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Explore Your Options



Now is the time to start thinking about what you are going to do at the end of your second year of your level 3 programme of study. There are various different options you can consider including applying to university, looking for apprenticeships, joining the forces, starting a job with an in-house training scheme or taking a year out. Whatever you do, you need to plan it. Look at [Skills4Worcestershire](#) for more information and ideas

Universities offering virtual open days!



Many Universities have been quick to respond to some of the challenges of Covid19 and have arranged the opportunity for potential students to attend virtual open events, subject taster sessions and to speak virtually with existing students and potential lecturing staff. Here is a list of just a few of these exciting events coming up:



Newman University [Student and Parent Information Webinar](#), Thursday 7th May

Aston University [Mathematics and Engineering Taster Session](#)

Loughborough University [HE at Home Sessions](#) designed to inspire and inform you about different subject areas available at higher education level

London Met University [Virtual Applicant Day](#) on 3rd July

Use www.unitasterdays.com to find more events!



If you are considering applying for university sign up to the [UCAS HUB](#) to search for courses, universities and to calculate your tariff points

Apprenticeships



If you are considering applying for an apprenticeship make sure you know the application procedure and deadline dates, there is lots of information including live and pre-recorded broadcasts on the [Amazing Apprenticeships](#) website as well as the [Worcestershire Apprenticeships Hub](#). Some of the bigger apprenticeship employers will begin their recruitment processes fairly soon. Here is a snapshot of a few that will be advertised within the next few months for summer 2021 start dates:



BBC Degree Apprenticeships in Production Engineering, Journalism, Data Science and Business

Goldman Sachs Engineering Degree Apprenticeship

HSBC Banking and Finance Degree Apprenticeship

Gap Year



If you're thinking about taking a gap year then now is a great time to do some research. A gap year can involve so many different elements and there is a lot of planning you will need to do in order to make it as good as possible. Take a listen to [The Gap Year Podcast](#) for some really interesting ideas on where you can go, what you can do and how best to plan. Below is a short list of some of the websites you could use to begin your journey:



Year Out Group - Research some of the best gap year travel programs

UCAS Alternatives - Offers some brilliant information, insights and links to help you explore what a gap year can offer

Camp America -Summer jobs in the USA

Oxford and Cambridge Virtual Student Conference



Would you like to gain an insight into studying at Oxford & Cambridge?

Hear what current students have to say?

Have the opportunity to hear about the application process?

The Oxford & Cambridge Conference this year is taking place on-line. Sessions are being launched on Wednesday 29th April commencing at 11am

Full information available on www.ocsc.org.uk and you should visit this link on the day to be directed to each of the webinar sessions

Careers and Student Services Team at WSFC here to help



Don't forget the Careers team are still available to help you in providing impartial information, advice and guidance to support you in reaching your full academic potential. We are currently available via the email address careers@wsfc.ac.uk and can help you to consider your options, guiding you with your UCAS or apprenticeship applications, check over CV's and discuss career planning and next steps.

In the meantime here are 4 ways that you can plan with purpose while in lockdown:



1. **Know Your Kicks!** - What gets you up in the morning? What makes you happy? What are you passionate about? Which subjects do you really enjoy? What industry are you inspired by? Check out this [TED Talk by Noeline Kirabo](#) where she talks about how she did, and you can, identify your career passions
2. **See Your Skills!** Consider what you are naturally good at, ask friends and family, look over feedback from your teachers and employers, make a list of your key skills and then look for ways that you can apply these to potential future jobs. If you're not sure complete the Skills Health Check [here](#)
3. **Nail Networking!** Social distancing doesn't need to mean that you can't communicate with people. Now is the time to reach out and to make professionally meaningful connections. Who do you know? Who do they know? Use the extra time you have to engage with people who are already working in the field that you want to enter. Set up a LinkedIn Account [here](#)
4. **Perfect Your Portfolio!** Especially relevant for those looking to get into the creative sectors— future employers and universities are going to want to know what you did with your creativity during lockdown. Why not devise a special project for yourself to document your lockdown experience in some way? The very least you should be doing is organising your files so that they are ready to show when the time comes— some good information [here](#) about doing just that.

Last term the careers team ran a number of face to face and virtual sessions with you covering post 18 options that you can revisit on Moodle. Next term we will be supporting you in making university applications whether we are back at college or still living our lives remotely