

Coventry & Warwickshire Careers Hub – Newsletter for Parents, Guardians and Carers – Issue 2 Summer Term 2020



Welcome to the second newsletter for parents, guardians and carers from the Coventry and Warwickshire Careers Hub.

Our role is to link schools and colleges to employers and to help them deliver world-class careers support for all young people.

A Careers Hub is a group of between 20 and 40 secondary schools and colleges in a dedicated area who work together to deliver the Gatsby Benchmarks. Collaborating with business partners, the public, education and voluntary sectors, they help deliver the Gatsby Benchmarks and improve careers outcomes for young people.

Your son or daughter's school or college is part of the Coventry or Warwickshire Careers Hub.

Contact the team cwcareers@cwlep.com

Latest News and Links

Here are some links to resources and online events that might be useful to share with your son or daughter:

- **STEM Ambassadors Live** https://www.stem.org.uk/news-and-views/news/stem-ambassadors-live?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=Social%20Media&utm_campaign=STEM%20Ambassadors - On the 7 May STEM Ambassadors will be presenting a day of live streamed activities for schools and students at home. The day will include a series of half hour sessions from STEM Ambassadors covering a range of subjects across science, engineering, mathematics and more. A Question and Answer forum will also run alongside each session, allowing students to engage their curiosity and dig further into the subject. Each presenter will bring a wealth of expertise from their work as a STEM professional, using activities already tried and tested in the classroom.
- **Side Quest** (<https://www.sidequest.org.uk/>) - If you're interested in building games then this is for you (whatever your age). No experience needed. Go to the link and find live streamed tutorials from industry professionals and support to help build your own game. 7

days to develop it and new themes, set by some of the biggest studios, i.e. Sumo Digital (Team Sonic Racing, Crackdown 3), Creative Assembly (Total War, Alien Isolation), Sports Interactive (Football Manager), and Media Molecule (Little Big Planet, Dreams), every 2 weeks. Absolutely free #playaparttogether.

- **STEM Sessions** - A careers podcast for teachers and young people's influencers. STEM Sessions puts a spotlight on STEM careers in the UK. Every episode, they'll be talking to one of their London based STEM Ambassadors, who are real people that work in STEM and also volunteer in schools to inspire and inform young people. You'll get to find out more about their job, how they got there and how young people today can get there too! <http://www.buzzsprout.com/854536>
- **Brighton and Sussex Medical School Virtual Work Experience**
This course provides a 'virtual' work experience for those looking to apply to medical school. You will be introduced to the NHS before exploring the roles and skill sets of six different medical specialists. Along the way, you will also consider some of the challenges and wider issues doctors face. <https://bsmsoutreach.thinkific.com/courses/VWE>

Employers and Volunteers Needed !!

Inspire and prepare young people for the fast-changing world of work.

Our team of Enterprise Coordinators can link you to schools and colleges across Coventry and Warwickshire. Whether you want to equip the next generation to join your industry, give back to your local community or develop your own skills and experience, our network can help you. We have two opportunities for you to get involved:

'Give an Hour'

Share your career journey and insights with young people in schools and colleges in your local community.

Your unique industry knowledge and experience can make a difference to the options a young person considers for their careers.

You could be the person who changes the life of a young person, just by showing them what is possible.

Volunteer as an Enterprise Adviser

As an Enterprise Adviser you'll work directly with a school or college's senior leadership team to develop their careers programme.

Combine your passion for raising the aspirations of young people with your strategic skills to help put opportunities with local employers at the heart of a young person's education.

Our Enterprise Advisers:

Are senior-level professionals.

Come from different industry sectors and professional backgrounds, be that employed, self-employed or recently retired.

Are dedicated to making a lasting impact on the future outcomes of young people.

Commit around 4 hours per month for at least one academic year.

Please contact the team cwcareers@cwlep.com if you would like to find out more.

Keep in touch!

If you would like to receive our next newsletter directly to your inbox, please email the team - cwcareers@cwlep.com – with 'Parent and Guardian Newsletter' in the subject line.