

CAREER NEWS - AUTUMN TERM - DECEMBER 2023

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Dear parents, carers and students,

This is the second *Careers News* of this autumn term, but the final issue of 2023. **And it's another bumper edition!** From time to time, I am notified of other opportunities which, if left, you as parents and our students would miss out on, if I were to wait for the *Career News* newsletter issue dates; so you may have received additional news during the weeks since the last edition. **Happy reading!**

Year 11 have had their mock exams and are preparing for their 'next steps'; Year 13 are writing personal statements and making apprenticeship applications. This is a busy term for us all. I hope the information below will be useful information to you; as you support your children/ our students with *Shaping their Exceptional Futures* at Co-op Academy Bebington. Follow us across our social media channels on X (formerly Twitter); Instagram and Facebook.

Readership Survey: I am trying to get a better understanding of our readers; so if you could complete this Google form, I would be most grateful. LINK BELOW https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1KdPbPhi5BzYOWJXXQrBOpHYA26DVDLvpYdljKOpfkQk/edit

Thank you. Wishing you and your families a restful break. To all our students, enjoy the break and come back refreshed and ready to learn.

Kind regards Mrs C Fardoe - CEIAG Coordinator



EVENTS AND INFORMATION - PLANNING AHEAD - DIARY DATES



Get the Jump: explore your education and training choices | National Careers

Service

Open events for Post 16:

 <u>Co-op Academy Bebington:</u> Sixth Form Information Evening for yr 11, <u>Careers Fair</u> open to all years and GCSE Options Evening for Y9 <u>16th January 2024 5pm to 7pm</u> (further information to follow)

Who should attend the school's Careers Fair; GCSE Options and Sixth Form Options Evening?

ALL students/parents/carers at Co-op Academy Bebington are invited. However, there are certain Year groups whose attendance is **EXPECTED** - they are -

*All Y11s who are making career choices and decisions about their future.

Y11: **This is beneficial to you to attend, even if you are not planning on returning to the school sixth form; as there will be other providers on site for you to speak with about their courses; apprenticeships and university careers **

*All Y9s who are making choices about their GCSE subject options

*External candidates who are considering making an application to our school sixth form

Please check individual websites: Post 16 - I have included links for the colleges/ sixth forms I am asked about most frequently; but this is not an exhaustive list!

BSFC Open Evenings Birkenhead Sixth Form College (bsfc.ac.uk) 30/11/23 was their last
date. Check their website for their next information evening
WMC Events (wmc.ac.uk) 10/01/24 4:30 - 7pm is their next event
CCSW Events Archive - Cheshire College South & West (ccsw.ac.uk) 11/01/24 5:30 - 7pm is
their next event
Hugh Baird College Events Hugh Baird College 07/12/23 5 - 7pm. Please check their website
for full information.
City of Liverpool College Events and Open Days 28/11/23 was their last event, please check
their website for further dates.
LIPA Sixth Form LIPA Sixth Form College - Open Days SAT 20/01/24 is their next date. You
need to BOOK a place. See their website.
LMA <u>BTEC Courses - LMA</u> Please see their website, they have a <i>virtual open event enquiry</i>
system in place

Generally speaking, sixth forms that are attached to a school, will hold ONE sixth form open evening in late autumn or early spring terms. Other sixth forms and colleges will hold multiple events; beginning in the autumn term. Check the individual websites for further information.

Please see the link below with news about last year's **Careers Fair** (held in January 2023) **Coming soon** . . . **2024 DATE: 16th January. Further information will be sent to parents/carers on our first week back after the Christmas break!**

https://www.bebington.coopacademies.co.uk/news/?pid=59&nid=2&storyid=10



Experiences of the Workplace: WORK EXPERIENCE - Y10 and Y12 - Planned dates.

A reminder!

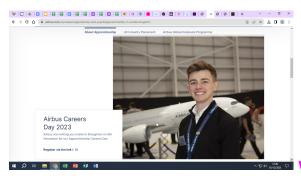
I will write to parents/carers of Y10 and Y12 in the new term, after the school holidays.

- Year 10: Mon 1st July (Y10 will be in school) Tue 2nd July (Y10 will be in school); Wed 3rd to Fri 5th July on a work placement or if not possible/ no placement found; a programme of employability activities will be provided. Benefits of sourcing your own placement: 1.You will not be in competition with other students here in school for that placement; it will be yours alone. 2. Employers in general, are more impressed by students reaching out and contacting employers than the school or parents doing this on their behalf. 3.It will be with an employer you would like to be placed with and who is known to you.
- Year 12: Mon 1st July to Fri 3rd July. Year 12s are expected to be off site at their work placement for the 5 days that week. Last year, there were some students who took part in a summer residential at university the same week; but at this stage, I do not know what dates the universities are planning those weeks and there is no guarantee that you would be allocated a residential place, so you should still be looking for a placement for that week.
- Finding your work experience placement:
 https://www.unifrog.org/student/know-how/keywords/for-students-a-guide-to-placements-work-experience
 (You need to use your Unifrog login to access this) NHS placements Work Placements | Wirral University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

AIRBUS - CAREERS OPEN DAY AT BROUGHTON (CHESTER) 9TH DECEMBER 2023

Are you considering applying for an apprenticeship with Airbus for September 2024? If you answered **YES** - Find out more by attending their next open day. Registration link is here https://eu.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=200269914&

Information on their Craft Apprenticeships is here <u>Craft / Technical Level Apprenticeships at Airbus!</u>
AND their Degree Apprenticeship opportunities are here <u>Degree Level Apprenticeships at Airbus!</u>



WHAT IS ENGINEERING? FROM IDEA TO CAREER

From idea to career Online booklet from Neon futures

SEND - Special Educational Needs and Disability

SENDLO

Wirral has announced a new website and support services for children with SEND. The site is known as SENDLO Please see here for information Wirral's Local Offer You will find information for supporting your child with post 16 pathways here Supporting Our SEND Learners With Post 16 Pathways

You can check their 'What's On' page for information <u>SENDLO Wirral</u>. <u>Wirral</u>'s <u>Local Offer of SEND</u> Services

Shaping Futures (our local UniConnect partnership), with whom we work very closely, has launched new resources to support those with additional needs. Please see her for the PDF document *Inclusive Transitions*, which can be downloaded from here

 $\underline{https://shaping-futures.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Shaping-Futures-Inclusive-Transitions.p} \\ \underline{df}$

SEND Edition of Careermag Careermag for Inclusion - Issue 6 : Careermag for Inclusion - careermag | Careermap

F1 Students from our school have been out in the community making an impact with various projects, such as creating a 'bug hotel' for the garden at Christ Church in Higher Bebington and promoting **'green and environmentally friendly'** travel with their amazing artwork! See pics from social media below.



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F1 SEND Department - No Pens Day

On 29th November students from our F1 hub and other year classes took part in 'No pens' day' an initiative from Speech and Language UK to promote the use of speech, language and communication.

Have you ever considered working as a Speech and Language professional? Check out his link here Speech and language therapist | Health Careers SpLTherapy is one of the NHS Allied Health professions, find out more here We are allied health professionals

YEAR GROUPS INFORMATION - NEWS ITEMS - CAREER EDUCATION IN ACTION

KS3 YEAR 7 AND 8: CAREERS AND PSHE DAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2023

On 8th November, as part of their **PSHCE Programme and Career Education**, Y7 were able to experience the following workshops: **First Aid; Money Matters; STEM workshop Industrial Cadets** (science, technology, engineering and maths) with Engineering Development Trust AND a presentation from the **Anthony Walker Trust.** Providing these personal development opportunities will help to develop important life skills.







Year 7 had a jam-packed PSHCE drop down day last week. The EDT STEM session was fantastic and brought out the entrepreneur in our students! They had a hands on practical session with Above All First Aid & @awf_liverpool delivered an informative assembly. Thank you all!







YEAR 9: Reach Programme This year's Reach Programme was launched by Mrs Forber with 13 of our Y9s. This programme is a partnership with Co-op and the students will take part in employability related activities; including employer encounters; workplace visits and experience.

Careers in Action - Linking learning and Curriculum

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Classes across Yr 9, 10 & 11 were
treated to a mixture of career talks,
as well as strength and
conditioning sessions with Tom
Roberts. Tom currently works at
Catalans Dragons and is a strength
& conditioning coach.

We are all grateful for your time and advice, thanks Tom!



Careers in Sport

https://www.unifrog.org/student/careers/keywords
AND Sports and leisure | Explore careers
Sports coach | Explore careers

Related careers

Sports development officer

Performance sports scientist

Personal trainer

Sports professional

Physiotherapist

Job profiles from Unifrog and the National Careers Service

Visit from Catalan Dragons Coach - Sports

Sports BTEC classes from Y9, Y10 and Y11 were visited in school on 09/11/23 and heard first hand about careers in sport, linking the curriculum and classroom to the workplace and careers: Meeting Gatsby Benchmarks 2, 4 and 5: Learning from Labour Market Information; Linking curriculum learning to careers and Encounters with employers and employees.

YEAR 11/13: Early careers at PwC Our programmes | Early Careers



Co-op Academy Bebing... · 21m : 8th Nov Y11 BebHons group visited @PwC_UK #Manchester THANK YOU to all PwC staff who delivered an inspiring day, sharing career journeys, exploring early careers and roles, helped our students to develop soft skills and team challenge



Early Careers | PwC UK Careers pwc.co.uk

Y11BebHons cohort have attended the PwC offices in Manchester to explore early careers; developing soft skills and taking part in a team challenge, including public speaking. Well done Y11!

Careers in Business/Finance?Technology

Business and finance | Explore careers

AND Computing technology and digital |
Explore careers Unifrog:

https://www.unifrog.org/student/careers/keywords

Job profiles from Unifrog and the National Careers Service

Year 13 Check into The Apprenticeships Show in Liverpool: 24th November

Our Y13 students visited The National Apprenticeships Show where there was an opportunity to hear from a variety of employers and training organisations about alternatives options to university. <u>North West - The National Apprenticeship Show</u>



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On Friday 24th November, Year 13 students attended the National Apprenticeship Show in Liverpool, gaining information on a range of apprenticeship opportunities.



Amazing Apprenticeships - Resources
Fact Sheets and Guides -

<u>Apprenticeship resources for schools, teachers, parents (amazingapprenticeships.com)</u>

All YEAR GROUPS: 27th November to 1st December

During the week commencing 27/11/23 all our year groups experienced *career themed assemblies* as part of their career education programme. The sessions were as follows -

- Mon 27/11 Careers Adviser Mrs Fardoe gave an overview of the Y7 school career journey and her role in school
- Tue 28/11 External speaker Yasmin spoke with our Y9s about her career journey in biomedical engineering and also did some small group work with our young women.
- Tue 28/11 External speaker Emily, from Comics Youth spoke with our sixth form about challenges she has faced in her own career journey and how these experiences have shaped her own career to date.
- Wed 29/11 External speakers from two local colleges joined our Y11s to give them
 information about vocational, technical pathways and apprenticeships as part of a post 16
 choices themed assembly.
- Thu 30/11 Year 10 receive an assembly on preparing for Work Experience
- Fri 01/23 Careers Adviser Mrs Fardoe gave an overview of the Y8 career journey they will experience as part of their career education at Co-op Academy Bebington





YEAR 12: NCS National Citizenship Residential AND YEAR 13: Student Executive Team ia announced!

<u>Congratulations</u> to our new Student Executive Team members (previously Head Boy/Head Girl). Our year leaders are -

- Senior Head's Executives: Grace, Billy and Ella. Congratulations!
- Head's Executives: Maisie; Rhys; Harry and Milly. Congratulations!

Featured students and their goals for their leadership term can be found on our social media channels. Week commencing 13th November, our Y12s took part in a five day residential. The NCS programme offers the opportunity to develop -

- Lifeskills
- Take part in a community challenge
- Gain key employability skills, such as listening; speaking; problem solving; creativity;
 staying positive; aiming high; leadership and teamwork. These are all 'soft skills' which many employers rate highly when recruiting and selecting potential employees.

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CAREERS N FORMATION









Co-op Academy Bebington · 1d : Mr Johns is pleased to announce that we have appointed Sixth Form students to the Head's Executive Committee.

We congratulate all of the successful candidates and look forward to their contributions to the school for the year to come.





YEAR 11 Arkwright Engineering Scholarships

Are you eligible to apply? You will need to be -

- In Y11 and taking your GCSEs and study separate sciences at GCSE OR be in Set 1 for combined science
- Passionate about engineering for your future career as an engineering professional
- Intend to remain in further education at a school sixth form or college AND certain that your studies at post 16 will lead to acceptance at university to study Engineering and therefore, be prepared to study one or more of the following subjects post 16 (A' level or equivalent):

 Computer Science; Design Technology; Engineering; Maths; Physics
- Committed Arkwright Engineering Scholarships are for the 'brightest and best' students that have the passion and determination to succeed in their future studies and career
- Applications are OPEN from OCT JAN



- Applications OPEN 9th October 2023
- Applications CLOSE 26th January 2024
- Aptitude exam WED 7th Feb '24
- Interviews March/April 2024

https://www.arkwright.org.uk/our-scholarships/who-can-apply

SIXTH FORM: YEAR 12: Are you in Y12? Studying science? Do you have an interest in careers at Specsavers/ Optometry? If you answered 'YES' to all the above READ ON

What is Optometry? https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/optometrist

Specsavers Bursary Offer - STEM Student Opportunities

Did you know Specsavers can offer a bursary to support students along their journey into Optometry? Bright Futures Bursaries available across stores in the UK. *Click here* to find out more.

APPRENTICESHIPS - UNIVERSITY -

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

Career News bulletin from OCTOBER 2023 is available on our school website with the links to *school leaver apprenticeship opportunities* <u>CAREER NEWS - AUTUMN TERM - OCTOBER 2023</u> YOU WILL NEED TO DOWNLOAD THE PDF DOCUMENT



APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY? UCAS Interview Guide - UCAS Guide - How to Prepare

for an Interview

Do you have an interview coming up for an apprenticeship or university application? UCAS has issued a guide for preparing - see link here <u>How to Prepare for an Interview | Interview Questions | UCAS</u>

Searches completed within a 10 mile radius of the school postcode CH63 2PS during Nov and Dec. Please check -

- You meet ALL of the entry requirements before applying
- Research the job role and the company!
- Ensure that you APPLY BEFORE the DEADLINE! Applications may close early, if there are a lot of applications received; don;t leave it until the deadline date to begin!
- Ensure you write your application to meet the job role: DO NOT COPY AND PASTE GENERIC INFORMATION. The application should match the job description and where possible, give examples. You can use this guide from **Amazing Apprenticeships** to help you <u>Your step-by-step guide to applying for an apprenticeship</u>



Degree Apprenticeships at Unilever: Suitable for sixth form only

** Closing date for all the Unilever opportunities is 29th February 2024 **

Level 6 R&D Packaging Degree Apprenticeship Programme - Port Sunlight, Wirral Level 6 R&D Laboratory Scientist Degree Apprenticeship Programme - Port Sunlight, Wirral Level 6 Digital & Technology Solutions, Cyber Degree Apprenticeship - Port Sunlight, Wirral Level 6 Data Scientist Degree Apprenticeship Programme - Port Sunlight R&D, Wirral Level 6 Data Scientist Degree Apprenticeship Programme - Port Sunlight, Wirral Level 6 Chemical Engineering Degree Apprenticeship Programme - Port Sunlight, Wirral Level 6 Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship Programme - Port Sunlight, Wirral Level 4 Data Analyst Apprenticeship Programme - Port Sunlight, Wirral



Google Classroom

The Y13 opportunities above, were placed on the sixth form Google Classroom on 2nd November. The link is here https://classroom.google.com/c/Njl1NDQ5MDUxODEw/p/NjM2NTUzNjAxODgz/details



EY: Ernst and Young Find out about careers here

https://www.ey.com/en_uk/careers/students/programmes/schools Their applications for 2024 are OPEN but they are not on the National Apprenticeship Service site, so you need to register here New candidates

accenture

Accenture: Degree Apprenticeship scheme - currently closed, but you can register your interest (** Nearest office is Manchester **) BEFORE you apply, or register please do further research here about their opportunities <u>Accenture Careers & Job Opportunities</u> https://flows.beamery.com/accenture/ukearlycareersapprentices

Career opportunities information https://www.accenture.com/gb-en/careers/local/graduate-home
They offer opportunities to gain an Apprenticeship; experience (undergraduate link) and Graduate opportunities (post degree)

Year 13: Apprenticeship opportunities for those with GCSE and A' level or equivalent quals. <u>Field Engineer Apprenticeship (Liverpool) VODAFONE LIMITED</u> ** closing date FEB 2024 **

Quantity Surveyor Degree Level Apprenticeship MOTT MACDONALD LIMITED
** closing date 31/12/23 **

Y11 and Y13 <u>Technical Operator Apprenticeship - Bromborough</u> Nestle UK LTD ** Closing date 29/02/24 **

WEBINARS - EVENTS - ONLINE INFORMATION SESSIONS

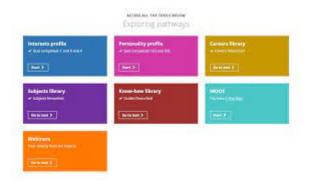
Unifrog - see extra information below

WEBINARS coming up on Unifrog careers platform . . .

You will find information on the webinars past and upcoming on the student platform, choose the orange tile/panel to see what's available.

https://www.unifrog.org/student/webinars

- 1. Personal Statements Masterclass 6th December 5pm (for Y13)
- 2. Changing lives with a career in Occupational Therapy 11th December 4pm (Y10, Y11, Y12)
- 3. Choosing your GCSE subjects 11th December 5pm (for Y9)
 https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/webinars/upcoming/882-choosing-your-gcse-subjects
- 4. Choosing your Post 16 Options 12th December 5pm (for Y10, Y11) https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/webinars/upcoming/883-choosing-your-post-16-options
- 5. Unifrog Apprenticeship Fair 7th February 2024 4:30pm (for Y11, Y13)



REMEMBER! If you miss a recording, you can watch on-demand here https://www.unifrog.org/student/webinars-past

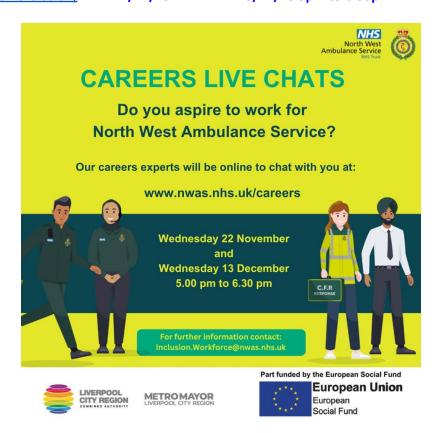
OTHER ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES:

Civil Engineers: Shaping the World - this virtual work experience programme will introduce students to the world of civil engineering and show them the different ways their careers could go! Online, free of charge <u>Civil Engineers: Shaping the World | Experiences | Neon</u> Suitable for 14 - 18 years; flexibly, project work - will be done in the students' own time. Ran in partnership with Springpod.

Connect, Create, Belong - connect, create, belong is an online physics club which provides a safe space for young people to expand their knowledge of physics. Online, free of charge. Suitable for 11 - 14; who enjoy physics. Ran in partnership with The Blair Project Connect, Create, Belong - Online Physics Club

Do you want to chat directly with the (NWAS) North West Ambulance Service? Find out more here

NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE LIVE CHAT ALLOWS YOU TO SPEAK WITH CAREER EXPERTS - BeMore (Icrbemore.co.uk) WED 22/11/23 AND WED 13/12/23 5pm to 6:30pm





UNIFROG - CAREERS - PLATFORM

Currently Y8 - Y13 have access to Unifrog. Unifrog is used in school time on drop down days, but students are able to use the platform on a mobile device with their login details at home as well as in school. **Username:** Student usernames are set as their school email address **Password:** Passwords are set by each student. Choose a password you will remember!

Link to reset password, if required: Reset Password - Unifrog



The platform provides access to the following tools:

- Quizzes
- Exploring pathways
- Recording what you have done
- Searching for opportunities
- Application materials
- Making applications
- CV Writing template https://www.unifrog.org/student/cv

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT - VOLUNTEERING - FREE ACCESS TO RSPB RESERVES



VOLUNTEERING: Why volunteer?

Volunteering In The UK For Young People - Youth Employment UK

Volunteering can -

- Make a positive difference to people's lives



- Improve self esteem and wellbeing
- Provide invaluable work experience and lead to further opportunities
- Enhance college, university and job applications, providing evidence to a future employer that you are prepared to 'go the extra mile' and 'give back to the community'
- Improve your communication and social skills
- Lead to some great training and gaining new skills
- Provide you with opportunities to meet new friends
- Be FUN!



- Are you 16 24?
- Do you enjoy nature and the great outdoors?
- Are you interested in wildlife and conservation?
- If you answered YES YES and YES to the questions above, did you know that RSPB are offering FREE YOUTH ACCESS to their reserves from 6th November? Read further information here Aged 16-24? Get your nature hit for free!

If you have any questions about careers, jobs, apprenticeships and further or higher education (university); please look out for these regular career newsletters from me Carol Fardoe [Bebington]

