



CAREERS BULLETIN

Welcome Year 11 and Year 10!

Hope you have all had a lovely safe Easter break?

I have listed below the days from April until the end of the summer term, where I will be available and working from 8.00am to 2.00pm, so please get in touch.



April 2022	Wednesday 20 th April 2022 Wednesday 27 th April 2022
May 2022	Wednesday 4 th May 2022 Wednesday 11 th May 2022 Wednesday 18 th May 2022 Wednesday 25 th May 2022
June 2022	Wednesday 8 th June 2022 Wednesday 15 th June 2022 Wednesday 22 nd June 2022 Wednesday 29 th June 2022
July 2022	Wednesday 6 th July 2022 Wednesday 13 th July 2022

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This term's careers bulletin is jammed packed with lots of useful information about careers, progression routes and much more...enjoy the read! Here are some things that you can do to make sure you are prepared for your next move:

- Make any final sixth form/college applications.
- Some sixth form/colleges will still have virtual events – check their individual websites for more information.
- Apply to Training Providers and Colleges for apprenticeships
- Keep a list of where you have applied.
- Consider attending careers events coming up

Upcoming Careers Events:

BDO Insight Programme



The Explore BDO Virtual Insight Programme, will show students what's exciting about a career at accounting company BDO.

The programme will take place Monday, 1st August – Friday, 5th August 2022. It is the perfect opportunity for you to learn more about BDO and the work we do for our clients. You will gain invaluable knowledge and skills that will set you up for a career with us and beyond.

You'll get

- Valuable work experience and skills for your CV
- A deep understanding of how our business works

- Opportunities to learn from and network with our brilliant people
- The chance to secure a 2023 summer school or 2023 school leaver apprenticeship process

This programme is aimed primarily at year 11 and 12 students who attend a state school and meet our social mobility criteria based on the job of the main earner in their household. We use the Social Mobility Commission guidance to determine which jobs meet the low-socioeconomic background criteria.

For more information, click onto the following link: [Explore BDO Insight Programme \(myworkdayjobs.com\)](https://myworkdayjobs.com/BDO/Explore-BDO-Insight-Programme)



Years 10 & 11 Only - Careers in Animation, Video Game Art, Visual Effects Start your great escape...

Are you interested in a career in Animation, Video Game Art or Visual Effects?

Well, it's not too late to apply to study with us at Escape Studios this September. The creative industries account for 1 in 10 jobs in the UK. Find out more information about this career:

[Industry Beginner's Guide](#) | [Escape Studios](#) | [Pearson College London](#)

**Imperial College
London**

Year 10 and Year 11 HE Career Exam Workshop

This one day course for Year 10 and Year 11 students will give them a great boost before their GCSE exams.

This event aims to provide exam revision support, information about Higher Education pathways and an insight into STEM careers for KS4 students. Supported by university mentors, it will provide a taster of University life aimed at encouraging aspirations towards Higher Education and continued study of STEM subjects.

Students will undertake various workshops in Revision, Study Skills, and challenging perceptions of STEM careers. They will also have an opportunity to visit the annual [Imperial Festival](#), where they will have an opportunity to talk with over 200 scientists and take part in hands on demonstrations.

This course is fully funded by the Imperial College Access Fund for high achieving students from backgrounds underrepresented in HE who meet the [G&T Access funding criteria](#). Further information can also be found on the following link:

[Year 10 and Year 11 HE Career Exam Workshop | Events | Imperial College London](#)

Discover your future now

In year 10, 11 or 12? Your career choice is probably on your radar already. If you're not sure where to begin, why not 'try on' a career with Deloitte to see if it fits for later?

For more information:

- [Career Shapers | Student Careers | Deloitte UK](#)
- [Public - Landing Page - Career Shapers \(ambertrack.co.uk\)](#)



Year 10 Work Experience

Here you can find details about our Work Experience Programme for 2021-22.
[Year 10 Work Experience - Penwortham Girls' High School](#)

Year 10 work experience is due to take place between Monday 23rd May and Friday 27th May 2022 and there are two routes that students can take:

EITHER:

1. Self-placement (face-to-face) work experience – students identify a suitable placement with an employer and complete the required documentation (also on this page). This can be a placement of between 2 and 5 days during the designated work experience week.

OR:

2. Virtual work experience – we have collaborated with Speakers for Schools to identify three employers who have each created a high-quality, two-day virtual placement. There are approximately 50 places for each, and we will allocate students to places based on a survey to discover their preferences. These will take place in school, using our IT facilities.

The employers are:

NNL (National Nuclear Laboratories) – Science & Technology focus

Adecco Group – Digital / Human Resources focus

Fine Tooth Comb – Marketing focus

Additional opportunities for work experience are made available, often directly with an employer, and these will be directed towards students in both Years 10 and 11, based on the results of the annual futures survey and records of meetings with our Careers Adviser. In recent times, students from PGHS have completed work experience with the NHS, British Aerospace and United Utilities.

If you are a parent with questions or you're an employer and you would like to work with us to provide a work experience opportunity, please contact Mr Ramsdale, Senior Assistant Headteacher (Careers Leader): j.ramsdale@penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk

Labour Market Information

What does the Job Market mean?

The job market or labour market means the kinds of jobs that are around, how many of them are available and how many people are able to work. This will vary over time, according to geographical area, and may differ for each job sector.

The market changes as:

- The economy changes - it can mean more jobs if the economy is good, fewer jobs if it is weak.
- Technology changes - jobs may become automated, people work from home, new jobs develop, on-line services.
- The population changes - periods of low birth rate will eventually lead to periods when there are fewer people of working age available.
- The world economy and trading arrangements change - this can result in competition from other countries; but can also be a result of political activities.
- Attitudes and working regulations change. For example, more leisure time for sports activities, shopping, personal services can lead to demand for employees in these areas.

Labour Market Information – What is it?

LMI includes reports, studies, statistics and other information about:



It means that you will need to:

- Be flexible.
- Gain qualifications and be willing to learn throughout your working life.
- Develop skills that you can use in a range of jobs.
- Weigh up the opportunities available and be realistic about employment goals.
- Possibly have more than one job or career during your working life and maybe have more than one job at any one time

Know your Market... Further Information:

- Search for careers both locally and nationally - LMI effectively describes The World of Work – ranging from descriptions of different careers, their entry routes, salaries paid, skills and qualifications needed at national, regional, and local levels. <http://www.lmiforall.org.uk/>
- The **National Careers Service** produce an LMI news - view job market information by sector and region on their website.

Identifying where the jobs are now and where they could be in the future is called Labour Market Information.

Researching this will help you choose your options and future career pathways.

- www.nomisweb.co.uk
- www.parentalguidance.org.uk/labour-market-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 by taking one of our assessments.

Discover your skills and careers!

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>

Colleges/Sixth Form



If you have not made a college application and would still like to do so, please complete the application online as soon as possible.

Most colleges will contact you to discuss your application.

I have listed below college contact details should you need to get in touch:

Cardinal Newman College 	Email Contact: admissions@cardinalnewman.ac.uk Online Application Link: https://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/apply/	01772 460181 www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk
Runshaw College 	Email Contact: www.admissions@runshaw.ac.uk Online Application Link: www.runshaw.ac.uk/study-at-runshaw/apply/	01772 622677 www.runshaw.ac.uk
Preston College 	Email Contact: guidance@preston.ac.uk Online Application Link: https://www.preston.ac.uk/online-application/	01772 225522 www.preston.ac.uk
Myerscough College 	Email Contact: https://admissiononline.myerscough.ac.uk Online Application Link: www.myerscough.ac.uk/news/applications-for-2020-entry/	01995 642222 www.myerscough.ac.uk
QEGS 	Email Contact: admissions@qegsblackburn.com Online Application Link: https://www.qegsblackburn.com/admissions/	01254 686300 www.qegsblackburn.com
Hutton Sixth Form Grammar 	Email Contact: https://www.huttongrammar.org/sixth-form/admissions-2/ Online Application Link: www.huttongrammar.org/sixth-form/admissions-2/	01772 613112 www.huttongrammar.org

Apprenticeships



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 apprenticeship, please ensure you have registered on the following website: <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/signin>

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>



STEM

The Government is encouraging more young people to study STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) related subjects because they will give you the skills you will need for a wide range of career choices in the future. Have a look at these useful websites:

www.stemettes.org

www.tomorrowsengineers.org.uk

www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk

www.thisisengineering.org.uk

www.sciencecareerpathways.com

General Career Information:



What is virtual work experience?

Virtual work experience, also referred to as online, remote or digital, provides young people with the opportunity to gain experience in the workplace, develop their skills, boost their employability and explore new industries and job roles.

It's a broad term and can include any opportunity which provides young people with an insight into what it's like to work in an industry or job role while at home. Most virtual work experiences range from half a day to one week, but some may last longer depending on the nature of the work experience and the age of your child.

Not all virtual work experience is the same. Some are open to everyone and provide a platform for students to discover more about the job, view pre-recorded videos on what it's like to work with the organisation, go on virtual tours and possibly take part in some live Q&A sessions. Others may require your child to go through an application process and offer regular online meetings with a supervisor, individual project work, networking sessions, training opportunities and video tutorials.

I would encourage Year 11 and Year 10 students to take advantage of some of the amazing virtual work-related opportunities available. Companies are keen to open the eyes of young people to the fast moving and fascinating world of work that awaits them and have invested considerable resources in putting together well thought out and bespoke programmes.

Many opportunities are one day only providing students with a snapshot of careers and professions they might never have considered and can be hosted by national or global companies, normally inaccessible to young people. Most companies issue certificates of completion which students can add to their CV's and all will give students invaluable experience and help develop work relate

Which organisations offer virtual work experience?

As social distancing seems set to remain for the foreseeable future, more and more firms are beginning to provide virtual work experience opportunities to students and young people. Placements are available across several sectors including accountancy, law, marketing and the veterinary sciences. While this is by no means an exhaustive list, here are some companies and businesses currently offering virtual work experience. *Click on the text to be taken directly to their website.*

Barclays LifeSkills

An excellent website to help young people develop the skills they need for a better future.

[Virtual Work Experience tool | Barclays LifeSkills](#)

Cyber Discovery

A chance to learn from industry experts and take part in over 200 free cyber security challenges. Registration is currently closed, but there is an opportunity to register interest for the next intake. [Cyber Discovery: HM](#)

[Government's Cyber Schools Programme \(joincyberdiscovery.com\)](#)

Future Learn - exploring the Veterinary profession

A two week, six hour, course that enables students to learn more about what it takes to become a vet and whether it's the right career choice for them.

[Introduction to Studying Veterinary Medicine - Course - FutureLearn](#)

Halliday Fraser Munro

An online work experience programme for those interested in architecture and design.

[Halliday Fraser Munro - Work Experience Zone \(hfm.co.uk\)](#)

InvestIn (paid)

Aimed at students between 14 and 18 years old, InvestIn offers an impressive array of virtual work placements involving real life work and contact with professionals. This is a paid service, and placements range from one day to one week.

[InvestIn | Ambition Beyond Education](#)

Leonardo – engineering placements

A range of programmes that provide an invaluable insight into the varied career options that can be explored from studying STEM-related subjects.

[Work Experience - Leonardo in the UK \(leonardocompany.com\)](#)

Speakers4Schools

Recently launched, Speakers4schools aims to provide a level playing field by connecting young people to high quality virtual work placements. Register to stay up to date with their latest developments.

[Virtual Work Experience | VWEX | Speakers for Schools](#)



Springpod

An excellent list of free virtual work experience placement ranging from teaching to marketing.

[Virtual Work Experience Search \(springpod.com\)](#)

The Lawyer Portal

A list of law firms offering virtual work experience.

[Virtual Work Experience for Law Students | The Lawyer Portal](#)

Youth Opportunities

An online platform providing a range of virtual work experiences including workshops, fellowships and internships. External companies are free to post opportunities, so we strongly recommend you encourage you research all options thoroughly before applying. [Explore Work Experience - Youth Employment UK](#)

Work Experience Opportunities:



Lancashire Teaching Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust is one of the largest employers in Lancashire.

NHS believe in growing healthcare workers for future generations, and so offer work experience placements to school pupils and to people who are considering a career in the NHS. Work experience is a great way for pupils to see and understand hospital care in action, and help them make decisions about their future working lives. NHS staff also benefit from providing work experience placements as this enhances teaching and training skills, and is a good opportunity to seek the views of young people or those who are new to the NHS.

Demand for placements greatly exceeds capacity, especially during the summer holidays, so applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis. School pupils are only able to access work placements in non-clinical areas, but observational work placements may be available to adults in clinical services. Due to the nature of the service provided, and vulnerability of the patients, some departments are not able to offer work experience placements including Child Health, Clinical Psychology, Emergency Department, Physiotherapy, and Speech and Language Therapy.

If you wish to apply for a work placement please contact the work experience team by email
workexperience@lthtr.nhs.uk

Careers Information for Parent:

As a parent, you are incredibly influential when it comes to the decisions your child makes in all areas of their lives and that is especially true when it comes to their education and careers. We know that the choices, which are open to your child today, may be very different from when you were in their position and you may feel as if you're unsure about what advice to offer. There is a wealth of information available that can be both confusing and overwhelming so we wanted to signpost a few sources of reliable information that might help you to navigate your child's choices more easily.



- Careermag for Parents connects students and their parents to the latest career and qualification routes available. We recognise that parents are one of the biggest influences on your teenagers' early career decisions. When your teenager asks 'What should I do next?', it can be a daunting question for any parent. Careermag for Parents is here to help you understand teenagers' options as well as dispelling industry myths and misconceptions along the way. For more details and to register [Careermag - Parents - Careermag](#)
- Career Pilot offers useful links to careers related sites for parent: [Careerpilot : Parent zone : All questions : Useful links to career-related sites for parents](#)
- BBC Bitesize Careers offers information a various career, try the following link: [Careers - BBC Bitesize](#)



If you require any further careers information and advice, please feel free to drop me an email on:

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