

## **IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO ASK AT AN OPEN DAY**

As many of you may be attending college open days in the next few weeks, here is a handy list of questions to ask at an open day to help you get as much information as possible before making applications and decisions. Remember to take a notebook with you to write notes.

### **The Course**

- What is the structure and content of the course?
- What is the balance between practical and theory content?
- How many hours of teaching time are there per week?
- What does a weekly timetable consist of? Independent study etc?
- What assessment methods are used?
- Is there any one-to-one or small group supervision?
- What academic support is available?
- Will you need to purchase any course materials or buy any specific clothing?

### **Entry Requirements**

- What are the entry requirements for the course that you are interested in?
- Can you still get a place if you don't get the grades required?

### **The Application Process**

- What are the main deadlines that you need to know about?
- What does the application process involve? Do you have to attend an interview or an insight day?
- When will you hear from them after applying for a course?

### **Next Steps and Career Guidance**

- What have previous students gone on to do after finishing the course?
- Does the course include a work experience programme?
- Are there any connections with local employers?
- What opportunities are there to develop your employability skills?

### **Student Support Services**

- What services are offered?
- Are you eligible for the 16-19 bursary? Are there any documents that you need to complete?

### **Facilities**

- Is there onsite catering?
- Are there good transport links?
- What facilities and services are available on campus?
- Could you see yourself studying here?
- Are there clubs that you can get involved with?
- Are there sports facilities that you can use?