



Careers & Guidance Newsletter

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Welcome to our first Careers and Guidance Newsletter.
In this fortnightly publication you will be able to find out what students are learning in their Careers sessions as part of our Personal Development Programme, as well as learn about opportunities and experiences related to the Work of Work and Further Education.

Recent Highlights from our Careers Programme



University Experience: A group of Year 7 students attended a series of Science lectures at the [University of Birmingham](#). Students learnt how to make Santa’s sleigh green and found the most efficient method of creating toys. Students were excellently behaved and were a credit to the school. We even managed to get a picture with the robotic dog!



Careers Encounter: Year 8 students met Comic Book Artist Mark Farmer who talked about his life and work as a Comic Book Illustrator. Having worked previously for Marvel and DC Comics he spoke about his inspirational careers and collaborations with world-renowned artists and comic producers, his artistic process, and the career paths that can lead to this particular branch of industry.



Careers within the Curriculum

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
<i>Recently...</i>	Christmas Lectures at Birmingham University; Careers in Theatre in Fairy Tales L4L theme.	Bollywood Experience in India L4L theme.	Personal Development: Exploring Your Own Interests	Year 10 trip to Aston University; Personal Development: A World of Possibilities
<i>Coming up...</i>	In Art, students will examine the career of an Architect. In L4L students will visit local places of worship and explore the careers here.	Trip to Cadbury’s World including a marketing and packaging workshop linking careers in the local community.	Personal Development: Personal Qualities, Skills and Career Pathways; Skills for Life; Scholars Programme trip to Oxford University; Careers theme in L4L	Personal Development: World of Work and Budgeting; GCSE Art Students to meet Careers Rep from Sandwell College. Amazon Class Chat – Business Studies



Coming Up: Local Opportunities

FREE CAREERS EVENT FOR YEAR 9 AND 10 STUDENTS

Sign up by clicking the image – tickets going fast. You will be able to meet lots of industries and providers to help you take the next steps after Year 11.

NEW YEAR NEW START
FREE Careers Event for 14–19 year olds (up to 25 for SEND with an EHCP) and NEET young people
Saturday 21 January 2023 9.30am—2pm
Explore and discover your next career with the help of Training/Apprenticeship Providers, Employers, Colleges, Universities and Connexions Sandwell Careers Advisers.
This is an eventbrite ticket only event
Go to our website www.connexionssandwell.co.uk to book your ticket.
At West Bromwich Albion Football Club, The Hawthorns, Halfords Lane, West Bromwich B71 4LF

JUNIPER TRAINING – APPRENTICESHIP TASTER DAYS

Year 10 and above students are being offered the chance to take part in an **Engineering and Manufacturing** taster days at the state-of-the-art training academy in Aldridge, running **till June 2023**.

The taster days **run weekly** in house with a **qualified tutor** to guide the group through a **day in the life of an engineer**, a full tour of the academy and hands on activities which gives the pupils the chance to **explore what engineering is**. Everything is provided for the day at **no cost to schools**, however pupils will be required to **bring their own lunch and snacks**.

Click here: [Apprenticeship taster days](#)



EXPLORING APPRENTICESHIPS 7TH FEBRUARY AT 4.30PM

The event aims to provide young people, parents and carers with information about apprenticeships in the Black Country.

Labour Market Information

This is a useful tool to help research future jobs in the local area, to understand the skills that are needed for certain jobs and to look at what kinds of jobs will be in demand once you leave school – what skills will be needed for these jobs?

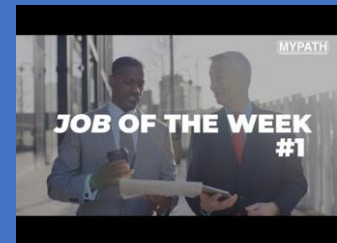
Try the [Careerometer](#) to find out about a career that interests you and to see whether it is a growing or a shrinking industry. Each newsletter will contain some LMI to help to inform you about local opportunities.

JOB OF THE WEEK

Actuary

Actuaries work with companies and government departments to help them to predict long-term financial costs and investment risks.

[Find out more here](#)



Featured Website



Click the image to create a free account and experience the world of work and university.

Featured University



They say:

“Our focus on career development and work placements sets us apart from other universities. Find out what we can do for you...”

[Click here to find out more and take a virtual campus tour.](#)



Key Dates: Local Open Events



Whether you're interested in our adult courses, full-time vocational programmes, T Levels or apprenticeships, an Open Event is the perfect place to start.

[Sat 11th March 2023, 10am – 2pm](#)
[Wed 7th June 2023, 4pm – 7pm](#)

What can I expect at an Open Event?

- Take a tour of the exciting facilities
- Chat to our friendly tutors about the courses
- Get professional careers advice and guidance
- Find out more about sixth form or campus life
- Get information on travel, finance, student support and how to apply

[Sat 11th March 2023, 10.00am - 2.00pm](#)
[Wed 7th June 2023, 4.00pm - 7.00pm](#)



Open events:

21st January 2023 10am – 2pm
25th April 2023 6pm – 8pm

[Register for an open event here](#)



opendays.com
university and college open days



Stay on for Sixth Form

Don't forget about the fantastic Post-16 opportunities available within the Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust!

Click the images to visit the websites to learn more about the courses and what student life is like.



There are several open events coming up:

Wed 18th Jan 4pm – 7pm

Sat 21st Jan 11am – 3pm

Wed 8th Mar 4pm – 7pm

Sat 11th Mar 11am 3pm

Find out everything you need to know about the courses and how to apply when the time comes.

[Register for an event here.](#)

For A-Levels...

Central
Saint Michael's
Sixth Form

A UNIVERSITY-STYLE SIXTH FORM

Dates of Open Events:

Wed 18th Jan 4pm – 7pm

Sat 21st Jan 11am – 3pm

Wed 8th Mar 4pm – 7pm

Sat 11th Mar 11am 3pm

Thu 15th Jun 4pm – 7pm

Sat 17th Jun 11am – 3pm

[Register for an event here.](#)