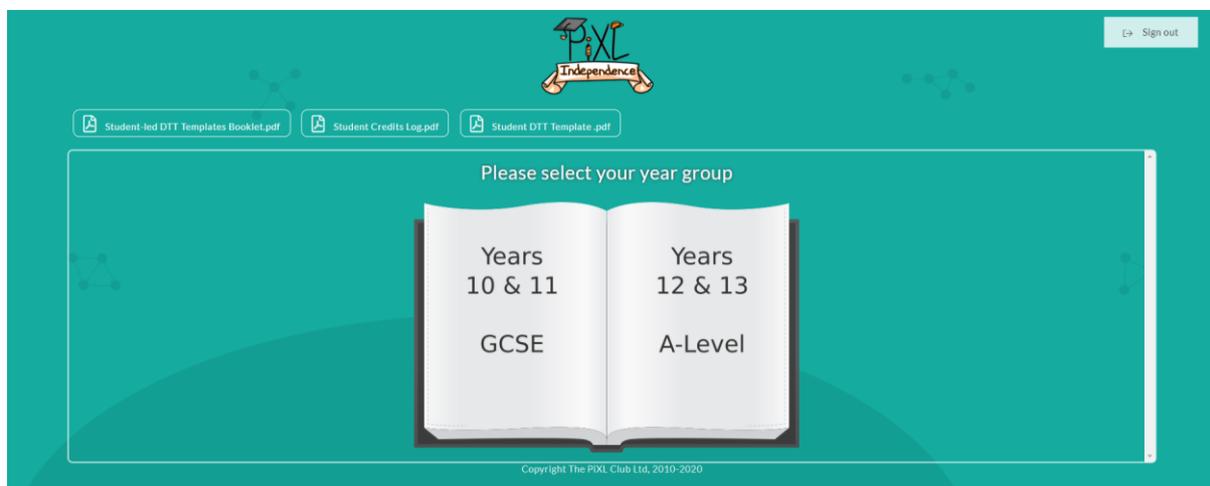
- **2. The Transition Stage:**
Project Futures Grids - these have been shared with you previously via your Google Classrooms and via your school email – please look at these again.
- **4. The Gateway Teepee:**
8 Short Motivational Videos: access these using the details below via this link: <https://students.pixl.org.uk>
- **5. The Gateway Rainbow Show:**
Gateway Progression booklets: access these using the details below and an example Business booklet is attached to this email: <https://students.pixl.org.uk>
- **7. The Wellbeing Zone:**
PiXL Character and wellbeing resources: please find these attached and on your English Class' Google Classroom. They focus on: Recharge; Health Behaviours and Attitudes; Lifestyle; Personal Growth; Connections; Pride; Mindset; Mental Health.
- **8. The Food and Festival Zone:**
Endurance materials, including Power to Perform: <https://www.beaconhigh.org/994/pixl-power-to-perform-cooking-recipes>

You can log into PiXL Gateway here: <https://students.pixl.org.uk>

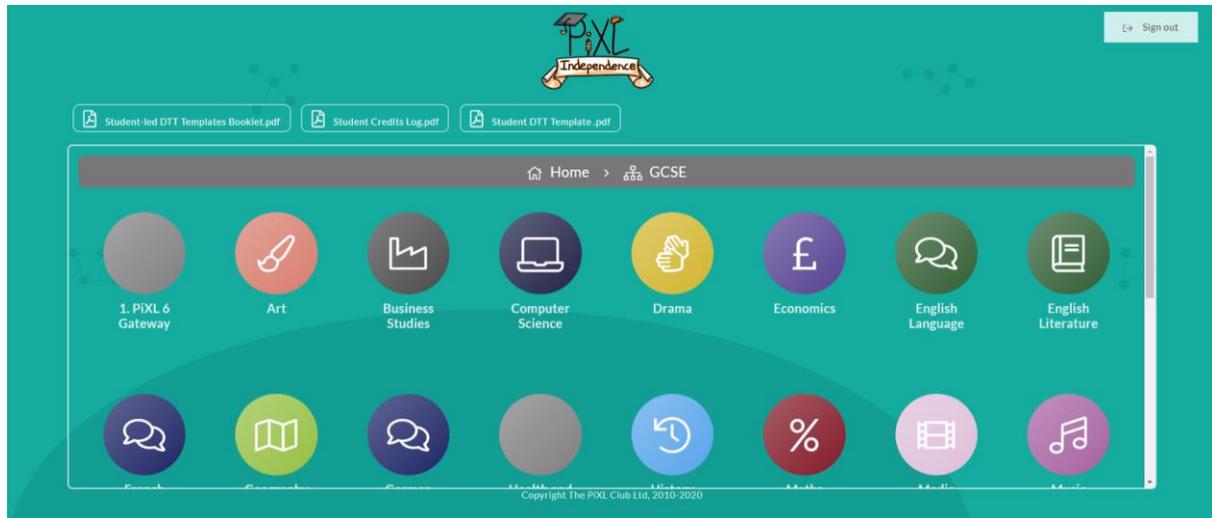
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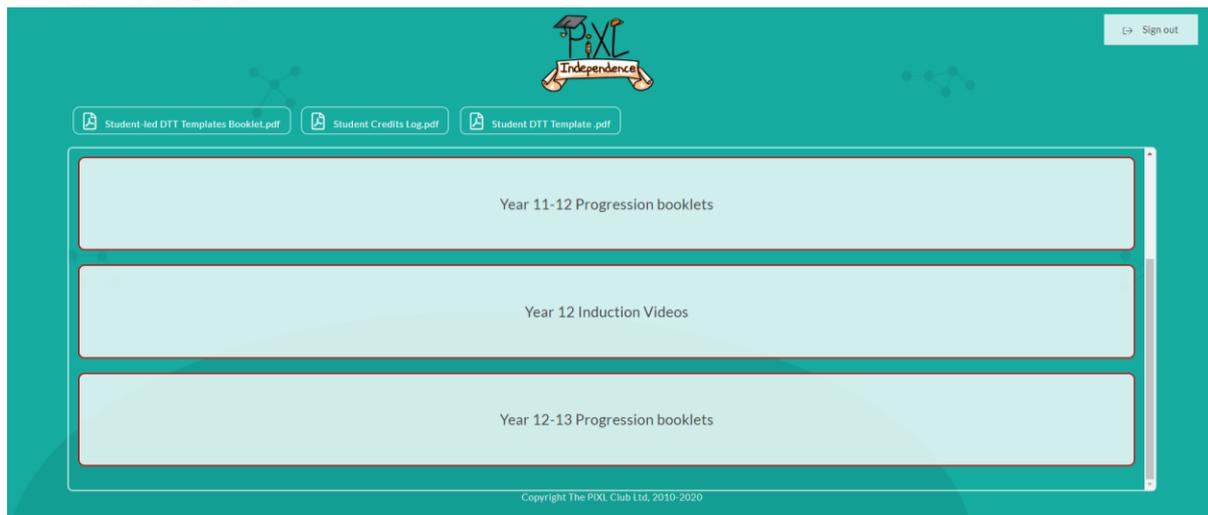


Choose Years 10 & 11 GCSE and you will then access the following:



There is also a section called PiXL 6 Gateway – here you can access the following links:





In the Year 12 Induction Videos link there are 8 short videos to help with the transition into Post-16 studies. I recommend that you access these as your first task.

I would then advise you to access the following section – PiXL Gateway Progress and access the Year 11 into 12 materials (see below):



If you click back to the Homepage, there you can scroll through the subjects and choose those you will be studying next year, including vocational subjects.

When you click into the subjects you can then access a range of materials aimed at supporting your knowledge and skill development as you embark on Post-16 studies.

We have also attached two documents for your parents/carers. One is for parents/carers of students considering university: **The Process** and the other is **Why Go?** Please share these with your parents/carers to begin those important and big discussions about your future.