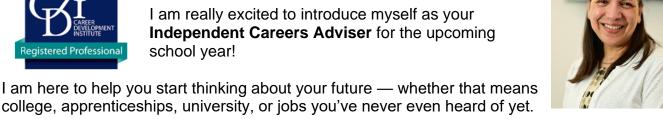


CAREERS BULLETIN



Welcome All.





With lots of experience in careers guidance, I have worked with many young people just like you, and I understand that planning your future can feel both exciting and a bit overwhelming. That's where I come in!

My goal is to support each of you in discovering what you enjoy, what you're good at, and how you can turn that into a future career.

Here's how I will be supporting you this year:

1:1 Careers Meetings – You will have the chance to talk with me about your interests. subjects you enjoy, and possible career options. We'll come up with an action plan that's just for you.



- Careers Activities in School I will be working with your teachers to bring fun and informative careers sessions into your lessons, so you can learn more about different jobs and pathways.
- **Support for Everyone** Whether you have additional needs, an EHCP, or receive extra support at school, I will work closely with staff to make sure your careers guidance suits you.
- Career Resources I will help make sure you have access to useful information — from online tools to leaflets and posters — to help you explore your options.
- Connecting with the World of Work I will also be working with local businesses, colleges, and other organisations to help bring the world of work to you.

I am really looking forward to meeting you and supporting you on your careers journey. Do not worry if you do not have everything figured out — that's what I am here for!



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



Year 11 – Time to Start Thinking About Your Next Steps!

You're in the final year of secondary school — an exciting time, but also one that comes with big decisions about your future.

Don't worry, you're not alone! I'm here to help you every step of the way.

This term is all about **getting ready for life after Year 11**, so here are some key things to focus on:

Explore Your Post-16 Options

There are lots of great paths to choose from after Year 11 — like **college, sixth form, apprenticeships**, or other training options.

- Take time to research what's out there
- Visit open days or join virtual events to get a feel for different places
- Make a list of courses or subjects that interest you

Book Your Career Guidance Interview

You'll have the chance to meet with me for a **one-to-one careers interview**. We'll talk about your goals, subjects you enjoy, and the best next steps for you.

It's your time to ask questions and get advice that's all about you!

Get Started on Applications

Start working on:

- **Personal statements** (for college or sixth form)
- Your CV (especially if you're thinking about apprenticeships or part-time work) I can help you with writing, editing, and making your application stand out!

Practice Your Interview Skills

Mock interviews are a brilliant way to prepare for the real thing. We will be running sessions so you can build your confidence, improve your answers, and feel ready when the time comes.



Year 10: Building a Strong Foundation

Year 10 – Laying the Groundwork for Your Future!

Welcome to Year 10! This is an important year for **starting to shape your future** — even if you're not quite sure what you want to do yet. Don't worry — this is your time to explore, learn,

and prepare.

Here's what you should be focusing on this term:

Work Experience - Start Planning Now!

Work experience is a great way to see what a job is really like.

- Think about jobs, industries, or places that interest you
- Start asking family, friends, and local businesses if they offer placements
- I am here to support you in finding and preparing for your placement

Explore Career Ideas

Use websites like the National Careers Service, Career Pilot, or iCould to learn about:

- Different career paths
- What qualifications you'll need

How your interests and strengths could match different jobs

Build Your Employability Skills

Now's the time to develop key skills employers look for, like:

- Teamwork
- Communication
- Problem-solving

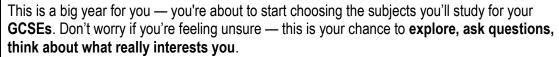
You can grow these skills through lessons, clubs, volunteering, sports — anything where you work with others and take on challenges!

Stay Focused on Your GCSEs

Your **GCSE** results will open doors to your future college, sixth form, or apprenticeship options — so give them your best shot. Stay on top of your subjects and ask for support if you need it.

Year 9: Making Informed Choices

Year 9 – Time to Make Smart Choices for Your Future!





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Here's how you can make the best decisions this term:

Choose Your Options Wisely

Your GCSE subjects will help shape your future.

- Attend your school's options evening
- Talk to your teachers, parents, and me (your Careers Adviser) about what's right for you
- Think about what subjects you enjoy, what you're good at, and how they link to future career ideas

Discover What You Enjoy

Now is a great time to explore your interests and strengths!

- Join a club
- Try out new hobbies
- Take part in school activities

The more you experience, the better you'll understand what you enjoy — and what you might want to do in the future.

Learn About Career Pathways

Every subject can lead somewhere interesting.

- Find out which subjects are needed for certain jobs or courses
- Learn about academic and vocational routes there are lots of different ways to succeed
- Use careers websites or talk to me if you're not sure what your options can lead to

Talk with Your Parents/Carers

Your parents and carers can be a big help in your decision-making.

- Discuss your ideas at home
- Ask for their advice they know you well and can support you in thinking things through

Year 8: Exploring Interests



Year 8 – Start Exploring Your Future!

You are only in Year 8 — but it's the perfect time to start discovering what you enjoy, what you're good at, and what kind of careers might suit you one day. No pressure to have it all figured out yet — this is your time to explore!

Here's how you can start shaping your future this term:

Get Involved in Extracurricular Activities

Join clubs, try new hobbies, and take part in school events.

Whether it's sport, music, drama, coding, or something else — trying new things will help you discover what you like and where your strengths are.

Join Career Workshops and Events

Keep an eye out for **career workshops** or special events happening in school.

These will give you the chance to **learn about different jobs** and even speak to people working in them.

Build Important Skills

Start developing key life and work skills like:

- Teamwork
- Communication
- Problem-solving

You can build these through group work in class, helping out around school, or even at home.

Notice the Subjects You Enjoy

Pay attention to the lessons you find most interesting or do well in.

These could give you clues about future jobs or subjects to choose later on in school.

Attend the Careers Fair

Careers fairs are a great chance to:

- Talk to employers
- Ask questions
- Learn about different industries and the routes into those careers

Try the Skills Assessment!

Take a few minutes to try the **National Careers Service Skills Assessment** – it's fun, quick, and helps match your interests with possible job ideas.



Take the test here

Remember: Year 8 is all about **exploring** and **learning about yourself**. There's no rush — just stay curious, get involved, and keep an open mind. I'm here to support you as you discover what's possible.

Year 7: Starting Your Journey

Welcome to secondary school! This is a **brand-new chapter**, and there's so much for you to discover — not just about school, but about yourself and your future too.



Even though careers might feel a long way off, now is a great time to start exploring what you enjoy and what you're good at!

Here's how you can make the most of this term:

Get Involved

Join clubs, teams, or groups at school — whether it's sports, art, music, drama, science, or something else.

• Trying new things helps you find out what you enjoy and where your talents are!

Build Important Skills

Start working on good habits that will help you now and in the future:

- Being organised
- Managing your time
- Working well with others and communicating clearly These skills are useful for school and for life beyond it!

Discover the World of Careers

You might have the chance to attend **introductory career talks or sessions** this year.

• These will show you just how many **exciting jobs** are out there — and that there's no one "right" path.

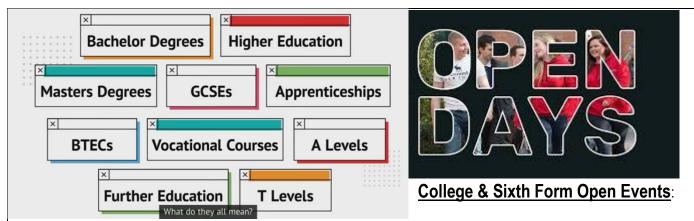
Learn About Yourself

Start paying attention to:

- What hobbies you enjoy
- What school subjects you like best
- What activities make you feel confident or excited
 All of this helps you understand who you are and that's the first step toward thinking about your future!

Remember: You don't need to decide anything now — this is just the start of your journey! Be curious, get involved, and enjoy discovering what makes *you* unique.

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



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.





Qualifications Explained

	Qualification Type	Type of learning	Entry requirements	Subject choices	UCAS points	Can lead to
A levels	General Certificate of Advanced level qualification	Mostly theory	At least x5 GCSE grade 4 - 9. At least grade 5/6 in the subject/s chosen for A level	Typically three subjects	56 points - A* 48 points - A 40 points - B 32 points - C 24 points - D 16 points - E	University, further study, training or work apprenticeship
International Baccalaureate	International Baccalaureate Diploma	Mostly theory, some practical	Set by the school, up to 5 GCSEs	Up to six subjects (three standard level and three at higher level plus some compulsory modules including an extended essay)	56 points - H7 48 points - H6 32 points - H5 24 points - H4 12 points - H3	University, further study, training or work
BTEC Nationals	(Level 3 are similar standard to A Levels, with subsidiary diploma equivalent to one A level, BTEC diploma equivalent to 2 A levels and extended diploma equivalent to 3 A levels).	Combination of practical and theory	Up to 5 GCSEs	Three vocational subjects	For subsidiary diploma: 56 points – D* (distinction) 48 points – D (distinction) 32 points – M (Merit) 16 points – P (Pass) Points are doubled for diploma and tripled for extended diploma	University, further study, training, professional development programmes or work
T Levels (England only)	Technical Level Qualification	Classroom learning (80%) with industry placement (20%)	Up to 5 GCSEs	One industry field, such as construction or Education	168 points - D* 144 points - D 120 points - M 96 points - P (C or above) 72 points - P (D or E)	University, apprenticeships

Forthcoming College & Sixth Form Open Events:



Cardinal Newman College Newman	Saturday 11th October 2025 :- 10am - 1pm Saturday 15th November 2025 : 10am - 1pm Saturday 7th February 2026 : 10am - 1pm https://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/apply-now/open-events
Runshaw College	Saturday 20 th September 2025 : 10.00am-2.00pm Saturday 16th November 2025 : 10am-2pm
R U N S H A W C O L L E G E	https://www.runshaw.ac.uk/study-at-runshaw/experience-runshaw/
Preston College PRESTON'S COLLEGE	YEAR 10 & 11 OPEN EVENT: Wednesday 1st October 2025 : 4-7pm Saturday 8th November 2025 : 10am - 2pm. Thursday 5th March 2026 : 4-7pm https://www.preston.ac.uk/news-and-events/college-calendar/

Myerscough College Myerscough College	Saturday Course Advice Mornings Generally: 10 till 12.30 on site at each centre (1pm at Preston) Saturday 4th October 2025 Saturday 15th November 2025 https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/schools-liaison/openmornings-and-events/
Lancaster Royal Sixth Form Grammar School	https://www.lrgs.org.uk/sixthformvirtualopenevening
Hutton Sixth Form Grammar Hutton Church of England Grammar School & Sixth Form	Thursday 19th October 2025 : 6pm-8pm https://www.huttongrammar.org/sixth-form/about-hutton/sixth-form-news/hutton-sixth-form-open-evening/

<u>Tips for Getting the Best Out of Attending Open Events</u>

- **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:



There are guite a few guizzes available that will ask you lots of guestions 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/guizzes-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/



Careermap

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

What Is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a way of gaining hands-on experience, earning a wage, and working towards a qualification—all at the same time!

Apprenticeships are available in **hundreds of job areas**, from engineering, construction, and health care to digital marketing, fashion, law, and more.

Why Choose an Apprenticeship?

- Earn While You Learn You'll be paid a salary while training and gaining skills in a real job.
- Real-World Experience You'll be working alongside experienced professionals from day one.
- **No Tuition Fees** Your training is paid for, so you can gain qualifications (sometimes even a degree!) without student debt.
- **Progression Opportunities** Many apprentices go on to full-time jobs with their employer, or continue to higher-level apprenticeships or university.

Levels of Apprenticeship:

- Intermediate (Level 2) Equivalent to GCSEs
- Advanced (Level 3) Equivalent to A-levels
- Higher (Level 4/5) Equivalent to a foundation degree or above
- Degree (Level 6/7) A full bachelor's or master's degree

Who Can Apply?

You can apply for an apprenticeship from **age 16** (after Year 11). Some are very competitive, so researching early and preparing a strong CV and application is key!

Where to Look:

- amazingapprenticeships.com Great for videos, case studies, and resources
- Local college and employer websites often list opportunities too



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/apprenticehips/

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)

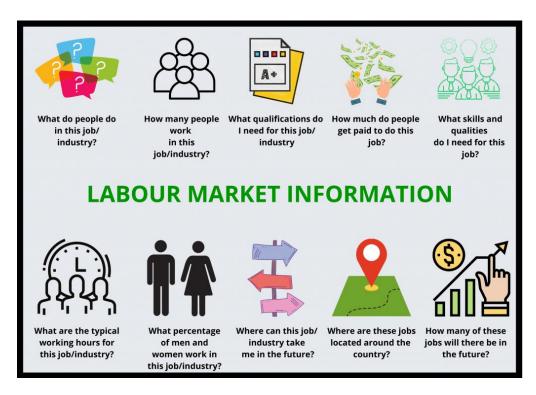


What is Labour Market Information (LMI)?

Labour Market Information (or LMI for short) is all about **jobs**, **skills**, **and money**. It tells you which jobs are growing, what skills you need to get them, and how much people usually earn in those roles.

Knowing about LMI helps you make smart choices about:

- What subjects to study
- What qualifications you might need
- What careers are in demand now and in the future



Why is LMI important for you?

By understanding LMI, you can plan your education and career around real job opportunities. This means you'll be more prepared to get a job you enjoy and that pays well.

Where can you find LMI?

There are great websites and tools that help you explore this info, including:

- The National Careers Service
- Your local council's careers pages
- Other career websites designed just for students

These resources use the latest data to give you personalised advice about jobs and skills that fit your interests.

Ready to explore?

Here are some tools and websites to help you check out Labour Market Information for yourself:

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://luminate.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

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 Careers Resources:

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



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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 Tuesday's and Wednesday's from 8:15am to 8:45am for both drop-ins and scheduled appointments throughout the day.

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December 2025	 Tuesday 2nd December 2025 Wednesday 3rd December 2025 	 Tuesday 9th December 2025 Friday 12th December 2025 			

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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