



WEST COVENTRY ACADEMY CAREERS NEWSLETTER – SPRING TERM 2021 National Careers Week

Welcome to our Careers Bulletin, where I hope to share some exciting careers information for students to experience even from the comfort of their own home. Some events may be age specific so please bear this in mind.

Please may I also remind you to access the Careers Tab on the school's website

(http://www.westcoventryacademy.org/life_at_school/careers.aspx) as there is information for Students & Parents with useful links to Careers:-

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK 1st -5th March

**Coventry & Warwickshire Careers Enterprise Company – CW Careers Hub are holding their First Virtual Careers Fair – Wed 3rd March 1-7pm <https://cwcareershub.vfairs.com/>
FOR ALL YEARS-**

You DO have to register for this event - <https://cwcareershub.vfairs.com/en/>

There are booklets to download or refer to on the Careers Area on the School Website & available on Teams posts

Are you a student aged 11-18? Or a parent of a student? This virtual career show is for you.

It is an opportunity to:

1. ask questions
2. gain insight into different education settings and programmes
3. provide context to those important decisions that young people will make
4. hear from employers about why those choices matter
5. obtain advice and guidance

These Virtual Stands include Local/National Employers, Universities, Colleges where you can discuss Skills, Entry Requirements, Subject Choices, Courses, Apprenticeships, T Levels, in fact everything to help you in your decision making for your future!

The **STEM Ambassador** Programme for students aged 16 years + - **Closing Date 7th March to register** <https://www.stem.org.uk/>

in partnership with Brightside charity, is launching a national online mentoring scheme to support young people who are interested in STEM. Available from end of **February to May 2021**, the scheme pairs each young person with a STEM Ambassador volunteer who is ready to support them with exploring STEM career options, helping them to feel more confident about their future. The mentoring will take place flexibly, through a moderated messaging system and all STEM Ambassadors are DBS or PVG checked as standard.

Young people will receive:

- 1:1 support and inspiration from a STEM Ambassador
- Support and resources to help them make informed decisions
- Training on how to use Brightside's secure and moderated messaging system

Young people can [register for the mentoring programme here](#), the deadline to register your interest is now 7th March. There's more [information on our website](#). If you have any Qs, email stem-ambassadors@stem.org.uk

WHAT CAREER/UNIVERSITY LIVE – Fri/Sat 19/20th March 2021 - <https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/> to register & attend. This could help students Yr 10 upwards but open to anyone.

Using a highly engaging virtual event platform, students have the opportunity to chat to representatives from leading universities and employers, and get one-to-one careers advice from independent experts. They'll also have access to a programme of live and on-demand talks, covering everything from the UCAS application process, to kick-starting your career with an apprenticeship.



COLLEGE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION re Coventry College Application Process for Year 11 students

There have been a number of instances where students are missing College Telephone Interviews, Notifications etc. This year, Coventry College adapted a new system so below is step by step information to help you. It's Important you read this and check your Spam/Junk Folders. Ensuring correct email address and contact numbers is imperative!

- When they apply, they get an email saying their application is with the admission team and they will receive a pro portal link email .
- They also receive a text message confirming their email, just in case they have entered it wrong on the application form and to check their junk and spam mail just in case it goes in here. if they have a problem, they are given a phone number and email to contact us, in this message. (the emails are all from admissions @coventrycollege)
- They then receive an email with their pro portal account, and they just need to click on this and sign in with the following :

user : email address

password: date of birth example 02/02/2020

- When they login in they can see the course/s, they have applied for and if they click on the course, they will see interview dates to book. They will also see offers in here after interview and they can accept or decline the offer.
- If they do not book an interview after all the dates, we give them in their pro portal account, admissions will book an interview for them, when this has been done, they receive an email informing them of thier interview time and date and this will be telephone call interview

Hope this is a bit clearer. If students are not receiving anything their email must be wrong on the system, but they will get a text message, unless their phone number is wrong also. They do need to check their junk and spam.

There are a number of local Further Education Colleges which offer a range of Vocational Subjects at various levels, mainly 1-3. These courses are fulltime so please access the various college websites for further information. All of their Open Evening/Days have been offered virtually and further information is on their websites. All these colleges below and more will be in attendance at the Careers Fair next Wednesday.

Students are advised again to apply early to ensure an offer of some type of Interview and conditional offer of a course for September 2021 start. Please do NOT leave until the last minute.

Coventry College – Campuses – City & Henley - <https://www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/> **They have an online Open Event which students can view by registering with their Email address & up to 3 subject choices.**

<https://www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/online-open-event/>

Warwickshire College – Campuses – Leamington Spa, Rugby, Warwick Trident (Engineering) and Moreton Morrell (Land-based, Animal Management Courses) - <https://wcg.ac.uk/>

Solihull College - <https://www.solihull.ac.uk/>

Stratford upon Avon College - <https://www.stratford.ac.uk/>

NWSLC – North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire College - <https://www.nwslc.ac.uk/>



APPRENTICESHIPS -

Well, we have just had National Apprenticeship Week on 8th – Friday 12th February, where there was a lot of activities for all years. I have now been seeing a number of really exciting apprenticeships which I'd like to share with you, some which are very local and for Aug/Sept Start:-

- **Severn Trent -Closing Date 21st March** - <https://www.severntrent.com/careers/apprentices/why-choose-us/> There are a number of Apprenticeships on offer either Degree or Advanced in areas such as HR, Marketing, Project Management, Assistant Accountancy, Water Processing, Farming Liaising. This is a local, supportive Employer who are keen to develop young people's talents.
- **MTC Academy Open Evening for Engineering – this Thursday 25th February 6.30pm (students have been advised of this prior)**
Register & apply on <https://the-amtc.co.uk/apprenticeships/for-apprentices/open-events/>
They are offering some excellent engineering apprenticeships – some in the local area. Requirement 5 x GCSEs Grade 4s+ with an aptitude for Maths/Physics
Some Advanced Apprenticeships requiring GCSEs Grade 4/5s+ but offering excellent Progression, located on the Govt apprenticeship Website (see below) so please search & apply:-
- **Kautex Unipart Technology** Apprenticeship £12k PA via MGTS **Engineering** Training Provider
- **Fireangel Ltd (local at Westwood Business park)– Product Design & Development Apprenticeship** £10k PA via MTC Academy
- **Amazon Services Ltd – Mechatronics Apprenticeship** via MTC Academy
- **DHL Services - Assistant Accountancy** - £18k Training via BPP Professional
- **Busybees Nursery – Allesley Green – Catering and Childcare** for September Start
- **A Number of Construction** – Carpentry & Joinery Apprenticeships offered & working with Coventry College. It does state March onwards as possible start date but it may be worth applying as they may considering waiting for the 'right' candidate.

There is a general Government Apprenticeship website to look & apply -

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

Also look at Employer's own websites as to what is on offer. The above is not an exhaustive list and young people need to do their own research or send speculative CVs to Employers.

There are local colleges (see above for Colleges' websites) and Training Providers who have links with Employers and support students in their Apprenticeships so students can apply/register an interest direct to them.

MGTS – Midland Group Training Services (Engineering) - <https://www.mgts.co.uk/>

MTC Academy (Engineering) - <https://the-amtc.co.uk/apprenticeships/>

Coventry & Warwickshire Training – (Various Vocational areas – HD, Business Admin, Accounting, Childcare, IT etc) <https://www.cw-chambertraining.co.uk/>

Heart of England Training – HOET – (Various including Hair & Beauty, School, Business Admin) - <https://www.hoet.co.uk/>

SCCU – (School, Childcare, IT, Business, Sports apprenticeships) - <https://sccu.uk.com/training-programmes/stn-apprenticeships/>

KS4 VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE



Unfortunately school were unable to facilitate Work experience, as we know it, last year and also this year for Year 10 students, however, there have been and continue to be some virtual Work Experience placements being offered where students can register to attend. It may be during a half term holiday or on a Saturday or working a few extra hours, so please read up on any offers. These are normally offered via a platform such as Teams or Zoom and encourages students to develop Independence, Teamwork, Resilience plus demonstrates to prospective Employers that they took up opportunities and gained Confidence along the way.

Speakers4Schools

These offer a variety of Virtual Work Experience opportunities throughout the year so I would recommend signing up to see what there is on offer for your son/daughter to take part in. Please encourage your son/daughter to register to look through and apply for anything of interest- encourage them to widen their search & be open to experience. <https://www.s4snextgen.org/>

Here are some New Virtual Work Experience Opportunities Recruiting Now:

- [ISG- Global Construction Specialist VWEX](#)
- **Dates: 6th – 9th April 2021**
- **Eligibility: 15 – 19 year olds living in or studying in London.**
- **Application Deadline: 19th March 2021**

- [Build Yourself with Wates VWEX - Midlands and The North](#)
- **Dates: 12th - 16th April 2021**
- **Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds interested in the construction industry.**
- **Application Deadline: 12th March 2021**

- [British Airways Virtual Insight Day - Sustainability Workshop](#)
- **Dates: 7th April 2021**
- **Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds keen to find out more about a career in the airline industry.**
- **Application Deadline: 15th March 2021**

- [STEM Insight Day with Johnson Matthey](#)
- **Dates: 6th - 8th April 2021**
- **Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds keen to find out more about a career in sustainable technology.**
- **Application Deadline: 12th March 2021**

- [`App in a Day` Insight Day – Anglian Water](#)
- **Dates: 6th April 2021**
- **Eligibility: 16 – 19 year olds interested in a career in information technology.**
- **Application Deadline: 10th March 2021**

- [Discover your Future Insight Day - University of Derby](#)
- **Dates: 7th April 2021**
- **Eligibility: 15 – 19 year olds interested in learning about sustainability careers.**
- **Application Deadline: 17th March 2021**



- [Insight Day for Careers in Music – British Army](#)
- **Dates: 14th April 2021 (10am -12am)**
- **Eligibility: 15 – 19 year olds interested in interested in a vocation with music performance at its heart.**
- **Application Deadline: 14th March 2021**

- [Perry Barr Residential Scheme VWEX – Lendlease Joint Venture](#)
- **Dates: 12th - 16th April 2021**
- **Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds living or studying in Birmingham.**
- **Application Deadline: 12th March 2021**

- [She Is Sustainable - Insight Day](#)
- **Dates: 22nd April 2021 (10:00am – 2:30pm)**
- **Eligibility: 15 – 19 year olds interested in learning about sustainability.**
- **Application Deadline: 25th March 2021**

Please encourage your students to apply as soon as possible to have the best chance of success.

For a full list of placements - [sign in here to search and apply.](#)

Springpod

<https://www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes/> Another platform to take part in some Virtual Work experience (some on offer include Journalism, Law, Finance, Marketing, Teaching, employability Skills plus an Insight day offered by BT; students can also view professionals talk about their own Career Journeys via the 'Learn Lounge'.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me and please do remember to use the careers link on the website (Life at school – Careers) for further information and upcoming events.

Yours sincerely,

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