

# **CAREER NEWS - AUTUMN TERM - OCTOBER 2023**

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Dear parents, carers and students,

18/10/2023

Welcome back to the new academic year and a very warm welcome to those new parents/carers from Y7 who will be first time readers of *Career News*.

Please be aware that we do post items of interest on our school's social media pages too: X (formerly Twitter); Facebook and Instagram. Please follow us to keep up to date.

You will also find information on our school website about career staff and our career education, information advice and guidance programme here at Co-op Academy Bebington (CEIAG) <a href="https://www.bebington.coopacademies.co.uk/page/?title=Careers+Resources&pid=146">https://www.bebington.coopacademies.co.uk/page/?title=Careers+Resources&pid=146</a>

Our recent Ofsted in April 2023, where we were awarded **Good** in all areas commented on the careers programme here at Bebington "A comprehensive programme of careers information, advice and guidance is implemented effectively for all pupils."

QiCS: Quality in Careers Standard. We achieved the Quality in Careers Standard in summer 2022. This award lasts until 2025, when we will be inspected again. I am delighted to inform you that after having undertaken our annual review this term, we are still meeting all of our statutory requirements for our CEIAG programme (Career Education, Information, Advice and Guidance). Further information is here on our website <a href="Co-op Academy Bebington - Careers Resources">Co-op Academy Bebington - Careers Resources</a> (coopacademies.co.uk)

The Gatsby Benchmarks are a framework of 8 guidelines that define the best careers provision in secondary schools. (careersandenterprise.co.uk)

Careers Information Advice and Guidance is a vital part of the education of our pupils here at Co-op Academy Bebington. We are committed to delivering a full Careers Programme to fulfil the



Government's Careers Strategy. In July 2022 we were delighted to be awarded The Quality in Careers Standard (QiCS) – The national quality award for careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) in secondary schools, colleges and work-based learning.

We are providing the students of Co-op Academy Bebington with access to advice and guidance at key transition points in their career planning and throughout their time at school, embedding the careers curriculum across all years and in partnership with key stakeholders, such as colleges, universities, employers and enterprise advisers.

Mrs C Fardoe - CEIAG Coordinator /Careers Adviser at Co-op Academy Bebington

## **EVENTS AND INFORMATION - PLANNING AHEAD - DIARY DATES**

Dates for your diary which will be of some significance across our school calendar for careers - they are -

• OPEN EVENTS FOR YEAR 11: Please check individual websites for information. I have included links to the colleges where most of our student express an interest in attending -

Co-op Academy Sixth Form Open Evening is on 16th January 2023 5pm to 7pm. Birkenhead Sixth Form College Open Evenings | Birkenhead Sixth Form College; Cheshire College South and West Events Archive - Cheshire College South & West; Wirral Met College Events; City of Liverpool College Events and Open Days; LIPA Sixth Form College LIPA Sixth Form College - Open Days; Liverpool Media Academy BTEC ENQUIRY - LMA; Hugh Baird College Events | Hugh Baird College Your son/daughter can also use the course search on Unifrog https://www.unifrog.org/student/furthereducation/start

- Tuesday 16th January 2024 5pm to 7pm: <u>Careers Fair; Sixth Form Open Evening</u> and GCSE Options Evening at Co-op Academy Bebington. You can read about last year's event here <a href="https://www.bebington.coopacademies.co.uk/news/?pid=59&nid=2&storyid=10">https://www.bebington.coopacademies.co.uk/news/?pid=59&nid=2&storyid=10</a>
- Mock Interviews: 25th and 26th January 2024. An opportunity for our <u>Y11s and Y13s</u> to attend a mock interview with representatives from further and higher education; training providers and employers; such as The Co-op; Wirral Borough Council; Civil Service; and employers from construction; health; engineering and more. Last year's event here <a href="https://www.bebington.coopacademies.co.uk/news/?pid=59&nid=2&storyid=9">https://www.bebington.coopacademies.co.uk/news/?pid=59&nid=2&storyid=9</a>
- <u>National Apprenticeship Week</u>: A national event raising knowledge and understanding of Apprenticeships. National date will be 5th to 11th February 2024. Full timetable of assemblies and presentations will be formalised before the event.
- National Careers Week: A national event to celebrate and highlight career education across
  the curriculum and to raise knowledge of career advice and guidance and its role in
  education; employment and training. The 2024 date will be 4th to 9th March. Our school



'careers week' will be a week later due to mock exams. Timetable of assemblies and presentations will be formalised before the event.

- Experiences of the Workplace/Work Experience: Y10 and Y12. Dates for 2024 are scheduled for 1st 5th July 2024 for Y12 and for Y10 from 3rd to 5th July. We reviewed our work experience last year and after feedback from employers, we adjusted our offer for Y10. This means that in July 2024, Y10 will be in school following their usual timetable on 1st and 2nd July; then from 3rd to 5th July, Y10 will be with their employer. If an employer is not sourced, there will be a hybrid programme of activities here in school.
- Pharmacy Schools' Open Event for Y10-13: 24th October 2023 See information below.
   LIMITED PLACES. REQUIRES BOOKING!



Year 10-13 OPEN AFTERNOON Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2-5pm

Pharmacy Department, Arrowe Park Hospital, CH49 5PF Please contact <u>wuth.pharmacyeducationandtrainingteam@nhs.net</u> for more information and to reserve a space

**YEAR GROUPS INFORMATION - NEWS ITEMS** 

Year 10 - Visit from FA Physiotherapist as part of BTEC Sport

# JOBS Co-op Academy Bebington CAREERS N FORMATION



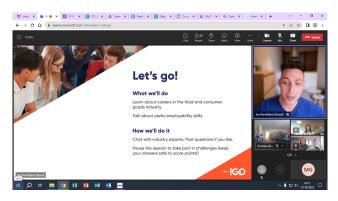
**Co-op Academy Bebingt...** · 7h Mr Lewis and 10 NCFE students were treated to a lesson from a physiotherapist, the lesson focused on synovial joints.

Students were thoroughly engaged and ended the session by asking some great questions regarding the role of a physio in football and sport.



Year 11 Careers Day in school on 17th October 2023. The Y11 timetable was suspended for the day and we had speakers and group sessions with Shaping Futures; Rullion Recruitment; Loudspeaker and IGD in partnership with Aldi. Y11s received sessions on 1) Application and Interview with Shaping Futures; 2) CV Writing with Rullion; 3) Skills for Success with Loudspeaker; 4) Employability workshop/virtual encounter with IGD in partnership with Aldi and 5) Y11 completed a Future Skills Questionnaire from the Careers and Enterprise Company.

IGD Employability shared insights into employability skills and staff career stories through and online/virtual session - see below



Loudspeaker; Shaping Futures; Rullion shared their expertise and advice on -

- CV Writing
- Application Advice

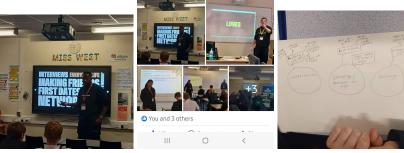


Creating your future story: Skills for Success

# Checkout our social media posts on X (formerly Twitter), Instagram and Facebook







**Year 11 /Year 10** On Tuesday 3rd October there was a drop in session for Y11 and Y10 parents/carers. Mrs Hesketh and I would like to thank those parents/ carers who attended.





## APPRENTICESHIPS - RECRUITMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 - SCHOOL LEAVER STARTS - Y11/Y13

I completed a search on 4th October 2023 and another search 4 days later, using the school postcode and a 15 mile radius and found the following opportunities suitable for those considering an apprenticeship **AFTER they have completed their Y11/Y13 studies.** Please follow the links below to find out more.

RAF: The Royal Air Force is currently recruiting for the following opportunities -

- Weapon Technician
- Chef
- Driver
- Ground Steward
- Mover
- Supplier
- Regiment Gunner



## Considering a career in the RAF? Find out more here

https://recruitment.raf.mod.uk/find-your-role

RAF Weapon Technician - Full Time Career with Apprenticeship Royal Air Force

RAF Chef - Full Time Career with Apprenticeship Royal Air Force

RAF Driver - Full Time Career with Apprenticeship Royal Air Force

https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000203146

RAF Mover - Full Time Career with Apprenticeship Royal Air Force

RAF Supplier - Full Time Career with Apprenticeship Royal Air Force

RAF Regiment Gunner - Full Time Career with Apprenticeship Royal Air Force

**Food Technical Degree Apprentice -** WM MORRISON SUPERMARKETS P L C <u>Food Technical Degree Apprentice - Find an apprenticeship</u> The opportunity with Morrison Supermarkets is a Degree Apprenticeship and requires the following qualifications: At least GCSE Grade 4 in maths and English PLUS a minimum of 96 UCAS points achieved from A level; BTEC Level 3; T Level qualifications. **This is suitable for Y13/ sixth form students.** 



Quantity Surveyor: Degree Apprenticeship Mott Macdonald Ltd Quantity Surveyor Degree Level Apprenticeship - Find an apprenticeship (findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk) Degree level apprenticeship suitable for Y12/13. Requirements and prospects. Desired skills and personal qualities: Communication skills, IT skills, Attention to detail, Organisation skills, Problem solving skills, Number skills, Analytical skills, Logical, Team working, Initiative, Non judgemental, Patience.

Qualifications: GCSE or equivalent English (Grade 4 / C or equivalent) Essential. GCSE or equivalent Maths (Grade 4 / C or equivalent) Essential. A Level or equivalent Maths (Grade A\*-C) Desirable.

CITB: Construction Industry Training Board Find an Apprenticeship in Construction - CITB

Wirral Met Apprenticeships Register your interest for an apprenticeship (wmc.ac.uk)

City of Liverpool College Apprenticeships COLC-Apprenticeships.pdf (liv-coll.ac.uk)

Scottish Power Pre-Apprenticeship Programme Scottish Power Pre-Apprenticeship Programme - Cheshire College South & West (ccsw.ac.uk) Cheshire College South and West Applying for an apprenticeship - Cheshire College South & West (ccsw.ac.uk)

# **AIRBUS**

AIRBUS opened their recruitment on 2nd OCT. Airbus do not generally use the National Apprenticeship Site, so please visit

**Apprenticeship in United Kingdom | Airbus** 

BBC Apprenticeship Schemes: See website for information. Some roles based at Salford Quays. <a href="https://careers.bbc.co.uk/content/EC Schemes-on-Offer/?locale=en GB">https://careers.bbc.co.uk/content/EC Schemes-on-Offer/?locale=en GB</a> BBC is offering advanced, higher, degree apprenticeships and graduate schemes. See their *early careers* 



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: YEAR 12S ONLY** 

MERSEYSIDE POLICE HAVE OPENED THEIR VOLUNTEER CADET SCHEME. APPLY HERE <u>Merseyside</u>
<u>Police Careers</u>

**CLOSING DATE: 28TH OCTOBER 203** 



#### **APPRENTICESHIPS AND EMPLOYMENT - APPLICATION ADVICE**

## Ask yourself the following questions . . .

- Do you know what job sector you want to work in? Are you ready for the world of work?
- Do you have the right skills, qualifications, personal qualities and attitude for the job you are applying for? Can you travel independently and get to work on time, every day?
- Do you have work experience or transferable skills? Look back though your Work Experience logbook, if you were able to do work experience OR consider things you may do outside of school? Good examples of this are Duke of Edinburgh Awards, being a member of a club or team or being a Cadet OR have you signed up for The National Citizen Service programme, which offers volunteering opportunities after you have completed GCSE studies. If you're 16 or 17, you can take part in NCS. Visit NCS | No We Can | National Citizen Service (wearencs.com)
- Complete your job/ apprenticeship application and give examples of your achievements Your step-by-step guide to applying for an apprenticeship
- Are you enthusiastic about the job role and can you demonstrate this to potential employers?

What do the different levels of Apprenticeship mean? See the table below.

NAME	LEVEL	EQUIVALENT
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grade A*- C or 9 - 4
Advanced	3	2 A level passes/Level 3 Diploma/ International Baccalaureate
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

Please visit - Apprenticeship levels explained (amazingapprenticeships.com)

To search and apply Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk); Apprenticeship Vacancies - BeMore; GetMyFirstJob | Apprenticeships, Degree Apprenticeships, Work Experience & Graduate Jobs; Apprenticeships, School Leaver Jobs & Reviews | RateMyApprenticeship; Discover Jobs for School & College Leavers in the UK | NGTU (notgoingtouni.co.uk)

You will need to create an account. You may be diverted to an employer website. Other things you can do to increase your chances of finding an apprenticeship –

- 1. Talk to friends and family who may have contacts to help you
- 2. Follow social media accounts of employers you are interested in working for e.g.



through X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, Instagram. Many employers use social media to advertise their opportunities

- 3. Talk to / attend colleges and universities to find out what they offer. In many cases, they will have dedicated apprenticeship teams, who are working with employers
- 4. Have a backup Plan 'B' at college or sixth form just in case!

Access your Unifrog account here <u>Start - Apprenticeships - Student - Unifrog</u>
If you leave school and become NEET - Not in Education, Employment or Training, please visit <u>Services Archive - Career Connect OR Careers helpline for teenagers - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>

Please update Mrs Fardoe on your plans for after Year 11 <a href="mailto:carol.fardoe@coopacademies.co.uk">carol.fardoe@coopacademies.co.uk</a>

# WEBINARS - EVENTS - ONLINE INFORMATION SESSIONS



https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/ea518936-7e53-435a-997b-48f70a0b6519@182a8b31-3dab-4b92-8bb8-9526911aeba0?goal=0\_65c6d67e71-ec4bea6142-212136927&mc\_cid=ec4bea6142&mc\_eid=95bf7768fc

#### **WEBINAR - AFC HARROGATE - ARMY CAREERS**

WHEN: 7TH NOVEMBER

WHERE: ONLINETIME: 4PM



Hear from current and past apprentices. REGISTER HERE <u>Apprenticeships</u> with the <u>British Army-Amazing Apprenticeships</u> LIFE AS A JUNIOR SOLDIER FILM <u>Apprenticeships</u> with the <u>British Army-Amazing Apprenticeships</u>



**MEDIC MENTOR - ONLINE WORK EXPERIENCE - NOVEMBER - Y10 - Y13** 

## **INTERESTED IN HEALTH CAREERS**

MEDIC MENTOR: the next virtual work experience day taking place on the 5th November. Please forward these details to your interested students so they can participate in the monthly virtual work experience days. It is suitable for students in year groups 10-13.

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. Students will observe the healthcare professionals as they interact with the patients and each other. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge through teaching.

This will help students to make an informed career decision as well as learn about how healthcare professionals work together as part of a multidisciplinary team. Each work experience day is completely different, and students will be able to build on their knowledge of NHS careers as they see different patient cases and healthcare professionals work in a variety of settings, such as hospital and community.

Students will also receive certificates as evidence of having participated in the work experience programme. Those that complete the entire 6-month programme will be awarded with Highly Commended References too. Students can register individually through the website link below. Places are £10 a day to cover administrative costs and run the tech on the day. Schools can also register groups online. We have also provided a poster attached to this email.

You can learn more and your students can register for the programme here: https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/





**UNIFROG: STUDENT WEBINARS FOLLOW LINK HERE Webinars** 

If you have any questions about careers, jobs, apprenticeship and further and higher education; please look out for these regular career newsletters from me. You can also contact me on email at Carol Fardoe [Bebington]

