



Co-op Academy
Bebington

Careers Newsletter



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We have had a fantastic, busy term in the Careers Department at Co-op Academy Bebington! It is a privilege to help empower our students as they navigate their future choices. I have met with almost all of our Year 11s to discuss their plans. If your child is still unsure or needs a second meeting, please encourage them to come and see me again.



A gentle reminder: All Year 11 students should have applied to college or sixth form by this point. If they are struggling with this process, please reach out so I can help them get their applications sorted." amy.heald@coopacademies.co.uk

Year 11 Next steps

Year 11 students who are interested in securing an apprenticeship should also have applied to college or sixth form as a back up. There is no guarantee that a suitable apprenticeship will become available and a course in the career they want is an excellent starting point.

[Wirral Met college](#) and [Cheshire College South and West](#) are still taking applications and it is advised that students apply even if they are focussed on apprenticeships.

Students can apply to our sixth form via the Sixth Form section of the school website or the this [Google Form](#):

We offer three different pathways:

- Level 1 - Life Skills - a two year programme suitable for students with a EHCP.
- Level 2 - Vocational - Level 2 Motor Vehicle or Animal Care.
- Level 3 - Academic - we offer a range of BTECs and A Level courses.

For further information please contact dan.johns@coopacademies.co.uk

Year 10 Work experience Year 10 students will all be expected to undertake a work experience placement from 13th May to 15th May 2026.

Thank you to those who have already supported students to find a placement and have recorded it on Unifrog. All year 10 students have had a Form time session with me about the process and been introduced to the placement tool on Unifrog. Every student has a log in for this and I have put information and help on the Google Classroom. You can find a guide here [Adding a placement to Unifrog](#)

Apprenticeships

W/C 9th February is National Apprenticeship week #NAW2026
Here are some resources for parents to find out more about apprenticeships and lots of useful information [Parent - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)



As year 11 are doing their mock assessments we have marked NAW2026 with assemblies during w/c 2nd February. We had guest speakers from [Apprenticeships at Access Industry](#) and welcomed back former students who now work in fantastic apprenticeships at [Lloyds Banking Group Talent](#) and [Stellantis Apprenticeships](#). This was a really inspiring and informative week for our students, seeing people just like them who have gone on to apprenticeships.

Resources & Next Steps: If your child is interested in an apprenticeship, please encourage them to:

1. Search for Roles: Keep checking [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#) and [Apprenticeship Vacancies - BeMore](#)
2. Prepare their Application: A CV and cover letter are essential. Templates are available on their Google Classroom.
3. Local Opportunities: Look out for Cammell Laird apprenticeships, which typically open in Spring (around May) and check the list below
4. Get Support: Students keen to apply are encouraged to come and see me for guidance.

For parents wanting to learn more, Amazing Apprenticeships offers excellent resources and information packs: [Parent - Amazing Apprenticeships](#).

Apprenticeships open for applications now:

- [The Sovini Group - Apprenticeship Showcase Event 2026](#) a property management and development company
- [Apprenticeship Opportunities - ScottishPower](#)
- [Network Rail Engineering Technician Apprenticeship](#)
- [Low Carbon Heating Technician L3 Apprenticeship](#)
- [Pension Administrator Apprentice – Find an apprenticeship](#)
- [Paralegal Apprentice - Corporate and Commercial – Find an apprenticeship](#)
- [Rail Engineering Apprentice – Northern Trains](#)
- [United Utilities Level 3 Apprentice Field Service Engineer](#)
- [Apprentice Travel Consultant – Hays](#)
- [The Engineering college](#) - apprentices for Cammell Laird Open event



Year 13 University Applications

Year 13 students have sent their applications off and are receiving their offers through the UCAS website now. It is a very exciting time for them all. The next step will be to apply for Student finance which usually opens in Feb/March.

Find out more here [Student Guides](#) | [MoneySavingExpert](#)

Year 12

Over spring and summer, Universities will host their open days. Check for dates on this link [Opendays.com](#) and book a place. Students considering applying to university should aim to attend at least two open days before October. We are also arranging a campus visit to Liverpool John Moores in July and Edge Hill in September.

opendays.com
university and college open days

Events and information

Looking to start a business?! Set-up a community project?! Become a social media influencer?! Or YouTuber?! Sign-up for The Hive Youth Zone's Start-up Week, across the half-term break - Monday 16th - Friday 20th February. The Start-up Week runs a range of activities to help you learn entrepreneurial skills and x5 participants are even going to WIN a £100 grant to start-up with!

[The Hive Start-up Week at The Hive Youth Zone](#)

Careers meetings

With the majority of Year 11 careers meetings now complete, appointments and support are now available for students across other year groups.

- Year 10: Students are welcome to drop in for assistance with organising Work Experience.
- Years 11 & 13: Any students applying for apprenticeships should visit the Careers office for support with finding vacancies and writing applications.
- Year 12: I will be scheduling meetings with Workskills students throughout this term.

Drop-in Times: The Careers Office is open to all students during lunch, form time, or after school. Please encourage your child to stop by if they need advice.

School Careers events

Careers Fair

On Wednesday 17th December we had 30 external visitors in school for our careers fair. Students met employers, universities, colleges, apprenticeship providers and charities to find out more about career paths and next steps for their education.

[More photos of the careers fair](#)



Mock interviews



At the end of January over 250 students from Year 11, Year 13 and those year 10 students on the Bebington Honours programme took part in Mock Interviews

Thank you to those of you who supported at home to help your child prepare at home.

We were determined to make this inclusive, working closely with TAs and parents to ensure our students with SEND had the adjustments they needed to succeed. Low lighting, sensory objects on the desk and supportive and kind

interviewers keen to help students. Feedback from interviewers was outstanding and they loved meeting our students. Several said they were "A credit to the school" Many students arrived looking nervous, but they left with big smiles and great feedback. I am extremely proud of them all!