



WEST COVENTRY ACADEMY 6th Form CAREERS NEWSLETTER – SPRING TERM 2022

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.

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:-

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.

APPRENTICESHIPS

This will not be as easy as previous years and young people need to be 'Job Ready', equipped with the necessary skills and mind-set of working for an employer and learning.

Most opportunities will be offered from late Spring/early Summer Term, HOWEVER there are some areas such as in Engineering/Manufacturing/Technical/Computer/Business & Finance offered by the larger Employers who will be recruiting from last Autumn Term for a September 2022 start.

CURRENT APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES for Sept 2022 Start –

BMWGroup – Applications now OPEN!

Are you keen to kickstart your career, make the most of every opportunity, and see where your skills can take you? Then join BMW's apprenticeship programme at BMW Group Plant Hams Hall, near Birmingham who are offering enhanced Level 3 and Level 6 apprenticeships in Engineering, Manufacturing and Business. They include a range of benefits such as fully funded qualifications, excellent development opportunities and a competitive salary starting £14,333.

Find out more and apply at www.bmwgroup.jobs/uk

(under "Opportunities", search "Apprentice")

Lv 3 min Requirements 5 x GCSEs Grade 5s including Maths & English (Grade 6 for Planning & Business Admin)

Lv 6 – min Requirements 5 x GCSEs incldg Maths & English + min 2 x A Levels Grade C+ or BTEC L3 equivalent in Engineering/Technical subjects.



Online Application – must include CV, personal Statement & current school report; without these, your application will not be considered.

Online Test – please look & practise some tests which can be found on the Internet

Hints and tips - <https://www.facebook.com/BmwCareersUK/videos/226229588265499/>

Assessments Centre approx. April/May involving a Group Exercise, Face to Face Interview and Practical Test (relating to the Job Role applied for).

Applications close on Sunday, 20th February 2022.

- **Becketts Food – Multi-skilled Engineering** 4 Year Apprenticeship to start Sept 2022. Min Req'm'ts – 3 x GCSEs Grade 5+ plus ideally 1 A level or equivalent Salary £9,500 PA Apply via MGTS or <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/> using Vacancy Code 1803176
- **KPMG – Business Services – Birmingham** – a 2 year programme. Entry Requirements 5 x GCSEs Grade 4s+ including Maths & English Language. You will gain a Level Four Business Administration Apprenticeship.
<https://www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/vacancies/apprenticeships-kpmg-business-services-apprenticeship-birmingham-autumn-2022/1149d241-7e7d-ddb7-2f27-dd770ee318f2>
- **Severn Trent** have opened up their Apprenticeship Vacancies and there are a lot to choose from so please take the time to look & apply, if interested – <https://www.severntrent.com/careers/graduates-undergraduates-and-apprentices/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-programmes/#operational-apprenticeships>

Fantastic Opportunities, especially for students not looking at Universities.

This is a large Employer with plenty of Progression for the right candidate.

Closing Date – 13th March

Salary - £17K PA

They are offering different levels ranging from Intermediate, Advance & Degree apprenticeships. For most (apart from Degree) min requirements 5 x GCSEs Grade 4+ including English & Maths

Technical Roles include:-

Operational Technician

Waste Network technician

Lv 6 Electro-Mechanical Degree Apprenticeship

There are more but not based in Coventry, so please take care & look at location before making an application.

Office-Based include:-

Too numerous to mention but there are vacancies in

Assistant Buyer, Business Analyst, Content Producer, Finance, HR, Safety Health & Environment and Recruitment

There are more So check them all out.

Most office based are in Coventry!!

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The National Apprenticeship Week is Mon 7th – Friday 11th February, where there will be a number of opportunities out there to experience. The ASK Amazing Apprenticeship Service is leading on this and I would recommend you at least to Register & attend the



There is a general Government Apprenticeship website to look & apply -

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

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.

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

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.

Speakers4Schools

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 others such as **Tescos for Yr 10 students** offering Technology, Clothing, Manufacturing/Creativity, **Army – Sandhurst**, **Santander** offering CV Workshops, **Global Climate** Publishing, **L'Oreal** Beauty – Sales/retail/Marketing & Business, **Visit England** – Tourism. 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. <https://www.s4snextgen.org/>

Here are some New Virtual Work Experience Opportunities Recruiting Now:

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, Law, Finance, Marketing, Teaching, employability Skills plus an Insight day offered by BT; students can also view professionals talk about their own Career Journeys via the 'Learn Lounge'.

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,

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