

CAREERS NEWSLETTER



The Careers Team

Mrs Lawson (Careers Lead), Mrs Robertson (Careers Officer) and Mrs Sergeant (Careers Adviser). You can find us in OF-10 next to the Food Technology department so please call in and say hello. The aim of this newsletter is to provide information, advice and ideas for Post 16 choices.

Engineering Workshop – Thursday 27th February

A group of year 7 boys experienced an engineering workshop delivered by outreach officers from the University of Leeds. The project is designed to introduce students to working in a college environment and to have a clearer understanding of career opportunities and post 16 courses available in the Engineering Industry.



GCSE Science Live at Sheffield City Hall – Wednesday 12th Feb

30 students from years 9, 10 and 11 visited City Hall in Sheffield for the GCSE Science Live event where they listened to various scientists including Professor Alice Roberts, Professor Dave Cliff and Professor Robert Winston who offered practical advice to help students succeed in their exams. The scientists were a mix of being both captivating and incredibly scrupulous. There was also an opportunity for students to ask questions giving them a clearer sense of what science is, how it is done and what it might be for.



Price Waterhouse Coopers in Leeds - Friday 14th February

A group of year 10 girls visited PwC to attend a 'Females of the Future' day. Students took part in a series of fun and engaging activities helping them to understand their skills, focus on their core values and how they could relate to their career choice, all whilst learning more about what it is like working at PwC from the people who actually work there. They listened to guest speakers and had an opportunity to ask questions.

West Yorkshire Police – Friday 28th February

West Yorkshire police dog unit came to chat to some of our year 9 students about a career as a dog handler.





National Apprenticeship Week – 3rd – 7th February

Local employers Engie, Wakefield Council, Wakefield District Housing, Melenie Tudor (hair salon owner) and Wakefield College were invited into school to talk to students about apprenticeships. They set up stalls and displays ready for students to attend over lunchtime. Students were encouraged to have a look at what they have to offer and also ask questions.

Have you ever thought about becoming a P.E teacher?

Who makes a good P.E teacher?

Physical education teachers should excel in motivating teenagers to exercise and engage in athletic activities by sharing their own excitement for sports and exercise programs, while establishing procedures that promote student cooperation.

Average salary (a year) Starter £17,682 to Experienced £40,490

You can get into this job through a university course, an apprenticeship or working towards this role

University - You can do a sport or physical education degree with qualified teacher status (QTS). You can also complete a [postgraduate certificate in education](#) (PGCE), if you have a first degree without QTS. This can be done at university or on a school-based training programme. There are more [training options](#) if you want to change career or specialise in teaching certain subjects.

Entry requirements - You'll usually need:

- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths
- GCSE science at grade 9 to 4 (A* to C) for primary school teaching
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree
- a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study

Apprenticeship - You can get into this career through one of a small number of postgraduate teaching apprenticeships, if you have a degree.

Entry requirements - You'll usually need:

- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths
- GCSE science at grade 9 to 4 (A* to C) for primary school teaching
- a degree for a teaching apprenticeship

Work - You may be able to get into teaching, if you're a PE or sports graduate, by working as a sports coach in a school, then moving onto a teacher training programme.

You'll need [coaching qualifications](#) in your specialist sport to do this.

Volunteering and experience

You'll find it helpful to get some experience of working with young people though this is not essential. You can do this through paid work or by [volunteering at a school](#), doing youth work or coaching at a sports club.

Skills and knowledge - You'll need: knowledge of teaching and the ability to design courses, be able to motivate and inspire pupils of all abilities to take part and learn new skills, the ability to use your initiative, knowledge of English language, the ability to work well with others, excellent verbal communication skills, leadership skills, patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations and to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently.

What you'll do - Day-to-day tasks - You will: prepare lessons and teaching materials, teach and coach a range of sports and physical activities to pupils of different ages and abilities, manage class behaviour, motivate and encourage all pupils to take part, work with learning support assistants to help pupils with special educational needs and disabilities, set and mark assignments and prepare pupils for exams attend meetings and training, talk to parents and carers about their children's progress, work with other professionals such as educational psychologists, counsellors, social workers and mentors, organise events like sports days, field trips and matches with other schools and colleges, take registers, update records and write reports.