

Welcome to our January edition of Lyndon School's Careers and Post 16 Newsletter. We hope that you find the information enclosed to be useful in helping your child to secure a positive destination beyond Lyndon.

Applying to College or Sixth Form

Most learners should have now applied to College or Sixth Form and be in the process of attending interviews and securing offers. To enable us to update our records, please could you email Mrs Carey on Julie.Carey@lyndon.org.uk and confirm whether your child has had an offer together with the college and course. If your child has not yet applied and/or needs further support, please email Mrs Carey on the above email address.

Solihull Sixth Form College Taster Sessions

Solihull Sixth Form College are holding the below twilight taster sessions this term:

Creative Digital Media Production
BTEC IT

T Level Education and Childcare

Places can be booked via:

<https://www.solihullsf.ac.uk/tasters/>

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are a great opportunity for learners to work for a real employer, earn a salary and achieve a recognised qualification while gaining invaluable work experience and skills. To support learners who are interested in gaining an apprenticeship, we hold two after school sessions in January.

The first session was very successful with learners experiencing what an assessment centre activity is like and gaining some useful tips and guidance to give them an advantage when they come to apply for employment or an apprenticeship.

The second session is on Tuesday 24th January from 3pm -4pm in The Link and supports learners with the application process and setting up accounts on the apprenticeship website: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>. Those learners who are attending should go straight to the Link after Period 4.

Many of the learners who attended these sessions last year, went on to secure apprenticeships with some successful employers.

Entry requirements for apprenticeships do vary and depend on the individual company. Many are looking for GCSEs grade 5 or above including Maths and English but not all. Employers will also look at attendance and punctuality and will contact school for a reference. Realistically, most apprenticeships that are open to school leavers are advertised from around March onwards, although some of the bigger companies will open their schemes earlier as they have a more rigorous application process. BMW Group have just opened their scheme for an August 2023 start.

Most apprenticeships are advertised on the government's website - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>. Learners need to create an account which allows them to search and apply for any vacancies that they are interested in. Learners can set up email or text alerts for new vacancies.


We must, however, stress that apprenticeships can be competitive so we suggest that learners also apply to college or sixth form as a back-up.

Birmingham Careers Service

Birmingham Careers Service have a number of useful publications on their website including 'Preparing for a College or Training Interview', Applying for Apprenticeships, T levels plus many more. The link to these publications is <https://www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/publications/>

Job Explorer Database (JED)

Learners have access to a careers software package called JED. JED is an interactive multimedia careers resource that offers information on over 840 jobs with pictures, videos and quizzes. Learners 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 learners can email Mrs Carey for the unique Lyndon access code.

Finally, we now have our own Careers Twitter account. Please follow us at @LyndonCareers 

Upcoming Dates

Apprenticeship Sessions	Workpays Apprenticeship Session – Tuesday 24 th January from 3pm-4pm in The Link.
BMW Apprenticeship Scheme for 2023	The apprenticeship scheme is now open for applications. Please visit https://www.bmwgroup.jobs/gb/en/opportunities/apprentice.html for further information.
NHS Careers Untapped Webinar	This free webinar from the NHS will showcase various NHS roles including Podiatry, Radiography, Mammography, Bioinformatics as well as many more AHP and Healthcare Science careers. The link to register is: https://gosh.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rPZFzUceREu5oy1bVC-DWw
Springpod Virtual Work Experience	Springpod have a variety of virtual work experience opportunities that your child can sign up for outside of school. These opportunities cover a range of different careers and are free to access. Visit https://www.springpod.com/ for more information.
Solihull Sixth Form College	Final Open Event for this academic year is on Monday 23 rd January. Places must be booked via the college website https://www.solihullsfsc.ac.uk/open-days/
South and City College	Open Event on Thursday 9 th February from 4.30pm-7pm. Please visit the college website to register. https://www.sccb.ac.uk/component/rsform/form/71-open-day-registration
Solihull College	Open Event at Blossomfield Campus on Tuesday 7 th March from 5pm – 7.30pm. Book a place at https://www.solihull.ac.uk/events/school-leaver-open-event-202303-blossomfield/ or Open Event at Woodlands Campus on Wednesday 8 th March from 5pm-7.3pm. Book a place at https://www.solihull.ac.uk/events/school-leaver-open-event-202303-woodlands/
Access Creative	Open Day on Saturday 4 th February from 10am. Book your place at https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/open-events/
BMET	Open Event on Wednesday 15 th February 4pm -7pm. Register at https://www.bmet.ac.uk/open-events-enrolment/february-open-events/
Aston University Engineering Academy	Open Day on Saturday 4 th February 10am – 2pm.
Joseph Chamberlain College	Open day on Saturday 21 st January. Visit https://www.jcc.ac.uk/ to register and book your time slot.