

Year 11 Careers Department Notices

September 2022

Welcome back!

We hope all our students have had a fantastic summer break and are feeling excited and ready for Year 11. We look forward to working with you all this year!

The Careers Department

Our department is situated on the first floor in Bede House and is open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm (Term time only). Our team of 3 professionally qualified Careers Advisers plus a Work Experience Coordinator work with students to provide comprehensive bespoke careers information, advice and guidance. We aim to raise their aspirations and their awareness of the range of options and opportunities available, enabling them to become effective decision makers and to plan for their future careers.

Year 11 Careers Programme

One important aspect of Year 11 is making applications for Post-16 choices, whether they are considering moving on to Sixth Form, starting a course at college or beginning their employment journey through an apprenticeship.

During Year 11 students will receive advice and guidance from the Careers Department to help them make informed decisions about their Post-16 Destination.

We will initially meet students during a form group registration in the Autumn term to provide a detailed overview of available options which will be followed up. All students will then have an individual guidance meetings during the Spring term and parents and carers are welcome to attend this meeting.

Students will have assemblies focussed on decision making and post 16 options. Students will receive information on a wide range of careers through our career of the month tutorials. Students are invited to lunch time industry insight talks that we hold throughout the year.

Work Experience

In addition to the in-person work experience that takes place in the Summer term, students are encouraged to engage with Virtual Work Experience. These live and on-demand opportunities, give students access to professionals working with some of the UK's largest companies and provide insights into careers they hadn't thought of. Students will be made aware of appropriate opportunities. We communicate these via [our school website](#) and through our newsletters.

Students are welcome to visit the Careers department during break time and lunchtime, careers staff will be on hand to offer advice and guidance.

We are very much looking forward to working with your child in Year 11. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.



Meet the Careers Team!

From left to right:

Miss L Cassells, Careers Adviser

Mrs S Richmond- Careers Adviser

Mrs J Dukes- Head of Careers

Mrs M Farrar, Work Experience Co-ordinator



Contact:

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We welcome your feedback on our provision. Please use the details above to contact us.

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Year 11

One important aspect of Year 11 is making applications for your Post-16 choices, whether you are considering moving on to Sixth Form, starting a course at college or beginning your employment journey through an apprenticeship.

The Careers Department team look forward to working closely with you during Year 11 to support you in planning the best transition for you. We will meet with you first within form group registration in the Autumn term to provide a more detailed overview of your available options which will be followed up by individual guidance meetings during the Spring term to give you the opportunity to explore your own preferences in greater detail. You may have specific questions regarding courses, entry qualifications, transport, progression after courses, work experience or the applications process and we will be happy to help you discover the answers.

Associated Sixth Form

Studying A Levels and Level 3 Applied Courses in the Associated Sixth Form enables you to continue your GCSE subjects in greater depth and/or discover new subjects that are only offered after Year 11. You will be taken through the application process in school which will cover subject information. However, in advance you can look at the prospectus on the [St. Aidan's website](#) for course content and entry requirements and watch the subject videos for a brief course overview.

Further Education Colleges

Some colleges offer a range of A Level subjects such as York College and Leeds City College, however all offer vocational and practical courses. These are related to a broad employment area such as business, engineering, IT and health and social care and provide the opportunity to gain relevant qualifications and train for a specific career. If you are considering making an application to college it is important to research courses and entry requirements on individual college websites and sign up to attend open/taster days which will take place in the Autumn. A selection of local Post 16 FE providers are below:

[Harrogate College](#)

[York College](#)

[Askham Bryan](#)

[Leeds Arts University](#)

[Leeds City College](#)

[Leeds College of Building](#)

[University Technical College, Leeds](#)

Apprenticeships

As an apprentice you will work for an employer and earn as you study for nationally recognised qualifications which are relevant to your job, such as NVQs. Training can take between 1 and 2 years before you are fully qualified. Visit www.apprenticeships.org.uk and www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk for more details of apprenticeships.



Post 16 Open Day Events

Harrogate College

5 October, 4-7pm

9 November, 4-7pm

York College

10 October, 5.30-8pm

3 November, 5.30-8pm

26 November, 10.30am-12.30

Year 11 Taster Days, 10 & 12

January 2023, register [here](#)

Askham Bryan College

12 November Open Morning

Leeds City College

12 October, 4-7pm

16 November, 4-7pm

Leeds College of Building

20 October, 5-7pm

19 November, 5-7pm

University Technical College

19 October, 4-7pm

Leeds

Associated Sixth Form

Year 11 students will be given information regarding the Associated Sixth Form throughout the year.

Click on the link below from the National Careers Service to discover all the different work and study choices available to you Post 16.

[Explore your Education and Training Choices](#)

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Extra Curricular and Virtual Opportunities

- [Medicine & Healthcare Virtual Events](#), Premed Projects, Every Monday in September, 7.30pm

Interested in careers using Biology, Science or within Healthcare or Medicine? Join doctors live and online every Monday at 7.30pm in September as they go through real life patient cases from symptoms, diagnosis and treatment. Sign up [here](#)

- [Interactive Subject Events Online](#), Channel Talent, Autumn Term dates

Sessions offering enrichment to curriculum themes and support for students who are considering Post 18 education. There are a variety of subject areas to choose from, hosted by different Universities, during the Autumn term:

Criminology, Law, Sociology, Religious Studies

October 6 @ 16:15 - 17:15

[Human Rights – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate – Goldsmiths & UEA](#)

Geography, Economics, Politics

September 29 @ 16:15 - 17:15

[Food Supply & Food Inflation – Interdisciplinary, University Perspectives & Debate – UEA](#)

November 9 @ 16:15 - 17:15

[NATO: Effective Peacekeeper? – Interdisciplinary University Perspectives & Debate – UEA & Surrey](#)

Liberal Arts and Critical Thinking

September 26, October 3 & October 10 @ 15:45

[Liberal Arts & Natural Sciences: Interdisciplinary Problem Solving – 3 Session Series - Birmingham](#)

For a full list of virtual opportunities in different subject areas, please click [here](#)

Upcoming Events

Year 11 Career and Work Experience Information Evening for Parents/Carers

Thursday 29 September at St Aidan's.

Further details on timings and location to follow.

[Next Gen Choices Fair—Parents, Carers and Students](#)

From academic avenues to practical pathways, there are so many routes to further learning and the world of work.

FREE EVENT

Tuesday 18 October

4-7pm

Centenary Pavilion, Elland Road, Leeds



Year 11 Careers and Work Experience Evening

Thursday 29th September, 6pm in Constance Green Hall.

The Careers Department will give an overview of Post 16 options and talk about how we work with Year 11 students.

Mrs Farrar, our Work Experience Co-Ordinator, will also be providing information on the Work Experience programme.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Free 2022/23 Careers Guides for Parents

From university and apprenticeships to work experience, Success at School's 2022/2023 careers guides are packed full of advice to help support your child in making the best career choices for them. Click [here](#) for more details.