

Careers' Newsletter

The Impact of COVID-19 on our Careers Programme

As you can imagine, the current pandemic has had a major impact on our usual careers' programme within school, but that's not stopping us; we're simply going virtual with it!

Starting with this newsletter, we will continue to keep updating you on developments and opportunities arising, links and information to help you make the next positive step
in your careers

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If you want to find out more about anything in this newsletter, please contact Mrs Betteridge or your form tutor. Likewise, if you have any feedback on what you have read or have items you would like to be included in future editions please contact your form tutor or Mrs Betteridge on weacareersinfo@e-act.org.uk

Coming Soon ...

We are currently in the process of organising a Virtual Careers' Fair for all students to access. The Careers Fair will enable you to access employers, colleges, apprenticeship providers and universities. Due to the pandemic we will not be able to hold the Careers Fair in the Academy this year, which is unfortunate as the previous one was a huge success with students benefiting from it greatly. The virtual event will still provide you with a lot of opportunities, information and guidance. This is not to be missed!

Advice and Guidance on Careers for Year 11 Students from Mrs Betteridge

A reminder of the 4 main options available to you after you have completed your GCSEs:

1. **Sixth Form** - This usually enables students to keep their options open by studying a variety of BTEC and A-level subjects. You usually study 3 or 4 single subjects – some BTECs, like Health and Social Care and Sport, and which will be offered as double awards. You will need five Grades 4-9 or equivalent for entry and ideally Grade 4s and above in core GCSE subjects. For A-level subjects you will need a Grade 6 minimum at GCSE. If you are considering A-level Maths, then ideally a Grade 7 is required. Staying on at a Sixth

Form is a good way to study a subjects that you enjoy in greater depth, and keeps your future options open. Your future options could be going to university or completing a higher apprenticeship. After leaving the Academy other schools Sixth Forms may have different entry requirements so it is a good idea to research this for your chosen Sixth Form. Things you will need to consider are the school facilities, school ethos, distances, making new friends and having new teachers etc.

2. **College** - is a good option if you want a less structured environment. A Grade 4 minimum is generally required for level 3 study (A level equivalent) at College. Colleges generally cater for more vocational courses like Construction, Motor Vehicle Management, Hair and Beauty, which aren't available in School Sixth Forms. There are courses available for students attaining a range of grades from 1 upwards. Things you need to consider for College is choosing the right College for you based on your course, as there are many different Colleges around.
3. **Apprenticeships** - have received a lot of media attention of late and are a great opportunity for those that know what they want to do and are ready to start work. You will need to apply for an apprenticeship like a job, and we can help and support you with this. You get paid a minimum of £3.90 p/hour and they can last from 1-4 years. You will generally spend 4 days per week with the employer and 1 day at college or a training centre, and the majority are taken on and offered employment after but there's no guarantee. There are over 150 sectors, and there are apprenticeships available in Business, Construction, Health, Engineering to name a few. However, you will need a back-up plan!
4. **Employment** - You can also consider employment; however, it must offer professionally recognized training. Like an apprenticeship you will need to apply for this, and have a CV and prepare yourself for a formal interview, but again we can support you in this.

Notices

Message from Sandwell College to Year 11:

Happy New Year from us at Sandwell College. Not the start of a new year we were hoping for, but here we are again adapting every day, learning new things and providing education in what feels like a very funny world. The reason for this email is to update you on our next 'Virtual Open Events' These will be taking place on 21/01/2021 from 4pm-7pm and 23/01/2021 11am-1pm, students can register for the event [here](#). As always our expert lecturers will be on hand to answer questions, concerns and talk all things college. This is a hugely unsettling time for Year 11's across our country and we want to inform them of their options with us in the most normal and efficient way we can! We have done a

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couple of virtual open events and they have been a great success and students have been able to gain information and their minds have been put at ease!

Message from In-Comm Training:

In-Comm Training have put together a quick survey on Apprenticeships to see what/if young people are looking at Apprenticeships.

It is aimed at Y11 upwards and it would be appreciated if you would share the link below with your students.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/in-comm-barometer-questionnaire-students-2021>

In-Comm Training are also holding their annual **Open Day on Saturday 13th Feb** but this year it will be virtual! They are hoping for a great turnout as in previous years and have lots of exiting Apprenticeship opportunities on offer.

Some of this will be on Facebook Live however the main event is access by registration on EventBrite, the event is aimed at all school leavers, job seekers and college students coming to the end of their courses.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/in-comm-trainings-virtual-open-day-tickets-136597204917?fbclid=IwAR104nE084kIBzwdxH7tnPeBam6ajm8w_CedluOVf53_3QbUiE_MmUFJ2al

For any enquires please contact Jayne Guest on jayneg@in-comm.co.uk

Message from the Royal Air Force:



RAF LEARN LIVE – WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2021, 6PM – 9PM

We are pleased to invite you to our RAF Learn Live event taking place on Wednesday 3 February from 6pm – 9pm.

I have attached details of our live and interactive event for you to distribute to your school or college and we very much look forward to meeting you during our broadcast.

You will need to register for this event prior to the start time, please use the link <https://learnliveuk.com/partner/raf-careers/> on the attached poster to register.
Thank you.

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If you do have any questions, please feel free to contact me at AFCOgloucester-Outreach@mod.gov.uk

STEM and Medical Sciences Work Experience



Our programmes give students aged 12-18 an immersive experience of their dream career. You will work alongside top professionals through a series of role-play, seminars, simulations and networking sessions. Register now for an unique opportunity to work alongside experienced doctors, engineers, vets, psychologists, and other this term. Students can choose to attend a 'Live Online' before Easter, or in-person later in April (our face-to-face experiences have strict COVID measures in place).

The career programmes include;

[The Young Architect Programmes](#)

[The Young Computer Scientist Programmes](#)

[The Young Dentist Programmes](#)

[The Young Engineer Programmes](#)

[The Young Investment Banker Programmes](#)

[The Young Doctor Programmes](#)

[The Young Psychologist Programmes](#)

[The Young Vet Programmes](#)

Click on the links above to register your interest now!

National Apprenticeship Week 2021



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- National Apprenticeship Week 2021 will take place **from 8 to 14 February 2021**
- The annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships will shine a light on the amazing work being done by employers and apprentices across the country
- The Week will also recognise how employers of all sizes have stepped up to the challenge during this unprecedented time.
- We recommend that you check out the website for more updates www.nas.vfairs.com and start your preparation now!
- The event will 'GO LIVE' between 11am - 6pm on 10 February and you can login on the day by hitting the ENTER EVENT button that will appear on the site (it's not there yet)!