



WEST COVENTRY ACADEMY 6th Form CAREERS NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN TERM 2021

Welcome to our Careers Bulletin, where I hope to share some exciting careers information for students Yrs 12 & 13 to experience even from the comfort of their own home. Some events may be year specific so please bear this in mind. I have tried to incorporate as much as I can without overloading, so please scan through & pick out possibilities and take the appropriate action, which is **Right for You!**

Please may I also remind you to access the Careers Tab on the school's website (http://www.westcoventryacademy.org/life_at_school/careers.aspx) as there is information for Students & Parents with useful links to Careers:-

For Year 12 Students - The Pathways Programmes via Warwick University Outreach Team Applications for the 3 Pathways Programmes at the University of Warwick are now open. **Pathways to Law** and **Pathways to Engineering** will close on **Wednesday 27th October** and **Pathways to Banking & Finance** will close on Wednesday 3rd November.

All 3 Pathways programmes give students the opportunity to explore what it's like to study a particular subject at university and what it's like to work in a particular sector, so they can make informed decisions about their future. The programme offers a range of opportunities over the 2 years including the chance to network with industry professionals, secure work experience placements and receive support on personal statements.

To find out more and Apply - <https://warwick.ac.uk/study/outreach/pathwaystoprofessions>

Severn Trent Discovery Days - October 26th and 27th October

Severn Trent has a 2 day employability event during Half Term which is open to Year 10, 11 and **12 students**. If you are interested in attending then access <https://www.severntrent.com/careers/> & click on the link and register your interest.

For Year 13 Students – Paid Employment in Summer 2022

NCS are looking for young people aged 18+ to have paid Employment over the summer holidays assisting with the NCS Summer Programmes for Year 11 students.

For further information, Job Descriptions & Application Form, please look at LEBC website www.leics-ebc.org.uk/about-lebc/job-vacancies or ring 0116 240 7007

VOLUNTEERING

Commonwealth 2022 - Birmingham

This could be great for some of you and it may not all be Birmingham based. You don't need to be a Sports Fanatic as there will be many options out there. The link is below to apply if you're 18 or nearly 18 but keep this link as there will be further opportunities for under 18s – Youth Volunteering.

<https://www.birmingham2022.com/get-involved/volunteering/faq/>

Become a City Host Volunteer



This is a great opportunity with Coventry being the City of Culture. Students can be proud of their involvement and it could create an interesting topic at any future interview, be it for University, Apprenticeship or Employment.

<https://coventry2021.co.uk/get-involved/city-hosts/>



STEM CAREERS

Careers in STEM with Severn Trent - Tuesday 19th October | 6pm – 7pm

Have you ever wondered how to turn your favourite school subject into a future career? Come along on Tuesday 19th of October, where we will be joined by Severn Trent to teach you about how your favourite school subjects can lead into a career in STEM! If you love subjects like Maths, Science or Computer Science, you don't want to miss this!

Link to register: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/careers-in-stem-with-severn-trent/>

SUBJECT SPECIFIC

Royal Society of Biology - Wednesday 6th October 2021, 19:00-20:30, for Biology students in Years 12 and 13

As part of RBS's Biology Week, The West Midlands branch committee is running an online Charter Lecture. It will look at the Spinal Muscular Atrophy, the new therapies available and the drive for genetic screening, and will be delivered by Professor Philip Young from the University of Warwick. The event is free to attend and all are welcome, though it will be of particular interest to post-16 biology students. [For more information please click here](#)



HIGHER EDUCATION/UNIVERSITY

RO – Realising Opportunities

<https://www.realisingopportunities.ac.uk/how-to-apply/>

Realising Opportunities (RO) provides support during post-16 studies to develop the skills to be successful at university.

RO students benefit from increased information, advice and access to some of the country's leading research intensive universities. Students accepted on to RO follow a programme which ensures they are better equipped for university life and what research intensive universities can offer.

Closing Date is 20th October and students have been notified about this earlier in the term. It can help students

<https://warwick.ac.uk/study/outreach/whatweoffer/realisingopportunities/>

There are eligibility criteria so check but if you don't apply, you could miss out on opportunities for HE.

Deadline, 12th November 2021: [Apply Here](#) OR

https://www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/discover-brookes?aa=aa&dm_i=BBQ,7K52Y,1U6JSV,URNCO,1

What Career Live -Virtual Event for 15-19 year olds

This large free event is virtual for all to access. Speak to top universities and **employers** in real-time, get expert advice and benefit from one-to-one support to help you kick-start your future. Students can get individual CV 7 Careers Advice, participate in Free employability Skills Workshops & much more

Fri & Saturday 12th – 13th November 10am – 3pm (11am start for the Saturday)

<https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/virtual-november-2021>

Virtual UK University & Apprenticeship Search Fair - Meet the National Apprenticeship Service, on 20 October 12-6pm

This is NOT UCAS and the main yearly event but a well run alternative opportunity which you may wish to consider – the event runs 12-6pm so understandably it may be difficult to attend some of the live webinars but all are recorded and available afterwards also.

This is a self register event so down to you to organise and ensure you are registered in advance if you want to participate. <https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/storage/app/media/uploaded-files/Vfair%20Poster.pdf>



APPRENTICESHIPS/EMPLOYMENT (for Yr 13 Leavers)

National Apprenticeship Show – Virtual Wednesday 10th November 2021

This would be excellent for Yrs 10+ to find out more about Apprenticeships and receive information direct. Students need to register – see link below and then can access after school hours.



Date: 10th November 2021

Time: 11am - 6pm

REGISTER FOR FREE: <https://nascentral.vfairs.com/en/register>

There will be a number of Large employers offer their Apprenticeship Programmes such as Degree or Higher Apprenticeships. This Autumn Term is the time to start looking and after checking the entry requirements, make those applications. Here are a few to look out for but be proactive & research further.

What Career Live -Virtual Event for 15-19 year olds

This large free event is virtual for all to access. Speak to top universities and **employers** in real-time, get expert advice and benefit from one-to-one support to help you kick-start your future. Students can get individual CV 7 Careers Advice, participate in Free employability Skills Workshops & much more

Fri & Saturday 12th – 13th November 10am – 3pm (11am start for the Saturday)

<https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/virtual-november-2021>

Degree Apprenticeship Webinars For students in Years 12 and 13 - from Monday 25th to Thursday 28th October.

There will be general information sessions explaining exactly what a Degree Apprenticeship is and how to apply, plus sessions run by our academics about some of the [Degree Apprenticeship programmes](#) available at Warwick.

It will be a great opportunity for students to find out about this alternative route to degree level study.

[To out more and register for the sessions, click here.](#)

KPMG - <https://www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprentice/> offering Audit, Law, engineering + more and also offering a 2 day Virtual Work Experience to get an insight in to working for a Global Firm.

JLR – offering Manufacturing but also Finance Digital Technology -

https://www.jaguarlandrovercareers.com/content/Apprentices/?locale=en_GB

PwC - <https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/student-careers/school-careers/our-programmes/flying-start-degrees.html>

IBM Degree Apprenticeships and Gap Year Placements

[https://www.ibm.com/uk-en/employment/entrylevel/#Degree Apprenticeships](https://www.ibm.com/uk-en/employment/entrylevel/#Degree_Apprenticeships)

Engineering - MGTS & MTC Academy

Both specialise in providing & training young people in engineering. This is normally a 4 year programme where paid by the employer but spends the 1st year of training solely at the Training Centre/Provider.

Entry Requirements Maths – 5 & 4s including English Language & Science



<https://www.mgts.co.uk/> This Training provider solely trains young people and has strong links with local Employers wanting to recruit Engineering Apprentices. For further information, they are offering some Drop in sessions, one during Half Term **Tues 26th October 10am – 2pm and Tues 2nd November 4-7pm**. Students need to be working towards a Grade 5 particularly in Maths and min 5 x Grade 4s including English Language & Science.

MTC Academy (Engineering) www.the-mtc.org 02476701801- <https://the-amtc.co.uk/apprenticeships/for-apprentices/open-events/> **Thurs 18th November, Tues 15th Feb, Tues 8th Mar, Tues 26th April 6.30-8pm**

The following were found on the **Indeed Website** which not only shows Employment vacancies but also Apprenticeship Vacancies. It is beneficial for students to set up alerts so they receive an Apprenticeship Vacancies direct to them.

Data Analyst Degree Apprentice

Premier Foods ★★★★★☆- Lutterworth

£21,000 a year

Remote

Be committed to complete the degree apprenticeship programme. Using knowledge gained through the degree course and your understanding of the business context...

8-Oct https://careers.premierfoods.co.uk/job/Lutterworth-Data-Analyst/702462601/?feedId=289401&utm_source=Indeed&utm_campaign=Premier_Indeed&jobPipeline=Indeed

Project Management Degree Apprentice

Manufacturing Technology Centre (MTC) - Coventry

Develop and maintain project deliverables under the direction of the Programme and Project Managers to secure and measure progress.

6-Oct <https://www.the-mtc.org/careers/vacancies/project-management-degree-apprentice/>



GENERAL USEFUL APPRENTICESHIP SITES:-

Please don't forget the general Government Apprenticeship website to look & apply -

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

Register on <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/> where they will email you direct with Apprenticeships & Employment opportunities – please note many will be in the UK so may not be local.

Also look at Employer's own websites as to what is on offer. The above is not an exhaustive list and young people need to do their own research or send speculative CVs to Employers.

There are local colleges (see above for Colleges' websites) and Training Providers who have links with Employers and support students in their Apprenticeships so students can apply/register an interest direct to them.

Also, **Indeed** also offer Apprenticeships as well as Employment - <https://uk.indeed.com/>

MGTS – Midland Group Training Services (Engineering) - <https://www.mgts.co.uk/>

MTC Academy (Engineering) - <https://the-amtc.co.uk/apprenticeships/>

Coventry & Warwickshire Training – (Various Vocational areas – HD, Business Admin, Accounting, Childcare, IT etc) <https://www.cw-chambertraining.co.uk/>

Heart of England Training – HOET – (Various including Hair & Beauty, School, Business Admin) - <https://www.hoet.co.uk/>

SCCU – (School, Childcare, IT, Business, Sports apprenticeships) - <https://sccu.uk.com/training-programmes/stn-apprenticeships/>



VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE/ONLINE COURSES

Students are normally expected to undertake some Volunteering/Enrichment/relevant Work Experience whilst at 6th form, however this has been difficult this year. However there have been and continue to be some excellent virtual Work Experience placements being offered where students can register to attend. It may be during a half term holiday or on a Saturday or working a few extra hours, so please read up on any offers. These are normally offered via a platform such as Teams or Zoom and encourages students to develop Independence, Teamwork, Resilience plus demonstrates to prospective Employers that they took up opportunities and gained Confidence along the way.

Again this year you can sign up to take an introductory course in **British Sign Language** for a voluntary contribution of £3 - this is well worth trying. It demonstrates you taking up a new skill (such as required for Duke of Edinburgh Awards) but also keeps you occupied and extra to put on CV/Applications- <https://help.british-sign.co.uk/en/article/coronavirus-crisis-pay-what-you-can-cngdot/>

Additionally Mr Griffin suggested some free online courses to show interest in a subject outside of your studies and suggested completing a **MOOC** – which is short for Massive Open Online Course – here is a link to a site offering the top 10 providers of free online courses: <https://www.bestcolleges.com/blog/platforms-for-online-courses/>

Finally look at the following; this has proved reliable and has lots to offer so fully recommended:- <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses>

For this October Half Term – 1 week Virtual work Experience with Orbit Housing & Wates

Orbit are a housing association with a lot of properties in the Midlands but also have properties in the East of England and the South East. Wates are one of our biggest supply chain partners – they are building the new Park East development in Erith, South London with us. Together we have arranged this virtual work experience for the over 16 age group, it's an excellent chance to find out more about Wates as a company but also about the construction industry and the wide variety of roles available. We're keen to promote the event to Orbit residents in particular but anyone aged 16+ is welcome! All they need is a device and internet access – delivery will be via Microsoft Teams. It will run from 10am to 3pm each day between Monday 25th October and Friday 29th October, which is half-term week.

Deadline to Register is Friday 15th October this opportunity will only be running if enough young people sign up.

Register – Email to referrals-employmentandskills@orbit.org.uk

SPRINGPOD - <https://www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes/> Another platform to take part in some Virtual Work experience (some on offer include Journalism, Publishing, Law, Finance, Marketing, Teaching – too many to mention; students can also view professionals talk about their own Career Journeys via the 'Learn Lounge'. There are many on offer during October & February Half Terms so an excellent time to do a few hours as something extra & diverse.

Speakers4Schools <https://www.s4snextgen.org/> These offer a variety of Virtual Work Experience opportunities throughout the year so I would recommend signing up to see what there is on offer for your son/daughter to take part in. Many are within Construction/Engineering but there are many others on offer so please encourage your son/daughter to register to look through and apply for anything of interest- encourage them to widen their search & be open to experience.



DIGITAL MARKETING/MEDIA

- What does it take to make content that goes viral? Insight Day with content marketing agency

Formative

Content

- 16 November

[Apply here](#)

RECRUITMENT

- Get to grips with recruitment with one of these Insight Days with **The Adecco Group**.

Insight Day 1 - 27 October [Apply here](#)

Insight Day 2 - 18 November [Apply here](#)

AUTOMOTIVE & MANUFACTURING

- Want to work for a leading luxury automotive manufacturer? Careers Insight Day for LGBTQ+ students and allies with **Bentley Motors - 28 October** [Apply here](#)

CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING

- Explore careers in the construction industry. 3-day placement with **Farrans Construction**.
Priority given to students applying from Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Leeds, Luton, Lowestoft, Great Yarmouth, Nottingham, Southwark, Barnet, Lambeth, Camden, Coventry, Armagh, Banbridge, Craigavon, Belfast and the rest of Northern Ireland. - **16 - 18 November** [Apply here](#)

- Expand your understanding of careers in engineering with **Amey** - there are lots more professional roles than you realise!

3-day placement - *Preference given to students applying from Scotland.* - **08 - 10 November**

[Apply here](#)



Insight Day - *Only available to students from East Midlands & London.* - **16 November** [Apply here](#)

SHORT SKILL-BUILDING SESSIONS

■ Develop your skills with one of these short sessions with Santander:

Understanding money - afternoon session: 02 November [Apply here](#)

Get you career off to great start - afternoon session: 12 November [Apply here](#)

Keeping safe online - evening session: 17 November [Apply here](#)

Prepare for a virtual assessment centre - evening session: 24 November [Apply here](#)

JED/HIGHER IDEAS

These are websites which WCA students can access via www.careerssoft.co.uk using the school's Access Code – 8852x6qg. This is especially helpful for students with no or few careers ideas. There's an initial quiz to help them to start thinking but then students can explore further, looking at what subjects are useful to take, what degree would be useful etc the Higher Ideas link is especially useful for students considering Higher Education and can look geographically what degrees are offered where, looking at 1 subject or a combined subject degree.

Students are most welcome to seek Information & Advice from myself and normally I do see students from both Yrs 12 & 13. They can refer themselves or tutors/teachers can request on their behalf.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me and please do remember to use the careers link on the website (Life at school – Careers) for further information and upcoming events.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Day

Mrs Chris DAY

Careers Advisor & Work Experience Co-Ordinator – West Coventry Academy

☎ via School 024 76426200 Extn 237

☎ 07788 406473 (mobile)

✉ e-mail : staffcrb@westcoventryacademy.org