

## CAREERS NEWSLETTER



### The Careers Team

Mrs Lawson (Careers Lead), Mrs Roberton (Careers Officer) and Mrs Sergeant (Careers Adviser).

**Welcome to the last newsletter of this term. It's packed with information to help those of you who are moving onto college / apprenticeships and for current students who have started to think about options when leaving secondary school.**

**Wakefield College Enrolment** - Enrolment takes place for all courses at either Wakefield City Campus or Castleford Campus, including courses based at Thornes Park Campus & Lightwaves. If you haven't made an application or haven't received a letter inviting you in to enrol with a time and date, then call us on 01924 789111 for details of how and when to enrol. If you want to enrol on an apprenticeship, then please call the Apprenticeships Team on 01924 789469.

### Wakefield College Open Day footage

For any students that missed the virtual open day use the link below. It's full of lots of information about college and what they are able to offer including staff interviews, Q&As, college updates, virtual tours and more.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eo3q-y9bELE>

As well as giving students an idea of what work you will be doing on the course, there are contact details for tutors in each department so students can get in touch if you have any queries – please use the link below

<https://www.wakefield.ac.uk/study-packs/>

**New College Pontefract Enrolment** – Wednesday 26 August and Thursday 27 August 2020. You will receive an Enrolment letter with a specified time and date.

### Barnsley College Enrolment – submit your GCSE/BTEC qualifications

If you have accepted a place at Barnsley College you will have already received information on how to do this and the process for enrolling onto your chosen course. You will be contacted by a member of college staff at the arranged time and date to complete your enrolment. Didn't get the results you wanted? Don't worry, Barnsley College offer courses at all levels and we are sure to have one to suit you. If you are worried about your grades or have any other concerns about coming to Barnsley College, please contact Jo Thornton, College Adviser, on [j.thornton@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:j.thornton@barnsley.ac.uk) or call on 01226 216 292.

### Useful Websites and contact numbers

Wakefield College	01924 789789	<a href="http://www.wakefieldcollege.ac.uk">www.wakefieldcollege.ac.uk</a>
Pontefract New College	01977 702139	<a href="mailto:info@ncpontefract.ac.uk">info@ncpontefract.ac.uk</a>
Barnsley College	01226 216216	<a href="mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk">info@barnsley.ac.uk</a>
Leeds City College	0113 386 1997 (option 4)	<a href="http://www.leedscitycollege.ac.uk">www.leedscitycollege.ac.uk</a>
Leeds College of Building	0113 222 6003	<a href="mailto:info@lcb.ac.uk">info@lcb.ac.uk</a>
Future Goal	(Industries in our region)	<a href="http://ww.futuregoals.co.uk">ww.futuregoals.co.uk</a>
Go Higher West Yorkshire	(Higher education)	<a href="http://www.gohigherwestyorks.ac.uk">www.gohigherwestyorks.ac.uk</a>

## Student Travel Information

### **What is a 16-18 PhotoCard?**

A 16-18 PhotoCard costs £5 and is for West Yorkshire residents age 16 to 18. It is valid from your 16th birthday until the day before your 19th birthday.

Half-fare bus and train travel in West Yorkshire at any time of the day, including evenings and weekends. (except late night services and special event services).

Load discounted MyDay, weekly, monthly and termly tickets for unlimited travel across West Yorkshire. [Find out how.](#)

Valid up to the day before the card holder's 19th birthday

Please be aware that without a 16-18 Blue PhotoCard a full adult fare will need to be paid for the journey.

[Apply online](#)

You will need a valid UK passport or driving licence and a digital passport-quality photo to upload.

You will need to be 16 to apply.

Or at a [Bus Station Travel Centre](#)



If this is your first smart PhotoCard you must bring:

(a) proof that you live in West Yorkshire, such as a bank statement.

(b) proof of identity and age, such as your birth certificate or NHS medical card. (Castleford and Pontefract Bus Station Travel Centres only accept credit or debit card payments.)

Or you will need to take a current Under 16 PhotoCard, or a 16-18 PhotoCard. There is no need to provide a photograph as the Travel Centre will take one for you. Your smartcard will be posted to you within 2-3 working days.

## Student Financial Support

All colleges have a bursary fund to help with the cost of college expenses. The fund could contribute to expenses such as trips, equipment or help towards bus fare. Eligibility for the bursary fund is based on your household income..

### **Wakefield College**

For more information on any funding or money matter issues please contact the College's Financial Support Team. Telephone 01924 789304 / 789283 or email [student.finance@wakefield.ac.uk](mailto:student.finance@wakefield.ac.uk)

### **New College Pontefract**

If you think you are eligible to receive financial support through the 16-19 Bursary Fund & Free Meals scheme, you can download an application form [here](#). If you have any questions or for further information about the 16-19 Bursary Fund please email: [studentfinance@nclt.ac.uk](mailto:studentfinance@nclt.ac.uk)

### **Barnsley College**

The easiest and fastest way to apply for the support fund is to apply online.

Please use the link below to access the application portal whereby you will be required to complete the application for financial support: <https://learnersupportfund.barnsley.ac.uk/>

**If applying elsewhere, check with the college direct / check the website for Financial Support information.**

Apprenticeships are an option, when you leave school to go straight into work and train on the job whilst studying part time to gain qualifications. You can do an apprenticeship at 16, or after leaving 6<sup>th</sup> form / college.

There are many types of work now in which you can train as an apprentice. It is also possible to gain a degree through an apprenticeship. This takes longer than doing a degree full time but you are earning a wage while doing so!

Apprenticeships are not an 'easy option' though! You will have longer days than you would at school or college, possibly with some early mornings, evening or weekend work depending on your job. There will be workplace rules to follow and you will need excellent attendance at work. You will have written assignments to complete but you will be given time to do this. Many apprenticeships have minimum GCSE (or A Level) grade requirements e.g. Maths / English at Grade 4. Other employers may be more flexible with grade requirements allowing the opportunity to resit Maths / English.

When applying for an apprenticeship you will need to give information on your skills and why you would be a good match for the job. Above all else though, enthusiasm, a positive attitude and a willingness to learn is what most employers will look for.

See some of the additional website links below for more information on apprenticeships and how to apply.

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/apprenticeships>

To save or view your choices and results you must sign in or register (takes 1 minute). Sign in Register

### **National Apprenticeships**

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#>

### **Amazing Apprenticeships**

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/>

See what apprenticeships are offered by different companies. There are lots out there!

**Check out this video on YouTube:** Amazing Apprenticeships - Understanding Apprenticeships

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ae5cpldJ8RU>

**Wishing you every success in your chosen career path**

