**Bedford College Painting & Decorating Department Welcome Day**

**Summer Preparation for September**

We hope that you’ve enjoyed taking part in our Virtual Open Day and had a small insight into some of the things you will do when you begin the course with us. As preparation for September, it will be helpful for you to try to look into the following points to ensure you are further prepared, ready for the September start:

Remember to contact the Student Services team during the day to enquire about any bursaries you may be eligible for and anything else that could be of benefit for when you start your journey with us.

Contact the Additional Support team if you feel you need any support in your practical or theory sessions. If you had an E.H.C.P. at school, they may ask you for a copy.

Invest in the equipment you need for the start of term. This would be:

* Decorators’ bib & brace or trousers (white in colour remember!)
* A pair of steel toe-capped boots or trainers
* Clothing to get dirty and get painted on
* Stationary - pens, pencils, lined paper, lever-arch folder, geometry set and calculator, bag to hold them all
* Padlock for locker

These are all items you will have been told at interview that you need to provide for the course yourselves.

Other things to do or attempt over the Summer holidays (dependent upon social distancing measures):

* If you have family/friends in the trade, ask them if you can go on the job with them for a couple of days and have a go or paint at home
* Visit D.I.Y./decorating merchants to get a better idea of the differing types of paints and finishes available, different filling materials, abrasives and anything else you come across!

Have a great Summer and we look forward to seeing you in September! From all in the Painting & Decorating department.