

St Bede's Year 11 Careers Update February 2021

Message from Mrs Heyes

February half term is here, this is a good time to focus on your career options and applications to colleges and training providers. February is a great time to focus on Apprenticeships as it is the time when many organisations recruit their Apprentices for Summer. To make a start, take a look at some of the resources suggested below. If you would like any further support regarding apprenticeships or anything careers related please e-mail me, ahey@stbedesblackburn.com and I will get back to you as soon as I can. Remember, you can apply for an apprenticeship even if you have already made an application to a college.

February Focus: Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Apprenticeships are an exciting option; you receive hands-on training and also the chance to put your skills into practice in the workplace. Apprenticeships are available at multiple levels and ages; from school leavers, people upskilling in their careers and complete career changes. There are hundreds to choose from and include qualifications that range from level 2 to degree level. **Traineeship** courses are aimed at giving 16- to 18-year-olds the opportunity to develop the skills they need to find, and succeed in, employment or progress onto an Apprenticeship. They involve a work experience element and are paid.

To begin your search into apprenticeships and traineeships the following links provide you with lots of information about what apprenticeships are, how much you will be paid and where apprenticeships can lead you. Apprenticeships can begin at any age, not just 16, so it is worth investigating even if you do not want to follow that route as soon as you leave school. The UK Government web site; <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#> provides lots of information and access to apprenticeship and traineeship vacancies across the country.



The next step is to take a look at apprenticeship provision in our local area. This can be provided by a college, training provider or directly with an employer. Follow the links below to find out more:

Colleges

Blackburn College: <https://www.blackburn.ac.uk/apprenticeships/>

Runshaw College: <https://www.runshaw.ac.uk/study-at-runshaw/apprenticeships/>

Burnley College: <https://www.burnley.ac.uk/themis-home/>

Accrington and Rossendale College: <https://www.accross.ac.uk/apprenticeships/>

Myerscough Colleges: <https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/courses/apprenticeships/why-an-apprenticeship/?Apprenticeships>

Training Providers

Training 2000: <https://www.training2000.co.uk/>

North Lancs Training Group: <https://www.nltg.co.uk/>

Employers

National Health Service: <http://www.nhsapprenticeships.com/>

BAE Systems: <https://www.baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/apprenticeships>

United Utilities: <https://www.unitedutilities.com/corporate/careers/early-careers/apprenticeships/>

Fort Vale: <https://www.fortvale.com/careers/>

WEC Group: <https://www.wec-group.com/wecacademy.html>

Please keep checking Show My Homework for information about open events and advice sessions relating to apprenticeships and other careers options.

Other News

College Applications

Well done to those of you that have already made applications to colleges. If you have not yet made your applications please look at Show My Homework for advice and web site addresses. You can also contact me directly by e-mail: aheyes@stbedeshighschool.com

After School Careers Advice

All St Bede's pupils are entitled to a 1-1 careers counselling session with New Directions. Since learning has been taking place on line these sessions have been taking place via MS Teams at 2.30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. If you have not received your careers counselling session please keep checking your calendar or e-mail me to find out your time slot: aheyes@stbedesblackburn.com If you do not want your session to take place over MS Teams please contact me and arrangements can be made for your session to take place over the phone. Careers guidance is still useful to you even if you have applied to a college or training provider. It is important to double check that you have applied for the correct course for the career that you wish to follow.

Coming Soon! Live Careers Advice Sessions Coming Soon! Live Careers Advice Sessions

Keep checking Show My Homework and your MS Teams calendar for invitations to join live after school Careers Advice Sessions that will feature local colleges, training providers and employers. You will have the opportunity to find out about their organisations and ask questions. If you would like me to ask anyone to come and speak at the sessions please send your requests to me via e-mail: ahey@stbedesblackburn.com The first sessions will feature Runshaw College and Blackburn Rovers.

Westholme Scholarships

Westholme Sixth Form are offering scholarships to pupils who fit their criteria. Please click on the links below for further information.

SIXTH FORM WEBSITE: [INSPIRED Sixth Form - Westholme School](#)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION: [Academic Scholarships - Westholme School](#)

Enjoy your half term holiday!



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