

LYNDON SCHOOL CAREERS & POST 16 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 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 secure a positive destination beyond Lyndon. Please be aware that we are currently the process of reaccreditation for the Quality in Careers Standard Award and would welcome any questions or feedback with regards to this.

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 to confirm whether your child has had an offer together with the college and course. If your child has not yet applied and needs further support, please email Mrs Carey on the above email address.

Careers Support in School

Although our careers provision is robust and well established, we are always exploring ways to strengthen what we offer. Should you have any suggestions for future careers provision or you are in a position to offer careers support in school, please email Mrs Carey on julie.carey@lyndon.org.uk

If learners 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.

Key Colleagues

Mr Kelly – Strategic Lead for Careers, Assistant Principal and strategic lead
Mrs Carey – Careers and Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) Manager
Mrs Pryce – Inclusion and Careers Mentor

Solihull Sixth Form College Taster Sessions

Solihull Sixth Form College are holding the below taster sessions this term:
BTEC Creative Digital Media Production – Monday 2nd February from 5pm -6pm
T Level in Education and Early Years – Wednesday 11th February from 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Places can be booked via: <https://www.solihullsf.ac.uk/applying/twilight-taster-sessions>

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. 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.

The majority of 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 vacancies. **Apprenticeships are highly competitive so learners should also apply to college as a back-up.**

North Solihull Apprenticeship Show

The North Solihull Apprenticeship Show is on Wednesday 28th January. The event has been organised by Solihull MBC and is held at North Solihull Sports Centre, Chelmsley Wood, B37 5LA. For any learners interested in apprenticeships, this is an ideal opportunity to meet local employers and training providers, speak to apprentices and find out about current and upcoming apprenticeships at all levels. **Year 11 learners must book their time slot for after Period 5.** Places can be booked via link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/solihull-apprenticeship-and-pathways-show-tickets-1975826848291>

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/>

Unifrog

Learners have access to a careers platform called Unifrog. This interactive resource provides information on more than 840 job roles, supported by pictures, videos and quizzes. Learners can upload their own information, search and explore different pathways, and carry out careers research to help them prepare for their next steps. The website is www.unifrog.org.

SEND Support

Birmingham Careers Service website provides useful information regarding Post 16 Options for learners with additional needs. This includes information regarding SEND Colleges and provision in Solihull and Birmingham - <https://www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/send-colleges/>

Local Offer Pages also provide advice and information for learners with an EHCP / SEND needs:

Supported internship factsheet: <https://www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/supported-internships/>

National Autistic Society information around transition: <https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/transitions/england/leaving-school>

Solihull local offer: <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-families/solihull-local-offer>

Birmingham local offer: <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/>

Upcoming Dates and Open Events

****The below information is subject to change so please check with the college before attending. **Most colleges insist that places are booked or reserved online prior to attendance ******

Apprenticeship Sessions	Tuesday 20 th January 1.45pm-4pm in the Link. Learners who have secured a place have been notified and need to go straight to the Link to be registered and not period 4.
Solihull Sixth Form College	Final Open Event for this academic year is on Thursday 22 nd January from 5pm. Places must be booked via the college website https://www.solihullsfsc.ac.uk/open-days/
Access Creative College	Saturday 24 th January from 11am – 2pm
North Solihull Apprenticeship Show	Wednesday 28 th January 5pm – 7pm. Learners must book a time slot for after period 5.
UCB	Wednesday 4 th February from 4.30pm – 7.30pm
BMET	Wednesday 25 th February from 4pm-7pm
Solihull College	Tuesday 24 th March from 5pm 7.30pm

Useful Careers Websites:

Research career ideas: <https://www.unifrog.org/> & <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

To search and apply for apprenticeships or traineeships use <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
<https://www.gov.uk/find-traineeship>.

Other Useful Websites:

www.ucas.com www.icould.com <https://targetcareers.co.uk/> <https://www.barclayslifefskills.com/>