

LYNDON SCHOOL CAREERS AND POST 16 NEWSLETTER

April 2023

Welcome to the latest edition of Lyndon School's Careers and Post 16 Newsletter. Year 11 students will be leaving us later this term and we wish them every success in the next exciting stage of their life. All students should have by now secured college offers or be having interviews over the coming weeks. Please be reminded that we will continue to support them with their transition if needed. Please do follow us on twitter @LyndonCareers and watch out for our email updates with relevant information. If any students or parents have any concerns or need further guidance, please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Carey on 0121 743 3402 or Julie.Carey@lyndon.org.uk

Although we expect all students to have commenced the next phase of their learning journey in September, we do continue to contact some students over the Autumn term to double check on their final Post 16 destinations as part of our support and tracking processes.

Also, Solihull Council have a statutory duty to report to the Department for Education on whether young people are in education, employment, or training. This helps them to offer support to young people where needed. To enable them to do this, parents/students may be contacted by a member of the SMBC Post 16 Tracking Team by phone, text, e-mail, or letter from May 2023 onwards. They may also make contact from September 2023 to confirm if students took up their offer or if the situation has changed. Further information on this service can be found at www.solihullforsuccess.com

Solihull Sixth Form College 'Welcome to College Day'

Solihull Sixth Form College have confirmed that their 'Welcome to College Day' event will take place on Thursday 6th July 2023 for learners with offers for A Levels and BTEC (1 and 2 A Level) courses and Friday 7th July 2023 for learners with offers for BTEC Level 3 courses. Confirmation emails will be sent to learners with offers nearer to the event. Year 12 enrolment will be 30th and 31st August 2023 with the induction being 6th and 7th September 2023. Again learners will receive an email with full information nearer to the dates.

Solihull Sixth Form College 'Bridging the Gap'

Solihull Sixth Form College have produced a range of materials for their A level and BTEC courses that Year 11 students who are progressing onto A level or BTEC study next year may find useful. These "Bridging the Gap" resources are aimed at showing students what they will be doing when they move into Year 12 and will be useful preparation for their studies. These resources can be found at: <https://www.solihullsfsc.ac.uk/bridging-the-gap/>

Solihull College

Students should hear from Solihull College over the summer with enrolment information, so students need to be regularly checking their emails and junk emails. This is also the case

for students who are still awaiting their interview date. It may be a good idea to contact the college if nothing is heard within 3/4 weeks of the application submission.

Apprenticeships

Students interested in gaining an apprenticeship should continue to check the government's website as there are many apprenticeships available for them to apply for. Students seeking apprenticeships should also have applied to college as a back-up as this will keep their options open. The website link is: <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

The Amazing Apprenticeship website is also a great resource for both parents/carers and students who want to find out more about apprenticeships or T levels. The website address is <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

Pathway CTM are holding an 'Apprenticeship Insight Event' for learners plus parents/carers on Wednesday 10 May from 5pm-7.30pm at Millennium Point B4 7XG. There will be an opportunity to learn more about apprenticeships, ask questions and network with employers such as HSBC, PwC and Jaguar Land Rover amongst others. Food will also be available on the night. Please book a place via: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/parent-event-birmingham/>

Job Explorer Database (JED)

It is never too early for students to start thinking about future jobs and careers. To support them with their research, we have purchased a careers software package called Job Explorer Database (JED) which students in all year groups can continue to access. JED is an interactive multimedia careers resource that offers information on over 840 jobs with pictures, videos, and quizzes. Students can search, explore, and research different careers to help them to prepare for their next steps. The website link is <https://chas.careerssoft.co.uk/sign-in/> and the unique Lyndon access code is available from Mrs Carey upon request.

Birmingham Careers Service

As part of our agreement with Birmingham Careers Service, if any Year 11 students need careers guidance or support, they can still contact Joanne Pryce via email joanne.pryce@birmingham.gov.uk

Birmingham Careers Service Marketplace

The Birmingham Careers Service website has lots of useful careers information and guidance. The website address is <https://www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/publications/>

On the website there is a virtual careers room with information from local colleges, sixth forms and training providers. The website link is: <https://www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/marketplace/>

Support over the Summer

Ongoing support is provided for students over the summer period by Solihull Council and Birmingham City Council. Students living in Birmingham can find information at www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/ and students living in Solihull should visit www.solihullforsuccess.com/

Part-time work or volunteering is a good way to build up employability skills and a CV. The below link has factsheets with information and tips on holiday work plus writing a CV: <https://www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Holiday-work-2021.pdf>

<https://www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/How-to-write-a-winning-CV.pdf>


Students can also search for jobs and apprenticeships in the Solihull area on the Solihull for Success website: www.solihullforsuccess.com/search-for-jobs

Careers Support in School

If students need any careers support, they can contact one of the below members of staff. The school website also has lots of useful videos and careers information. Definitely worth a look!

Mr Kelly – Careers Leader and SLT Responsibility for Careers
Mrs Carey - Careers and IAG Manager
Mrs Burrows – SEND Careers Support

Finally, we have our own Careers Twitter account.

Please follow us at @LyndonCareers 

Other useful websites:

<https://www.lyndon.org.uk/lyndons-online-careers-event/>

www.ucas.com

www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

<https://aimhigherwm.ac.uk/>

<https://pathwayctm.com/>

<https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/>

<https://www.worldskillsuk.org/>

<https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/>

<https://icould.com/>

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/>

<https://www.tomorrowengineers.org.uk/>

<https://www.stem.org.uk/>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles>

<https://www.reed.co.uk/>