



WHITELANDS ACADEMY

Careers Newsletter Issue 3



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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

A PUBLICATION FOR PARENTS AND
CARERS OF STUDENTS AT
WHITELANDS ACADEMY

Welcome to our Careers Newsletter

This publication is designed to keep you informed about all things careers related. Whether you're exploring future opportunities, seeking apprenticeships, or looking for events to sharpen your skills, we've got you covered.

Here's what you can look forward to in each issue:

Upcoming Events: Workshops, job fairs, and career seminars to help you plan your future.

Apprenticeships & Opportunities: Explore exciting openings with direct links to applications.

Online Resources: A curated selection of tools and websites to guide your career journey.

Dates for your Diary

National Careers Week 3rd – 8th March

[Welcome - National Careers Week](#)

Parents' Guide to Careers

[NC week parent flyer.pdf](#)

Stem opportunities Wednesday 5th March 1pm – 2pm

We will be exploring the exciting STEM opportunities available with the British Army. We'll cover the Defense STEM Undergraduate Sponsorship, which offers up to £42,750 in support for your studies. This event is part of our celebration of National Careers Week and International Women's Day, highlighting the vital contributions of women in STEM. Don't miss this chance to earn how you can maximize your degree, see the world and lead in innovative fields. Click below form more information.

[Explore the STEM opportunities with the British Army - Meet Your Army](#)

College Open Days

**Bicester Construction Skills Centre – Wednesday
5th March 4 – 7pm**

**Berkshire College of Agriculture – Saturday 1st
March 10am – 2pm**

**Aylesbury College – Saturday 15th March – 10am –
1pm**

Wycombe College – Tuesday 18th March – 5 – 8pm

A few Highlights from OxLEP Newsletter. Please click here for lots more information and resources:
[OxLEP Skills Careers Leaders Update: 25th February 2025](#)

Careers Fest Parents/Carers Session

Booking is open for the twilight session at Careers Fest 2025, which will take place on **19th March between 16:00 and 19:00** at the Kassam Conference & Events Centre. This session is for students and parents/carers. All families are welcome, but we believe this will be most useful for students in Year 9 and above.

Please click on the link to download the Flier for more information and details on how to book your place
<https://mcusercontent.com/2eb277ff62b44aa5d97ec4011/files/6dfa9cf6-c3ba-3c06-2ec1-399eae47fec8/CareersFest2025Flyer.pdf>

EMPower Oxford

The University of Oxford's Department of Physics EMPower Oxford programmes connect **Year 10 and 11 students of Black heritage** with cutting-edge research and inspiring role models. Participants will meet scientists, hear their stories and discover all the amazing things you can achieve in STEM. Click the link for more details.

<https://www.physics.ox.ac.uk/engage/schools/secondary-schools/projects-and-mentoring/empower-oxford>

Careers With Animals Day

Delivered by The College of Animal Welfare and with talks from The Royal Veterinary College (RVC), International Cat Care, The British Horse-racing Authority, RSPCA and CAW Grooming School this virtual event on **1st March from 10:00 - 15:00** promises to be an engaging day for students interested in working with animals. Click on the link below for more information.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/careers-with-animals-day-tickets-991016395717>

Oxfordshire Museum Open Art Competition

Aspiring artists **aged 11 and above** throughout the county are being invited to participate in the Oxfordshire Museum's annual open art competition. Click below for more information.
<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/events/exhibitions-oxfordshire-museum-workshops-oxfordshire-museum/open-art-competition-2025>

Rate My Apprenticeship Career Quiz

This interactive quiz aims to help students to explore their options and start their career journey.

[Link to the quiz](#)

Career of the Week

Finance

In a few words

If a career in trading, investment, banking or finance appeals to you, you may wish to look at the wide range of finance degrees on offer. Some courses are broad-based and include all aspects of finance, including accounting, while others specialise in areas such as investment banking. Some courses are vocational and include taking professional banking and financial services exams, as a fast-track to careers in these areas.

10 most popular school subjects

Mathematics (52.71%)
Business and Marketing (50.72%)
Economics (35.56%)
Physics (15.89%)
Chemistry (13.64%)
English (13.50%)
Biology (12.71%)
Psychology (9.47%)
Geography (9.00%)
History (7.21%)

Study

You might take modules such as: principles of operations management; personal, professional and academic effectiveness; business, government and society; financial management; and introduction to macroeconomics.

Cool opportunities within this subject area

Accounting and Finance

London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, England

Analytical Finance

Malardalen University, Sweden

Banking and Finance

Eastern Mediterranean University, Cyprus

Finance

Careers

Finance graduates are in demand from employers across the finance industry, but as many are flexible, numerate and business-focused graduates, they are employed all over the economy. Industries that tend to employ large numbers of finance graduates include accounting, retail and investment banking, insurance, brokerages, fund managers, property development, marketing, IT and the law.

15 months after graduating

Average salary:

£29,541

Employed graduates in highly skilled jobs:

68%

Skills

When applying for a degree in finance, aim to highlight the following skills:

Numeracy
Digital literacy
Attention to detail
Problem solving
Responsibility
Planning

Graduates of Finance

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68%

Graduates of subjects within Business and management

Top 3 industries

5 years after graduating (Bachelor's or equivalent)

16%

Professional, scientific and technical activities

14%

Wholesale and retail trade

10%

Financial and insurance activities



Applications open March 2025 - Register your interest now

Kick-start your career as an apprentice

Arnold Clark



“An apprenticeship with Arnold Clark is a fantastic way to kick-start your career and earn while you learn. At Arnold Clark, we have a range of apprenticeship opportunities available, from Technician Apprenticeships to Aftersales Customer Service Advisor Apprenticeships – there really is something for everyone!

With 96% of our apprentice learners completing their qualifications and continuing into full-time employment with us after they qualify, beginning your career with Arnold Clark is a great opportunity to take your education to the next level while earning a full-time salary.

Our apprentices all receive on-the-job training and one-to-one mentorship from our highly skilled trainers. You'll also get full access to one of the best employee benefits packages in the automotive industry, including 33 days' annual leave, private healthcare, discounts on a range of amazing products and more.

So why not register your interest? You'll then be notified when our applications open this March.

Register your interest [here](#)



[Check Out Tesco's Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship](#)

Do you know students who are leaving Year 11 but don't know what to do next? **If they fancy earning over £22K while they learn**, the Tesco Stronger Starts Retail Apprenticeship could be for them.

[Find Out More!](#)

[Approved by the industry and our apprentices](#)

We've helped 100s of apprentices start their careers and are proud to be placed **30th in The 2024 Top 100 Apprenticeship Employer rankings**.

[Here's what some of our Stronger Starts Retail Apprentices and People team have to say:](#)

- "I'm progressing through the apprenticeship really well and have a great team who support me, it has changed my life completely for the better." - *Stronger Starts Retail Apprentice*
- "I've learnt a lot already and it's only my first week." - *Stronger Starts Retail Apprentice*
- "I have been to see them weekly and their confidence is growing by the day. They are keen to learn and keen for their first pay day this coming Friday!" - *People Partner*

If you know of any young people that would be interested, **please share this opportunity with them so they can kick-start their career with Tesco.**

WHAT'S IN IT FOR THEM? 	 GAIN A LEVEL 2 NATIONAL STANDARD IN RETAIL - EQUIVALENT TO 5 GCSE'S	 LONG-TERM CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
 EARN £22,500 WHILE YOU LEARN	 GET A PERMANENT ROLE AFTER YOUR APPRENTICESHIP	 PRACTICAL & TRANSFERABLE SKILLS FOR LIFE

Career Events/Trips this term

Please see below some career focused events taking place in school this term

6 th March	Year 9	Careers Human Library (speed dating for careers)
6 th March	Year 11	Interview Soft Skill Workshop
10 th March	Year 8	Translation Workshop
12 th March	Year 8	Keir Construction STEM Workshop morning
Tuesday 18 th March	Year 9	Army Careers Day
19 th and 20 th March	Year 10	CareersFest

Upcoming Trips

13 th March	Year 11 GCSE PE	Athletics Moderation
27 th March	Year 10 RE Students and Year 9 Thailand Students	Buddhist Temple
3 rd April – 4 th April	D of E Bronze	Duke Of Edinburgh Expedition