



Parents Careers Bulletin



CAREERS EDUCATION
BLUE COAT CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Raising aspirations to achieve future dreams

14th July 2021

Please see below the upcoming opportunities available for Careers development for you to discuss, share and source..

If you have any questions or you would like you son or daughter to have a careers appointment, please contact Mrs Devlin, Ms Drewett and Mrs Facey or their form tutor for a referral.

Alternatively please email careers@bluecoatacademy.org

Virtual Work Experience Opportunities

Covid has unfortunately meant that work experience placements have not been possible. To try and help with this, virtual work experience opportunities have been created. Some of these are “on demand” and so can be completed at any time and others will run over the summer holiday.

Springpod

<https://www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes/>

Most of the programmes will be running from 2nd August. Your son/daughter will need to register with Springpod using their email address and a password. They will then need to apply for the programme they are interested in. The closing date for most programmes is 26th July 2021. Check on the open and upcoming sections. Examples of those available are; Dentistry, Law, Engineering, Finance, Business, Architecture, Marketing, TV & Film and many more. Please check the eligibility criteria as some, particularly the nursing and health related ones are only for people in certain areas of the country. The age range is usually 14-18 years. A certificate will be issued on completion and it can be used for CV's and personal statements.

Forage

<https://www.theforage.com/>

The virtual work experience programmes on offer at Forage are “on demand” and there is no application needed. Your son/daughter will need to register with Forage using their email address and a password.

There are lots of different ones to choose from and they usually take 5/6 hours to complete

Examples of those available include Law, Finance, Technology and many more

Barclays Lifeskills

Barclay's offer lots of resources on getting ready to prepare for the world of work. They have a virtual work experience section that offers advice, videos and links

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/virtual-work-experience/>

Wilmott Dixon Virtual Work Experience

WILMOTT DIXON – VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE WEEKS

- **Monday 26th July – Friday 30th July**
- **Monday 23rd August - Friday 27th August**

This work experience will give students aged **14-19 years** the opportunity to find out more about **careers** in **construction management**, develop **employability skills**, whilst challenging themselves and designing a school fit for the future.

[Apply here for 26th July](#)

[Apply here for 23rd August](#)

Archaeology Insight Day

For students in years 10-13 who are interested in History and Archaeology. Takes place on Monday 2nd August. Closing Date to apply is 26th July. Your son/daughter will have to register with Speakers for Schools in order to apply.

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/opportunities/view/id/1979>

Virtual Events for Apprenticeships

Is your son/daughter interested in apprenticeships or would you like to find out more about them?

Ask are holding virtual sessions for parents/carers. You will need to register in advance using the relevant link.

It will include the following;

Introduction to Apprenticeships - What an apprenticeship is and how it can help your child

Registration workshop – How your child can link & apply to current Apprenticeship offers through the GOV.UK website.

Employability workshop – How you can help & guide your child into upskilling themselves ready for those application forms, interviews & Apprenticeships.

A talk with Dom, a former apprentice with Unilever, having completed a Business Admin Level 3 qualification and an Associate Project Manager Level 4 qualification during his apprenticeship.

Thursday 15th July 18:00 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-my-child-with-an-apprenticeship-a-seminar-for-parents-carers-registration-158380898531>

Tuesday 20th July 18:30 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-my-child-with-an-apprenticeship-a-seminar-for-parents-carers-registration-158386577517>

Tuesday 27th July 18:00 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-my-child-with-an-apprenticeship-a-seminar-for-parents-carers-registration-158387759051>

Virtual Careers Expo

Black Country Careers Consortium are holding a virtual careers expo until 30th July

With information on Further Education, Higher Education, Apprenticeships and much more. There is also a video vault section with useful videos on a wide range of topics that could be useful for you and/or your son/daughter

Please click on the link below to access

<https://blackcountrycareers-expo.co.uk/lobby>

Labour Market Information

Labour Market Information or LMI for short gives us information about what types of jobs are available, salary etc. This guide looks at LMI in the Black Country and looks at opportunities and information on different career sectors. You can download this guide using the link below

https://mcusercontent.com/a13fa8ad4a5084e1703378ec3/files/0e43c93f-ee7-9e49-43e8-7e536a60d8b6/BCC_Parent_student_guide_2020_Final_Digital_Version_Single_Pages_.pdf

University

Is your son or daughter in year 12 or going into year 12 in September? If they are thinking about going to university then these on demand webinars will be useful. They cover topics such as How to choose a course or university, how to apply for university, how to write a personal statement and more. <https://join.wlv.ac.uk/form/Access-a-Webinar-Recording>



PTP TRAINING LIMITED

*** Performance Through People**
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Taster Day
Adult Care Opportunities

Monday 19th July, 2021
1pm - 4pm

If you are interested in Adult Care come along for a free taster session to talk with our qualified team. As well as taking part in activities.

At the PTP Walsall Centre

Performance Through People are holding a Taster Day for those interested in Adult Care opportunities. The address is PTP, Essex Terrace, Intown, Walsall WS1 1SQ

Employment and Careers Support for Adults

Has Covid or other factors affected your employment or are you seeking work and looking for careers advice? This link has some organisations within Walsall who are able to offer support with careers advice, finding work and more https://go.walsall.gov.uk/business/regeneration_and_investment/employment_advice/our_partners_supporting_you_into_employment_or_training

Useful Websites

Career Planning

www.startprofile.com
<https://successatschool.org/careerzones>
<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>
<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>

University

www.ucas.com
www.whatuni.com
www.theuniguide.co.uk

Apprenticeships

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk
www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk
www.futuretalent.com
www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk
www.notgoingtouni.co.uk