



WEST COVENTRY ACADEMY CAREERS NEWSLETTER – March 2022 Yr 10 & 11

Welcome to our Careers Bulletin, where I hope to share some exciting careers information for students to experience even from the comfort of their own home. Some events may be age 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:-

Both Yr 10 & 11:-

Severn Trent Discovery Days – Mon, Tues 10/11th April 9.30-3pm at Severn Trent Academy – Finham

If you've an interest in STEM subjects or (not), and want to know how we serve our 8 million customers, each day and every day, why not attend our Severn Trent 2 days Discovery Programme.

'Discovery Programmes' offer young people in school years 10, 11, 12 and 12 and those in College the opportunity to find out more about the world of Severn Trent, whilst developing employability skills, in an informal environment.

Why Attend? Develop key employability skills – You'll take part in workshops and activities to understand more about your own strengths, develop team working and problem solving skills

Discover – Practically learn more about the operational world in the water industry, and how we keep the water (and waste) flowing.

Grow – Gain confidence in readiness for the challenges ahead, whether in further education or becoming 'Work Ready'.

If this sounds like you sign up for both days now as spaces are very limited!

<https://severntrentdiscoverydays.eventbrite.co.uk>

British Airways Careers

Are you ready to take your career to new heights? From Pilots to Cabin Crew, Project Management and Business to Engineers and Digital. British Airways, one of the U.K.'s most iconic brands, has a career waiting for you!

On **Wednesday 30th March** from **5:00pm - 6:00pm** we are going to be hosting our first exclusive event with British Airways to showcase the many career opportunities on offer at one of the world's most distinguished airlines. British Airways is the UK's largest international scheduled airline, flying to nearly 600 destinations around the world to millions of passengers.

It's an exciting time to be at British Airways. They're growing their global route network, investing in their fleet, and transforming the experience they offer customers. Provided you're curious, mindful and open to new experiences, you can make a real impact from day one. Whether you aspire to work in their global head office, face to face with their customers at Heathrow Airport, or behind the scenes in the engineering and operations teams, there's an opportunity for you.

Discover where a career with British Airways could take you. Click the link below to register yourself for our upcoming online event.

Registration Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/British-Airways>

MTC Academy Engineering Apprenticeship Information Open Events Tues 29th March & Thurs 12th May 5.30-7pm

MTC Academy offer the unique chance to work in engineering starting as an Apprentice. You will be able to take a tour around the premises and have the chance to speak with current apprentices about their experiences.

Minimum requirement to achieve are 5 x Grade 4s including Maths, Science & English Language but having an interest in practical things such as Engineering and that curiosity about how things works is recommended.

To register and attend please visit –

<https://the-amtc.co.uk/apprenticeships/for-apprentices/open-events/>

Year 11 Only



Please encourage students to actively look on Yr 11 Teams as this is where I put important Careers information such as Apprenticeship Opportunities and Post 16 Events

NCS – National Careers Service SUMMER PROGRAMME – REMINDER!

LEBC have been in to school and seen all Yr 11 students when they delivered some motivational sessions to encourage students to aspire.

Additionally they deliver the NCS – National Career Service Summer Programme where on offer is a 2-week programme on various date throughout July & August. One of these week's is Residential. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Yr 11 Leavers where future Employer, Universities recognise this as an excellent example of going beyond. Students will undertake challenges, work on a community Project and develop key skills for Employment.

Some students have registered and they can go with friends but also its an opportunity to mix with others from the City.

The cost is £50 but there are bursaries/help offered . Please read further and encourage your son/daughter to Register on www.weareNCS.com <https://wearencs.com/>

COLLEGE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION re Coventry College Application Process for Year 11 students

Last chance to attend an Open Event this Wednesday 23rd March 5-7pm

Many Students have applied and received Conditional offers so if your son/daughter is interested in College or needs a Plan B, please encourage them to apply NOW to ensure an offer of a place on an interested course for September 2022 start. Please do NOT leave until the last minute.

Coventry College – Campuses – City & Henley - <https://www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/> **They have an online Open Event which students can view by registering with their Email address & up to 3 subject choices.**

<https://www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/online-open-event/>

Warwickshire College – Campuses – Leamington Spa, Rugby, Warwick Trident (Engineering) and Moreton Morrell (Land-based, Animal Management Courses) - <https://wcg.ac.uk/>

Solihull College - <https://www.solihull.ac.uk/>

Stratford upon Avon College - <https://www.stratford.ac.uk/>

NWSLC – North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire College - <https://www.nwslc.ac.uk/>

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 –



- **DAF Heavy Vehicle – Ford & Slater** - £172 PW Min Reqmts – 3 x GCSEs 4+ incldg English & Maths
Closing Date 15th July but apply early as possible start date 16th July 2022
<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/> use Vacancy Code 1804513
- **MTC Academy Open Evening for Engineering Tuesday 29th March 5.30-7pm**—Register & apply on
<https://the-amtc.co.uk/apprenticeships/for-apprentices/open-events/>

They are offering some excellent engineering apprenticeships – some in the local area. Requirement 5 x GCSEs Grade 4s+ with an aptitude for Maths/Physics

Some Advanced Apprenticeships requiring GCSEs Grade 4/5s+ but offering excellent Progression, located on the Govt apprenticeship Website (see below) so please search & apply:-

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://scu.uk.com/training-programmes/stn-apprenticeships/>

WORK EXPERIENCE for Year 10s only

Mon 18th – Friday 22nd July 2022

As you know students should be sourcing one week's Work Experience in July. Students may find it difficult to find their 'ultimate dream placement' but its really all about having the confidence to approach employers and pick up skills who can be transferred to most places of work.

Completed forms are trickling in so we need a real push in students getting sorted, otherwise they will have to remain in school undertaking lessons.

Students have been given at least one form to bring home but you can find more either on the Careers Area on the school's website

http://www.westcoventryacademy.org/userfiles/pages/files/careers/work_exp_private_placement_form_2022.pdf or students can access via Yr 10 Teams section.

In the background I am contacting employers too and offering out via Tutor time.



Ask Friends & Family but also Schools, Nurseries, Care Homes, Hospitality, Sports & Leisure and some of the smaller retail areas are a good source.

The Virtual Work Experience as below are a good for extra, more specific insights where students can quite often do in holiday times in the comfort of their own home. They do NOT replace the Actual Week's Work Experience in July.

KS4 VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Unfortunately school were unable to facilitate Work experience, as we know it, last year and also this year for Year 10 students, however, there have been and continue to be some 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. 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/>

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

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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