



CAREERS BULLETIN



Welcome All,

I will be your Independent Careers Adviser for the upcoming academic year. With a wealth of experience and a passion for guiding young minds towards your future careers, and I bring a unique blend of expertise and enthusiasm to our school community.



I have worked within careers and bring extensive experience in career guidance and development. Having worked with diverse pupils, I understand the unique challenges and opportunities that young people face today.

I am dedicated to helping each pupil discover their strengths, explore various career paths, and make informed decisions about your future.

As the Independent Careers Adviser, I will be providing the following support:



- **Personal Career Guidance:** Offering impartial and personalized career guidance interviews to help students identify their interests, strengths, and career aspirations. Action plans will be developed and shared to ensure pupils have clear steps to achieve their goals.

- **Career Information and Activities:** Planning and delivering engaging career-related activities within the curriculum, enhancing students' understanding of different career opportunities and pathways.

- **Support and Collaboration:** Working closely with school staff and external partners to support students with specific needs, including those with SEND, EHCPs, and those receiving Pupil Premium.



- **Resource Sharing and Programme Development:** Advising on and providing access to a wide range of career resources and working on the development and delivery of our career guidance programme to achieve the Gatsby Benchmarks.

- **Networking and Advocacy:** Building connections with key stakeholders both within and outside the school to enrich our career guidance programme and advocate for the needs of our students.



I look forward to a productive and inspiring year at Archbishop Temple School as your Independent Careers Adviser

Let's make this academic year a stepping stone to your future career aspirations!

Careers Guidance for Each Year Group – Autumn Term Update

Year 11: Preparing for Post-16 Options

As you approach the final stretch of your secondary education, it's essential to start planning for your future beyond Year 11. This term, focus on:

1. **Exploring Post-16 Options:** Research colleges, sixth forms, apprenticeships, and other post-16 education and training opportunities. Attend open days and virtual events to gather information.
2. **Personal Career Guidance Interviews:** Book your one-on-one career guidance interview to discuss your aspirations and get personalised advice.
3. **Application Preparation:** Begin drafting personal statements and preparing your CV. Seek feedback from your Independent Careers Adviser.
4. **Mock Interviews:** Participate in mock interviews to build your confidence and interview skills.



Year 10: Building a Strong Foundation

Year 10 is a crucial time to start thinking seriously about your future. This term, you should:

1. **Work Experience:** Start planning for your work experience placement. Think about industries and roles that interest you and look for opportunities to gain relevant experience.
2. **Career Research:** Use career resources and platforms like the National Careers Service to explore different career paths and the qualifications required.
3. **Skills Development:** Focus on developing key employability skills such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving through class activities and extracurricular involvement.
4. **GCSE Focus:** Ensure you are on track with your GCSE subjects, as your grades will play a significant role in your future choices.

Year 9: Making Informed Choices

This term, Year 9 students will begin to make important decisions about their GCSE options. To support this process:

1. **Option Choices:** Attend option evenings and discuss your choices with teachers, parents, and the careers adviser to ensure they align with your future goals.
2. **Interest Exploration:** Engage in activities that help you discover your interests and strengths. This could include joining clubs, taking on new hobbies, or participating in school events.
3. **Career Pathways:** Learn about different career pathways and the subjects that will help you achieve your aspirations. Consider both academic and vocational routes.
4. **Parental Involvement:** Involve your parents in your decision-making process. They can offer valuable insights and support.



Year 8: Exploring Interests

Year 8 is a great time to start exploring various interests and thinking about potential career paths. This term, focus on:



1. **Extracurricular Activities:** Participate in a range of extracurricular activities to discover what you enjoy and where your strengths lie.
2. **Career Workshops:** Take part in any career workshops or events organized by the school to gain exposure to different professions.
3. **Skills Building:** Begin developing essential skills like teamwork, communication, and leadership through group projects and class participation.
4. **Subject Strengths:** Pay attention to subjects you excel in and enjoy, as these may influence your future career interests.
5. **Attend Careers Fair:** Speak with employers and find out the different career opportunities and routes.
6. **Complete the National Careers Service Skills Assessment Test:** Find out about careers that might be right for you! Take a 5 to 10 minute assessment to find out what job categories, and which particular job roles, might suit you <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/skills-assessment>

Year 7: Starting Your Journey

Welcome to secondary school! Year 7 is all about settling in and beginning to think about the future in a broad sense. This term, you should:



1. **Get Involved:** Join clubs, sports teams, and other extracurricular activities to start exploring your interests.
2. **Skill Development:** Focus on developing good study habits and essential skills such as organization, time management, and communication.
3. **Introduction to Careers:** Attend introductory career talks or sessions to get a sense of the wide range of career options available.
4. **Self-Discovery:** Reflect on your hobbies, interests, and subjects you enjoy the most. These insights will be valuable as you start thinking about future career paths.

By engaging in these activities and utilising the resources available, students in every year group can start building a solid foundation for their future careers.

If you have any questions or need further guidance, do not hesitate to reach out.

College & Sixth Form Open Events:

Why Year 11 and Year 10 Pupils Should Visit College and Sixth Form Open Events

Importance of Visiting Open Events:

1. **Informed Decision-Making:** For Year 10 and Year 11 pupils, choosing the right college or sixth form is a crucial decision that can significantly impact their academic and career pathways. Open events provide an invaluable opportunity to gather firsthand information about various institutions, helping you make well-informed choices that align with their interests and goals.
2. **Understanding Course Offerings:** Different colleges and sixth forms may offer a diverse range of subjects and specialised courses. Attending open events allows you to explore these options, understand the curriculum, and identify which institution best supports their academic interests and future aspirations.
3. **Experiencing the Environment:** The atmosphere and culture of an institution play a significant role in a student's overall experience. Open events give pupils a chance to walk around the campus, observe facilities, and interact with current students and faculty. This firsthand experience can help students gauge whether they feel comfortable and excited about potentially studying there.
4. **Meeting Teachers and Staff:** Open events provide a platform for pupils and their parents to meet and speak with teachers and administrative staff. These interactions can offer insights into teaching styles, support services, and extracurricular activities, helping pupils and their families assess the level of personal and academic support available.
5. **Clarifying Entry Requirements:** Each college and sixth form may have different entry requirements and application processes. By attending open events, students can gain clarity on these prerequisites and seek guidance on how to meet them, ensuring they are adequately prepared when applying.



Forthcoming College & Sixth Form Open Events:

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OPEN EVENTS**

<p>Cardinal Newman College</p> 	<p>Saturday 5th October 2024 10am - 1pm Saturday 9th November 2024 10am - 1pm Saturday 1st February 2025 10am - 1pm</p> <p>https://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/apply-now/open-events</p>
<p>Runshaw College</p> 	<p>Saturday 21st September 2024, 10.00am-2.00pm Saturday 16th November 10am-2pm</p> <p>https://www.runshaw.ac.uk/study-at-runshaw/experience-runshaw/</p>
<p>Preston College</p> 	<p>YEAR 10 & 11 OPEN EVENT:</p> <p>Wednesday 2 October, 4-7pm https://www.Preston.Ac.Uk/Events/Year-10-11-Open-Event-October-2024/</p> <p>Saturday 2 November, 10am-2pm https://www.preston.ac.uk/events/nov24-open-event/</p>
<p>Myerscough College</p> 	<p>SATURDAY COURSE ADVICE MORNINGS Generally: 10 till 12.30 on site at each centre (1pm at Preston)</p> <p>Saturday 5th October 2024 Saturday 16th November 2024 Saturday 8th February 2025 Saturday 29th March 2025</p> <p>https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/schools-liaison/open-mornings-and-events/</p>
<p>Lancaster Royal Sixth Form Grammar School</p> 	<p>Thursday 26 September 2024 from 5.30pm - 7pm</p> <p>https://www.lrgs.org.uk/sixthform</p>
<p>Hutton Sixth Form Grammar</p> 	<p>Thursday 17th October 2024, 6pm-8pm</p> <p>https://www.huttongrammar.org/about-hutton/open-evening-and-school-visits/</p>

Tips for Getting the Best Out of Attending Open Events

1. Prepare Questions in Advance: Before attending an open event, students should prepare a list of questions they want to ask. These could include inquiries about specific courses, extracurricular activities, student support services, career guidance, and any other areas of interest.

2. Research the Institution: Conducting preliminary research on the institutions being visited can help students make the most of their time during the open event. Understanding the basics about the college or sixth form will enable you to ask more detailed and specific questions.

3. Attend Talks and Presentations: Many open events offer talks and presentations on various topics, such as the application process, course structure, and student life. Attending these sessions can provide valuable information and answer many common questions.

4. Take Notes and Collect Materials: You should bring a notebook and pen to jot down important information and impressions during their visit. Collecting brochures, course guides, and other materials can also be helpful for further review at home.

5. Explore Beyond the Academics: While academic offerings are crucial, it's also important to explore the extracurricular activities, clubs, and societies available. These aspects of college life contribute to a well-rounded educational experience and personal development.

6. Talk to Current Students: Engaging with current students can provide honest and practical insights into what daily life is like at the institution. Their experiences can help prospective students understand both the positives and potential challenges they might face.

7. Reflect on the Visit: After attending the open events, you should take some time to reflect on their experiences. Comparing notes and discussing impressions with parents or guardians can help in making a more informed and confident decision.

By taking advantage of college and sixth form open events, Year 10 and Year 11 pupils can gain a deeper understanding of their options and make choices that will set the foundation for their future academic and career success. *Good luck!*

Useful Information:

Careers – Unsure what you want to do? Why not try some of these Careers Software to help you decide the career interests you may have:

National Careers Service:



Skills assessment

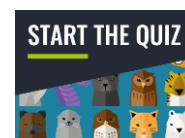
Find out about careers that might be right for you! Take a 5 to 10 minute assessment to find out what job categories, and which particular job roles, might suit you. You do not need to sign in or create an account to save your assessment. You can also complete it later and look at your results again at any time.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/skills-assessment>

Ucas:



Find out what you like and what you could do. Discover your strengths and what makes you tick. Try the Ucas buzz quiz: <https://www.ucas.com/careers/buzz-quiz>



Prospects:



Try prospects Career Planner – It can match your skills, motivations and desires to a career that is perfect for you. Register now and take the quiz:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/planner>

Career Pilot:

Careerpilot

There are quite a few quizzes available that will ask you lots of questions and from your results suggest jobs that might suit you or identify strengths you have or the skills you have that will be useful in future study or work.

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/help-and-support/quizzes-that-match-your-skills-and-interests-to-jobs>

National Careers Service - Skills Toolkit

[The Skills Toolkit](#) is an online platform, giving people easy access to free, high-quality digital and numeracy courses to help them build up their skills, progress in work and boost their job prospects. The platform offers a range of courses at all levels, from introductory to advanced, which were chosen in consultation with top businesses and educational experts. It's open to everyone, whether they have recently been furloughed and want to learn new skills, are out of work and looking to build up their CV, or if they're just keen to keep their mind healthy and busy during time spent at home. Focussing on the skills many employers need the most, The Skills Toolkit could be a first step towards recovery, helping to boost the nation's growth and productivity.

For more information: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>



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Careerometer

Careerometer is a useful tool which enables you to compare working hours and average wages of job roles in the UK that you're interested in pursuing.

How to use the Careerometer

The Careerometer is a simple way for you to find out more about a specific industry and career. All you need to do is type in the job you're interested in and then select it from the drop down menu. You can then add more options to compare which route you would prefer to go down. You can find information on a variety of careers from engineering to public services, hair and beauty plus much more!

<https://careermap.co.uk/careerometer/>

Apprenticeships



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For more information if you are considering in applying for an apprenticeship, carry out your searches on:

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

Please ensure if you are applying for an apprenticeships, please ensure you have registered on the following website: <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/signin>

Apprenticeships Providers:

North Lancs Training Group (NLTG):



NLTG offer a wide range of Apprenticeships

<https://www.nltg.co.uk/apprenticeships/>

Training 2000:



Training 2000:

Training 2000 are a training provider who offer apprenticeships in various sectors – have a look at current apprenticeship opportunities on: <https://www.training2000.co.uk/>

Labour Market Information (LMI)

Labour Market Information (LMI) is data about job trends, salaries, and required skills. It helps school pupils understand which careers are in demand, what qualifications they need, and how much they can expect to earn. This information guides them in making informed decisions about their future education and career paths.

Resources such as the National Careers Service and local authorities often provide access to LMI, offering pupils personalised guidance based on the latest data. By using LMI, pupils can make more informed decisions about their education and career choices, aligning their goals with real-world job market conditions.

Here are some resources and tools to help you explore labour market information (LMI):

LMI for All	This tool provides detailed labour market information, including job profiles, average salaries, and projected employment trends. It's a valuable resource for understanding the demand for specific jobs across different regions.	https://www.lmiforall.org.uk/
Nomis	Nomis provides official UK labour market statistics, including employment rates, industry breakdowns, and regional data. It's particularly useful for understanding how different sectors are performing in specific areas.	https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/
Office for National Statistics (ONS)	The ONS offers comprehensive reports and bulletins on the UK labour market, including unemployment rates, job vacancies, and trends in various sectors.	https://www.ons.gov.uk/
Prospects LMI	Prospects provides LMI for different job sectors, including information on the skills in demand, job outlook, and salary expectations for various careers.	https://luminare.prospects.ac.uk/labour-market-information-a-user-guide
Careers and Enterprise Company: LMI Resources	This resource offers insights into regional labour markets, helping students understand the local demand for jobs and the skills employers are looking for.	https://resources.careersandenterprise.co.uk/resources/lmi-all-careermap-careerometer

Career Pilot LMI	Career Pilot provides user-friendly LMI, helping students explore the job market, understand which sectors are growing, and what qualifications are needed for different roles	https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/careerometer
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These resources will help you gain a better understanding of the labour market, including which sectors are growing, the skills in demand, and the potential earning prospects for different careers.

Useful Resources:

Here are some useful career websites links for you to explore:

National Careers Service	Offers career advice and information on a wide range of jobs, training, and apprenticeships	https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/
Prospects	A leading resource for career planning, offering job profiles, sector insights, and advice on further education	https://www.prospects.ac.uk/
UCAS Careers Advice	Provides guidance on exploring different career paths, understanding the qualifications needed, and applying for higher education.	https://www.ucas.com/careers-advice
Success at School	A comprehensive resource that includes career guides, job profiles, and advice on work experience and apprenticeships	https://successatschool.org/
Apprenticeships.gov.uk	Information on apprenticeship opportunities, including how to apply and the benefits of different types of apprenticeships.	https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

Career Pilot	Helps students explore different career options, courses, and routes to qualifications based on their interests and skills.	https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/
BBC Bitesize Careers	Offers career advice, job profiles, and video insights from professionals in various fields.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers
Icould	Features real-life career videos, articles, and quizzes to help students understand different career paths and what might suit them.	https://icould.com/explore/categories/theme/persevering/
STEM Learning	A great resource for students interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics careers, with information on related courses, jobs, and work experience.	https://www.stem.org.uk/secondary/careers
Youth Employment UK	Offers advice on careers, employability skills, and opportunities for young people to get involved in youth-led projects.	https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/

These resources will help you explore various career options, understand educational requirements, and help you make informed decisions about your future!

Careers Advice:

Meeting with your Independent Careers Adviser whilst in school is a valuable opportunity to receive personalised guidance on your career path and choices.

I can help you explore different career options, understand the qualifications needed, and develop a clear plan for achieving your goals. Take advantage of this support to make informed decisions about your future.

Careers Adviser Dates:

Your Independent Careers Adviser is available for one-on-one appointments every Monday from 8:15am to 8:45am for both drop-ins and scheduled appointments throughout the day.

September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 9th September 2024Monday 23rd September 2024Monday 30th September 2024
October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 7th October 2024Monday 28th October 2024
November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 4th November 2024Monday 11th November 2024Monday 18th November 2024Monday 25th November 2024
December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 2nd December 2024Monday 9th December 2024Monday 16th December 2024

Additionally, I will also be offering:

Career drop-in sessions on Tuesdays during lunchtime period in the library.

Start your career planning now to ensure you are on the right path to success!

If you prefer, you can also reach out via email to schedule a meeting or ask any initial questions about career planning and opportunities at:

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