



Careers' Newsletter



KS4

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.

CAREERS NEWS LETTER

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

NOTICES

College Open Days and Links for Post 16

Walsall College Online Open Day - 24th March 2021

<https://www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/event/walsall-college-march-open-day-21/>



City of Wolverhampton College Open Days

Wednesday 10th March 2021 (4pm - 7pm)

Wednesday 5th May 2021 (4pm - 7pm)

Saturday 19th June 2021 (4pm - 7pm)

<https://www.wolvcoll.ac.uk/event/virtual-open-evening/>

Halesowen College Open Days

Tuesday 27th April 2021 (4pm - 7pm)

<https://www.halesowen.ac.uk/openevents/>



University College Birmingham Open Days

Thursday 18th March 2021 (4pm - 7pm)

<https://www.ucb.ac.uk/open-days/college-open-days/>

Creative Services Online Taster Activities at the University College Birmingham

Calling all budding hairdressers, make-up artists and beauty therapists! If you're interested in kick-starting your career in the creative industries, there is no better place than University College Birmingham. Have a go at our online tutorials to take part in master classes and have the chance to have a go at some practical activities you can expect to do on our creative services college courses.

The taster sessions include:

- Make-up specialist Level 2
- Hair and Media Make-Up Level 2
- Beauty Therapy Level 2
- Hairdressing Level 2 and 3
- Theatrical Special Effects, Hair and Media Make-Up Level 3
- Make-Up Artistry Level 3

<https://www.ucb.ac.uk/study/college/take-part-before-you-start/taster-activities/creative-services-online-taster-activities/>

South Staffordshire College Open Days (including Rodbaston College)

Saturday 13th March 2021 - Rodbaston and Cannock Campuses

Wednesday 17th March 2021 - Tamworth, Torc and Lichfield Campuses

<https://www.southstaffs.ac.uk/open-days/>

Dudley College Open Days

Saturday 13th March 2021

Wednesday 9th June 2021

<https://www.dudleycol.ac.uk/Open-Day-Registration-Short>

BOA Academy

Thursday 11th March 2021

<https://www.boa-academy.co.uk/boaopenevent>

Sandwell College - <https://www.sandwell.ac.uk/opendays/>

Sutton College - <https://www.bmet.ac.uk/open-events-enrolment/virtual-open-events/>

Military Preparation College - <https://mpct.co.uk/military-pration-college/>

Nova Training - <http://www.novatrainng.co.uk/news/283/welcome-to-our-virtual-introduction>

What is Nova Training?

Nova is a training provider who delivers 16-18 study programmes, traineeships and apprenticeships based across the West Midlands. Use these links below to learn more about the programmes and apprenticeships Nova has to offer.

[Virtual Introductions](#)

[Meet our learners](#)

[Heavens amazing journey with Nova Training](#)

[Introduction to our 16 to 18 Headstart \(Study Programme\)](#)

[Introduction to Apprenticeships](#)

[Learning English](#)

[Introduction to high needs at Nova Training](#)

[Supported Internship Awards](#)



Post 16 Useful Links

St Thomas More Catholic School Post 16

Prospectus - <https://www.st-thomasmore.walsall.sch.uk/download/sixth-form-prospectus-and-course-guide-2020-21/?wpdmdl=465&refresh=5fb526406a0931605707328>

Application Form - <https://www.st-thomasmore.walsall.sch.uk/download/sixth-form-application-form/?wpdmdl=695&refresh=5fb526406e06e1605707328>

West Walsall E-ACT Academy Post 16

Sixth Form Information Pack - <https://westwalsallacademy.e-act.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2017/11/wwa-sixth-form-information.pdf>

Coppice Performing Arts Post 16

Prospectus - <https://www.coppiceschool.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Central-Sixth-Prospectus-2020-2021.pdf>

Application Form - <https://www.coppiceschool.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/6th-Form-external-application-form-2021-entry.pdf>

Walsall Academy Post 16

Prospectus - https://www.staging2.walsallacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/Course_Information_Booklet_Sept-2021Final.pdf

Application Form - https://www.staging2.walsallacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/Sixth_Form_Admissions_Information_for_Sept_2021.pdf

Poole Hayes Academy Post 16

Virtual Tour - <https://poolhayes.attrust.org.uk/pool-hayes-virtual-tour/>
Prospectus - https://poolhayes.attrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/27659-Pool-Hayes-sixth-form-brochure-ONLINE_2021-2.pdf

Queen Mary's Grammar School Post 16

Virtual Tour - <https://qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/6th-form-virtual-open-evening/>
Prospectus - https://qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/20021_alevel_option_booklet.pdf
Application Form - <https://qmgs.applicaa.com/year12>

Bloxwich Academy Post 16

Virtual Tour - <https://bloxwichacademy.co.uk/secondary/>
Prospectus - <https://bloxwichacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/Bloxwich%20Academy%20Sixth%20Form%202020.pdf>

Ormiston Sheffield Community Academy Post 16

Sixth Form Curriculum - <https://www.scacademy.co.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=295>
Football Coaching Academy - <https://www.scacademy.co.uk/page/?title=Football+Academy&pid=203>

The Royal Wolverhampton School Post 16

Subject Choices - <https://theroyalschool.co.uk/sixth-form/a-level-subjects/>
Register here: <https://theroyalschool.co.uk/admissions/open-days/>

Apprenticeships



What is an apprenticeship?

Please take this opportunity to look at the following videos and information to give you more information about apprenticeships.

NAW2021 A-Z Film of Apprentices:
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/>

Quiz: which apprentice am I?

There are nearly 600 different apprenticeship standards across England, which cover more than 1,700 different job roles.

Can you guess which apprenticeship we are describing and match them up to the correct answer?

Click [here](#) to start the quiz.

How do I find an apprenticeship?

Click [here](#) and look at all the information provided to gain more knowledge of applying for apprenticeships.

CAREER ZONES

[Explore Career Zones](#) to find out all about the different jobs you can do, what to study and how to get there, whether you're planning to leave school or heading to college or university. We've packed each zone with helpful interviews, advice and links to set you on the right path to career superstardom.



Summer Trust Summer School

Dear students,

We are writing to let you know that we are extending the application deadline for our Sutton Trust [Apprenticeship](#) and [University Summer Schools](#) by two weeks to midday on Tuesday 16th March.

As a return to school and college is now in sight for some students in parts of the UK, we would like to extend the application deadlines to give students more opportunity to hear about the programmes, discuss with their teachers and use computers at school to apply.

This will help to ensure students are applying to the programme most suited to them and allow students who may not have received information digitally with a chance to learn about and apply to our Summer Schools.

Students will now have until midday on Tuesday 16th March to submit their application and you will have until midday on Friday 19th March to verify any applications.

We have emailed all students who have either submitted or started an application to let them know about these changes. Decisions will still be made and communicated directly to students by the end of April.

We are also very excited to announce that this year we will be able to accommodate many more students than usual through our new digital platform Sutton Trust Online.

Access to our new digital platform will provide a one stop show for everything students need to know about university or apprenticeships. It will guide them through different areas of support including use of our personal statement builder and opportunities to interact with current undergraduates, apprentices and Sutton Trust alumni.

Students will be able to delve into our library of resources at any stage to help them explore, apply, prepare and succeed at university or as an apprentice. We will be delivering a programme of webinars alongside these resources to ensure students have everything they need to know and get all their questions answered.

On top of the almost 3000 places across our Summer Schools, we will be able to accommodate another 5000 students who meet a number of our criteria on the platform to receive support across the last two years of school or college, so please do encourage your student to apply.

*All the best,
Sutton Trust Programmes Team*

Buzz Quiz



Take the [‘Buzz Quiz’](#) Careers Test. What Job Could You Do?

Take the quiz to see which job areas might suit you then start exploring opportunities – from *apprenticeship* or *traineeship* to *researching some job families*. There’s a huge variety of options you may not have thought of.

Royal Air Force



[Apprenticeships and careers with the RAF](#)

We are thrilled to celebrate International Women’s Day yesterday with the Royal Air Force (RAF) for a fantastic live event highlighting the incredible apprenticeship and career opportunities available.

The recordings of the main session and the 8 specialism break out rooms are now available to watch.

You will hear from Ambassadors and recruitment staff from the different areas of the RAF talking about their experiences, what life is like working for the RAF and why they chose the RAF as an employer.

You can also access the presentation slides, which provides you with all the information shared on the day to help you digest the recordings.

If you have any questions you would like to put to the RAF team, please send them to: hello@amazingapprenticeships.com. We will use your questions to create a comprehensive Q&A document that answers all your FAQs.

PwC

Female empowerment is important to PwC as an organisation which respects and celebrates women, encouraging them to be the best they can be and choose the careers they want.

PwC celebrated International Women's Day yesterday because it's a day of female celebration, a day when we recognise the many incredible women we have in our lives, and enables a focus on conversations to understand how we can do more to enable gender equality. To mark the day, we wanted to share our new video featuring our inspirational females from across the business in our new [Female Empowerment video](#).

If students would like to find out more about female empowerment at PwC and talk to some of our people, they can register for our upcoming 'Let's talk about Women in Business' event, this Friday 12 March at 12-1:30pm, where they'll have the opportunity to learn more about the importance of gender equality, through a Q&A panel, and hear more about our opportunities and recruitment process. Students can sign up [here](#).

British Army

After National Careers Week, students may be considering their path to a successful future, including university. The costs of higher education can be daunting, but the Army has many ways to help students get the funding they need. With over 70 different job roles, there are opportunities for learning and development for everyone in the Army, including degree-level qualifications before or during a career.

To find out more about university funding, we're hosting a live webinar on 31st March at 6pm for you and your students. Book your place [here](#) for free.

What is an Army Bursary?

A bursary is the funding the Army gives to students to cover university fees. You can watch our new video to discover all our funding opportunities.

To apply for a bursary, students need to join the Army through the online application process. With the Army, students could receive:

- Medical bursaries up to £75,000
- Undergraduate bursaries up to £25,000
- Bursaries for music students up to £27,000
- Fully funded degrees – for those starting officer training as a non-graduate.

[Find out more](#)