



GUISELEY SCHOOL

5 February 2021

Dear Parent/Carers

As part of Guiseley School's Careers Education provision we would like to inform you of the **Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair** that is happening next week, **8-12 February**. This event, which is organised by Leeds City Council is part of **National Apprenticeship Week** and for the last few years this has taken place at the Leeds First Direct Arena.

This year, as you might have imagined, things have been done differently! So in place of a physical event there will be a week-long virtual festival, which will be taking place on line during **National Apprenticeship Week, 8-12 February**.

Many students in Year 11 have already made their decisions for next year and know their next steps. Equally there are a number of Year 11 students who have not yet decided. This is one of a number of opportunities that we are passing on in order to support them in their decision making process.

We appreciate that students in Year 10 will not yet be in a position to apply for apprenticeships, but this is a yearly event which will provide opportunities for students to begin to compare the apprenticeship route with other Post 16 opportunities.

The festival website is now live and can be accessed [here](#).

The festival will feature

- Live Q&A sessions and roundtables with employers who are actively recruiting apprentices for 2021.
- Video presentations providing information about apprenticeships.
- Virtual exhibitor stands allowing direct contact with exhibitors.

We would be really grateful if you would take the time check out the events available so that as many students and their families can see what is available to them.

- Students and parents/carers of years 10 and above can use the link to the festival webpage which can be accessed [here](#).
- Students with their parents/carers are encouraged to book onto the live employer sessions. This is a vital and unique opportunity for direct engagement with employers. Joint attendance is recommended with students and their parents/carers if possible.
- Explore the festival website and help students access the features and information of the site.
- The LAF21 presentation will provide insights and tasks for students about how to best prepare for the festival. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ns_lot7B4CM&feature=youtu.be
- You can also follow the festival and Apprenticeship Week 2021 on the Facebook page that has been set up by Leeds City Council <https://www.facebook.com/LeedsAppHub>

If you have any queries please then you can contact Leeds City Council and the LAF21 team directly at: esemployers@leeds.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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