

# LYNDON SCHOOL CAREERS & POST 16 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the latest edition of Lyndon School's Careers and Post 16 Newsletter. Year 11 learners will be leaving us later this term and we wish them every success in the next exciting stage of their life. All learners should have by now secured college offers or be having interviews over the coming weeks. We will continue to support them with their transition if this is needed and please do look out for our email updates with relevant information. If any learners or parents/carers 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](mailto:Julie.Carey@lyndon.org.uk)

Although we expect all learners to have commenced the next phase of their learning journey in September, we do continue to contact some learners 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, you may be contacted by a member of the SMBC Post 16 Tracking Team by phone, text, e-mail, or letter from May 2026 onwards. They may also make contact from September 2026 to confirm if learners took up their offer or if the situation has changed.

## **Solihull Sixth Form College**

Solihull Sixth Form College have confirmed that their 'Welcome to College Day' will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026. Pre-Enrolment will be on GCSE Results Day and the in-person enrolment interviews will be Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Learners will be able to book their enrolment appointment slot on GCSE Results Day.

Solihull Sixth Form College have produced a range of materials for Year 11 learners who are progressing onto A level or BTEC study next year. These "Bridging the Gap" resources are aimed at showing learners what they will be doing when they move into Year 12 and will be useful preparation for their studies. The resources are currently being updated and will be available later this term via <https://www.solihullsfsc.ac.uk/courses/teaching-learning/bridging-the-gap>

## **Solihull College**

Learners should hear from Solihull College over the summer with enrolment information. Learners need to regularly check their emails and junk emails for this information. This is also the case for learners who are still awaiting their interview date. It may be a good idea to contact the college if nothing is heard within 4 weeks of the application submission.

## **Apprenticeships**

Learners interested in gaining an apprenticeship should continue to check the government's website as there are now vacancies available with a September starting date. Learners seeking apprenticeships should also have a college offer as a back-up to keep their options open. The website link is: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

The Amazing Apprenticeship website is also a great resource for both parents/carers and learners who want to research information on apprenticeships or T levels. The website address is <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

## **Birmingham Careers Service**

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 learners over the summer period by Solihull Council and Birmingham City Council. Learners residing in Birmingham can find information at [www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/](http://www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/) and learners residing in Solihull should contact [skillsforsuccess@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:skillsforsuccess@solihull.gov.uk)

Part-time work or volunteering is a good way to build up employability skills and a Curriculum Vitae. The below link has factsheets with information and tips on holiday work plus writing a Curriculum Vitae:

<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>

## Supported Internships

For information on supported internships for learners with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), please see [Supported Internships – Birmingham Careers Service](#)

## Ongoing Careers Support

If after leaving Lyndon, your circumstances change and you are considering withdrawing from your course, please email Mrs Carey via [julie.carey@lyndon.org.uk](mailto:julie.carey@lyndon.org.uk) for further support. The below links also have helpful guidance and support:

Birmingham residents: <https://www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/>

Solihull residents: <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/jobs-and-training/jobseekers-tips#paragraph-id-4848>

## Upcoming Dates and Open Events

The below information is subject to change so please check with the college before attending.

BMET (Matthew Boulton Campus)	28 <sup>th</sup> April 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Queen Alexandra College	21 <sup>st</sup> May for learners with an EHCP.
Access Creative College	27 <sup>th</sup> June from 11am – 2pm
HOET (Football Education Academy)	Football trials can be booked via: <a href="https://hoet.co.uk/warwickfootballeducationacademy/">https://hoet.co.uk/warwickfootballeducationacademy/</a>

## 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>

## Other Useful Websites:

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) [www.icould.com](http://www.icould.com) <https://targetcareers.co.uk/> <https://www.barclayslifeskills.com/>