

CAREERS NEWSLETTER



The Careers Team

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Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs O'Sullivan to the careers team as our new Level 6 qualified careers adviser. She will be in school every Wednesday holding careers interviews offering guidance, advice and support to all year 11 students. Every year 11 student will have at least one careers interview throughout the year. Mrs Roberton is in the careers office Monday to Friday should students have any questions. Students are encouraged to come during break time, lunchtime or after school.

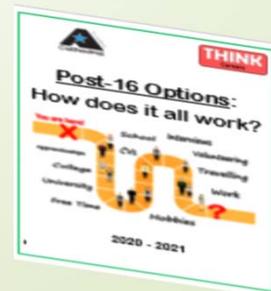
Over the coming weeks year 11 students will start to receive information from colleges through presentations and will be told what courses and pathways are available. Students are encouraged to go online and have a look at the college websites and take a virtual tour.

Most colleges unfortunately will not be holding open days/evenings in person this year but instead will be holding virtual open events. Please check individual college websites for more information.

Virtual Open Event Dates – Please check individual colleges as you may need to register in advance

Barnsley College	Tuesday 10 th November from 5.30pm until 7pm
Leeds City College	Wednesday 14 th October 1pm or 6pm
Leeds College of Building	Saturday 21 st November from 10am until 1pm
	Thursday 22 nd October at 4pm Parents' & Carers' virtual information event
NEW College Pontefract	Virtual event first week after half term and also a live event on Wednesday 18 th November – keep checking their website for details
Wakefield College	Wednesday 14 th October from 5pm until 6.30pm
Wakefield City Campus	Saturday 21 st November at 11am & Wednesday 24 th February at 5pm & Saturday 19 th June at 12pm
Wakefield College	Saturday 21 st November at 11am (Castleford Campus)

All year 11 students have been given a Post 16 Options booklet which is packed full of useful information to help make decisions after year 11. The booklet includes information on Colleges & Training Providers, T-Levels, Further Education, Apprenticeships & Traineeships and much more. The booklet is available to view on our website under the careers section.



Mr Brooke and Miss Coulson are actively encouraging all year 11 students to make a start on their personal statement and are on hand to offer help should they need it. There is also information available in the careers office with examples of how to write a personal statement, information on apprenticeships, how to write and what to include on a CV.

Online application process

Year 11 students will be given a username and password for 'eprospectus' in the next few days which will allow them to apply for college online. The prospectus will allow them to search for something specific, compare courses, find a provider, and look up job profiles, so that they can begin to plan their career. There is also lots of useful and inspirational information on the 'Information and Inspiration' pages, to help them make the most of the site. This is a common application form used by some of the local colleges. You may also need to complete a separate application if applying to an out of area college. Should you need to reset your password at anytime please go to the careers office.

Apprenticeships

Year 11 students preferring an apprenticeship can create an account on the government apprenticeship website: www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

Most apprenticeships for students in year 11 will start to be advertised early in 2021. National Apprenticeship week will be taking place between 8th – 14th February 2021. The annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships, taking place across England, will showcase how apprenticeships have helped employers and people of all ages and backgrounds. Employers are encouraged to promote the great work of their apprentices, whilst highlighting the many benefits apprenticeships bring to their business.

Students are also advised to apply for a full time place at college as a back up plan.

Deadlines for college applications

Barnsley College	Apply from November 2020 and have applications in by the end of December
Leeds City College	No official deadline but recommend students apply as soon they can as courses can fill up, but students can register their interest in a course right up to enrolment.
Leeds College of Building	Same as Leeds City College
NEW College Pontefract	February 2021
Wakefield College	Same as Leeds City College

Useful websites and contact numbers

Barnsley College	01226 216216	info@Barnsley.ac.uk
Leeds City College	0113 386 1997 (option 4)	www.leedscitycollege.ac.uk
Leeds College of Building	0113 222 6003	info@lcb.ac.uk
NEW College Pontefract	01977 702139	info@ncpontefract.ac.uk
Wakefield College	01924 789789	www.wakefieldcollege.ac.uk