

Careers Fair

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome students, parents and visiting businesses and employers to our first annual Careers Fair on Thursday 7th April.

Over 150 students and parents attended the event which featured a range of Post 16 education and training providers, as well as Universities, local businesses as well as larger enterprises such as the Army and West Midlands Police Force.

Student and parent feedback was very positive and we are very much looking forward to this becoming an annual event for our school.

We would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to all of the visiting businesses:

- Banbury and Bicester College Group
- Warwickshire College Group
- University of Reading
- University of Warwick
- Coventry University
- Oxford Brookes University
- University of Hertfordshire
- University of Northampton
- The Ministry of Defence (Warwickshire)
- Warwickshire Police Service
- Warwickshire Fire and Rescue
- West Midlands Mercia Support for Schools
- Ricardo
- Alumet
- The British Motor Museum
- EKFB
- Apple Construction Training
- Future Pro Academy
- Deloitte
- Kineton Sixth Form





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Year 10 and 12 Work Experience:

Firstly, I would like to thank you in supporting your child in securing their work experience placement for the week beginning 11th July, we understand that post COVID it has been difficult for some students to approach potential employers and businesses but we have been so impressed with how students are overcoming these anxieties and barriers and we are happy to say that over 60% of students across Year 10 and 12 have now secured their work experience placement.

There are some next steps you and your child can now take to ensure a smooth start to their placement and perhaps ease any anxieties:

- We recommend your child contact their chosen employer over the next few weeks, letting them know they are looking forward to their work experience and ideally, visiting face to face, if they possibly can, meaning their first work experience day will be so much smoother and less daunting.
- Ask their chosen employer for information re: start and finish times, dress code and information around breaks and lunch etc. The school does not collect this information from employers and it is therefore the responsibility of the parent/child to ensure they have agreed these items with the employer prior to the start of the placement.
- **The absolute final deadline for any placement paper work to be submitted online is 13th June 2022 this will allow final health and safety checks to take place. If your child does not secure a placement, or the online paper work is not submitted by employers by this date then they will be expected in school full time the week beginning 11th July where they will participate in careers focussed classroom-based activities.**

To reassure them and ensure they are fully prepared all students will receive a full briefing in an assembly before their Work Experience week commences, please do ensure you have familiarised yourself with your child's Grofar account prior to this so you can support your child in preparing for and documenting their placement. There will be a self-assessment on this platform for your child to complete before the placement commences and their employer will complete an assessment of them during the placement itself which will be completed through the Grofar system.

Mr Perkin, our Work Experience Coordinator is available to speak to students every Tuesday lunch time should they need any further support in preparing for their placement.

A reminder of the form links:

Employer Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/WeijwShUM5>

Year 10 Parent's Consent: <https://forms.office.com/r/3y8WDHdJWG>

Year 12 Parent's Consent: <https://forms.office.com/r/UZvVRuY018>



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University of Reading Summer Taster Days

The University of Reading are providing in-person subject taster days at their [award-winning](#) campus over the coming months. Students are able to sign up to these individually by clicking on the below links. These sessions would be beneficial for Year 11 or 12.

ECONOMICS TASTER DAY WITH THE ROYAL ECONOMICS SOCIETY

Wednesday 8 June

A fantastic opportunity to watch internationally renowned economists present their research. There will also be the opportunity to meet Department of Economics staff and students at University of Reading and explore their campus. Find out more and register interest as an individual [here](#).

ZOOLOGY & ECOLOGY TASTER DAY

Tuesday 12 July 2022

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet current staff and students, as well as explore campus and the benefits of studying at Reading. Interactive workshops will offer a taste of life as a Zoologist/Ecologist and will involve fieldwork on campus, as well as a tour of their exciting Cole Museum of Zoology. Find out more and register interest as an individual [here](#).

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES TASTER DAY

Thursday 14 July 2022

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet current staff and students, as well as explore campus and the benefits of studying at Reading. Interactive workshops will offer a taste of our broad range of Biological Science degrees as well as a tour of the campus and facilities. Find out more and register interest as an individual [here](#).



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Apprenticeship Vacancies

Closing dates beginning of June

Suitable for students in Year 11, 12 and 13

Why settle for an everyday job – become part of the UK’s nuclear decommissioning industry and you can help us Shape the Future!

MagnaX are working in association with Energen to bring you a range of level 2 – level 6 Engineering and Business apprenticeship opportunities.

They are looking for new talent, people who are tuned into our values on diversity and inclusion, people who care about the environment and the generations yet to come. With a generous salary, start your career with MagnaX, as part of a team in their rapidly expanding business and have a great time earning as you learn.

For more information on Level 2 to 6 apprenticeships in Business and/or Engineering click [here](#)

HSBC Investing in Futures Programme



HSBC are hosting careers webinars which are aimed at Yr10 – 13 students and parents

21st June, 5pm – 6pm

Transition Workshop

A session to help students identify and develop the skills needed to transition from education to employment

To register click here [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)



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Pwc Virtual Insight Week 25 – 29 July

Pwc are hosting an insight week for students who are interesting in accounting, business, or technology. It is aimed at Yr12 students however would be open to students in Year 10 and above.

Applications open now and can be made online via

[Virtual Insight Week at PwC | PwC UK Careers](#)



Post 18 Information Evening 29th June

This will be a virtual information event led by our Head of Sixth Form outlining for parents and students what the various post 18 options might be for Year 12 students and how the application processes for these operate.

Parents will be taken through the key information around University application, including deferred entry, and will also explore Degree Apprenticeships, what they are and how they are applied for. Parents and students will be sent the link for the event directly via email, however if any Year 10 or 11 parents would like to join this event they can email Miss Loveridge the Head of Sixth Form directly to receive a link.