



## **WEST COVENTRY ACADEMY CAREERS NEWSLETTER – SPRING TERM 2021**

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](http://www.westcoventryacademy.org/life_at_school/careers.aspx)) as there is information for Students & Parents with useful links to Careers:-

### **NCS – National Careers Service SUMMER PROGRAMME**

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 dates throughout July & August. One of these weeks 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 it's 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](http://www.weareNCS.com) <https://wearencs.com/>

### **Warwickshire Discovery Taster Days – Monday of February Half Term**

Finally Warks college are able to resurrect their Discovery Days which means that on **Monday 21st February 2022**, at 6 of the college sites (the 3 more local sites for us are Leamington Spa, Rugby & Moreton Morrell for Land-based courses) are running taster sessions in a number of different subjects which Year 11's can sign up to and come into one of the colleges to receive a 2 hour 30 minute taster session/activity in their chosen subject area.

Year 11 students can find out more on this event, seeing what subjects they are offering and **MUST** register for a Discovery Day (running from 10am-1pm) by going to our website - <https://wgc.ac.uk/discoverydays>

**Speakers4schools** who have a good reputation and offer some great Virtual Work Experience opportunities are offering some Workshops. The 1<sup>st</sup> on during Feb Half Term could be useful especially if considering applying for the Apprenticeships Severn Trent are offering.

Please use the links:-

- **23<sup>rd</sup> February** 11:00am-3:00pm - Insight Day (suitable for ages 16+) with **Severn Trent** exploring working in the **water industry** and **STEM**. Students can individually [apply for this experience opportunity here](#).
- **10<sup>th</sup> February** 5:30-6:30pm **Wilmott Dixon Construction Ltd** Twilight Session introducing roles in construction, and also a session on [women in construction](#) for International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March (priority for West Midlands applicants). Students can apply for these opportunities through our portal.



## Interested in Psychology?

Virtual 1.5 hr session during Feb Half Term – Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb

## Sneak a peek into Psychology.....

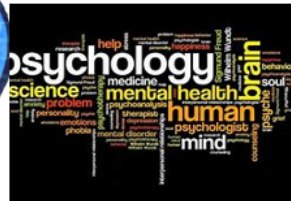
Are you 13 years+ and hope to have a career in Psychology? If so please join us for our Psychology Workshop on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 10am – 11:30 via MS Teams.

To book a space please speak to your school career advisor or if are you over 18 years of age please email: [work.experience@covwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:work.experience@covwarkpt.nhs.uk) with your name, age and school and email address.

This is an amazing opportunity to get first hand information from a Clinical Psychologist about their role and really get an insight into what they do and to gain information on Career Pathways.



**NHS**  
Coventry and  
Warwickshire Partnership  
NHS Trust



talent widening

### **Hospitality Apprenticeship Event – Fee Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 5.30-7.30pm at The Metropolis Restaurant, Coventry**

If there are any students thinking about doing an apprenticeship in hospitality this will be perfect for them to attend as on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February between 5.30pm-7.30pm there is going to be a Hospitality Apprenticeships Fair! It will be held in the Metropolis Restaurant in Coventry.

The Hospitality Apprenticeships Fair is a brand-new event created in collaboration with WCG (Warwickshire College Group), Stratford-upon-Avon College, Coventry College, Coventry City Council, Warwickshire Skills Hub and Pet-XI.

The Fair will be joined by numerous local employers, including Caviar and Chips (who own The Virgins and Castle Pub in Kenilworth), Bespoke Hotels, plus many more!

If you have students looking to take on an apprenticeship, this is their time to explore the vacancies available in Coventry & Warwickshire, and also a chance for them to ask any questions face-to-face with employers and training providers. **The event is free but you must book your place here**

>><https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hospitality-apprenticeships-fair-coventry-warwickshire-tickets-243616111347>

**What University? & What Career? Live** on **Friday 4 or Saturday 5 March** at the **NEC, Birmingham**, today to make sure you don't miss out on your preferred time slot!

**This free event** will help your students to make decisions about their future with confidence.

On the day, students will have the opportunity to:

- **Chat to over 60 leading universities and employers**, including J.P. Morgan, University of Oxford, the NHS and Aston University
- Watch a packed programme of **40+ free presentations**, covering everything from choosing the right career path, to acing the application process
- Get **one-to-one careers advice** from independent experts
- Plus much more!

The event also features dedicated talks and advice for parents looking for guidance on supporting teenagers as they make essential decisions about their future.

**To book Free Tickets for the Saturday, where you will also be able to attend register -**

<https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/what-university-what-career-live-birmingham-2022>



## **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK – Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**ALLABOUTSCHOOLLEAVERS** have organised a series of live webinars on a variety of areas of Apprenticeships offered in Solicitor/Law, Business//Finance, Investment, B T, Rolls Royce & Astra Zeneca. All these are held on various days during Apprenticeship Week but after school time. Please take a look and register for your son/daughter, if interested. <https://www.schoolleaverfair.co.uk/auditorium/live-webinars>

**ASK Amazing Apprentices** are hosting **free virtual events** for any student, parent/guardian, or teacher, briefly, they include a short introductory talk about Apprenticeships, employability tips, and conversations with real-world employers, all to benefit future career seekers! Please see a full list of our events, click on the links below to get registered. Many however are in school time so difficult for students but I have highlighted the ones out of school time.

### **MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> February – INTRODUCTION**

09:00 am - [Welcome to the World of Apprenticeships! An Intro to Apprenticeships Registration, Mon 7 Feb 2022 at 09:00 | Eventbrite](#)

12:30 pm - [A Brief Guide to Registering for an Apprenticeship with Navjoyt Kaur Registration, Mon 7 Feb 2022 at 12:30 | Eventbrite](#)

01:30 pm - [Welcome to the World of Apprenticeships! An Intro to Apprenticeships Registration, Mon 7 Feb 2022 at 13:30 | Eventbrite](#)

02:30 pm - [A Brief Guide to Registering for an Apprenticeship with Mohammed Hassnain Registration, Mon 7 Feb 2022 at 14:30 | Eventbrite](#)

### **TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> EMPLOYER DAY**

10:00 am [Building a Future: Construction Apprenticeships with Willmott Dixon Registration, Tue 8 Feb 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

01:00 pm [Apprenticeships opportunities: Cooperative Bank and Coventry City Council Tickets, Tue 8 Feb 2022 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#) New event

02:00 pm [Protecting the Community: Apprenticeships with Leicestershire Police Registration, Tue 8 Feb 2022 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

02:00 pm - [Food for thought! Talking about Apprenticeships with Samworth Brothers Registration, Tue 8 Feb 2022 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#) New event

06:00 pm [Grantham/ Stamford Spotlight on Apprenticeships and T-Levels Registration, Tue 8 Feb 2022 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

### **WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> YOUNG APPRENTICE DAY**

09:00 am [Coding the Future: Apprenticeships in Application Design Registration, Wed 9 Feb 2022 at 09:00 | Eventbrite](#)



09:00 am [Business as usual! A talk about Business Administration Apprenticeships Registration, Wed 9 Feb 2022 at 09:00 | Eventbrite](#)

10:00 am [By All Accounts: Financial Services Apprenticeships with KPMG Registration, Wed 9 Feb 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

10:00 am [Learn about a typical day for a Microbiology Technician Apprentice Registration, Wed 9 Feb 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

11:00 am [Being an Operation Lead: Apprenticeships at Boots with Alice Pett Registration, Wed 9 Feb 2022 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#)

11:00 am [Building a Future: Construction Apprenticeships with JCB Registration, Wed 9 Feb 2022 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#)

01:00 pm [Food for thought! The life of a Food Technical Degree Apprentice Registration, Wed 9 Feb 2022 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#)

02:00 pm [Building a Future: Construction Apprenticeships with Willmott Dixon Registration, Wed 9 Feb 2022 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

02:00 pm [Supply and Demand! A talk about being a Supply Chain Degree Apprentice Registration, Wed 9 Feb 2022 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

06:00 pm [Boston/ South Holland Spotlight on Apprenticeships and T-Levels Registration, Wed 9 Feb 2022 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

06:00 pm [Helping my child with an Apprenticeship: A seminar for Parents & Carers Registration, Wed 9 Feb 2022 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

## THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> THANKFUL THURSDAY

11:10 am [Boost your employability! Apprenticeships & Boosting your employability Registration, Thu 10 Feb 2022 at 11:10 | Eventbrite](#)

01:00 pm [What are your Strengths? An Apprenticeship Workshop with Navjoyt Kaur Registration, Thu 10 Feb 2022 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#)

02:00 pm [Writing a winning CV: A workshop with Daniel Birch Registration, Thu 10 Feb 2022 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

06:00 pm [Solihull Careers Hub Spotlight on Apprenticeships and T-Levels Registration, Thu 10 Feb 2022 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

06:00 pm [NHS Apprenticeships: A talk with an Associate Nurse about Apprenticeships Registration, Thu 10 Feb 2022 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

## FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEND CELEBRATION

09:00 am [An introduction to levels 2 and 3 apprenticeships Registration, Fri 11 Feb 2022 at 09:00 | Eventbrite](#)



10:00 am [Application Tips & Tricks with Apprentice Nihal Dhillon from JCB Registration, Fri 11 Feb 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

11:00 am [Flying High! A talk about Digital and Technology Apprenticeships with Lucy Registration, Fri 11 Feb 2022 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#)

01:00 pm [How to apply for an Apprenticeship/ Traineeship Registration, Fri 11 Feb 2022 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#)

01:45 pm [What are your Strengths? An Apprenticeship Workshop for SEND students Registration, Fri 11 Feb 2022 at 13:45 | Eventbrite](#)

## SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> PARENTS DAY

09:30 am [Helping my child with an Apprenticeship: A seminar for Parents & Carers Registration, Sat 12 Feb 2022 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

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## COLLEGE

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION re Coventry College Application Process for Year 11 students**

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://wgc.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 –**

- **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 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](http://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)

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.**

- **DAF Heavy Vehicle – Ford & Slater** - £172 PW Min Reqmts – 3 x GCSEs 4+ incldg English & Maths  
Closing Date 15<sup>th</sup> July but apply early as possible start date 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/> use Vacancy Code 1804513
- **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>

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

### **Closing Date – 13<sup>th</sup> 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

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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- **MTC Academy Open Evening for Engineering Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 6.30-8pm**—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://sccu.uk.com/training-programmes/stn-apprenticeships/>



## **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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