



Careers Newsletter January 2021

Welcome to the first 'Careers Team' newsletter of 2021! We would like to share with you the careers team's activities for the next few weeks and invite you to continue using our service. **We are still available from 8.30am-4pm Monday to Friday during the lock-down period.**

Please make contact by using the 'Careers' email address: **careers@wsfc.ac.uk**. We can arrange to call you by telephone, live teams chat or respond by email.

The College's Careers Calendar to enable you to view the careers activities planned for the year can be accessed below.

[Careers Calendar](#)

Year 13 Students:

UCAS Deadline: You may have heard that the external deadline for UCAS applications has now been extended to Friday 29th January. **We strongly advise** that you work towards the original 15th January date (limited tutor time is available past this date to write your reference!) Student services are currently still available to check personal statements.

If you are starting to think about student finance and what action you may need to take, we have organised for Worcester University to prepare a Student Finance video for you. This will be made available to you week of 18th January.

Non- University students: We will start making contact with you next month to arrange 1:1 careers interviews to help you to plan your next steps. We will also be notifying you of a live virtual event being delivered during 'National Apprenticeship week' for you by Hereford & Worcester Group Training

Group. It will be relevant for students who are interested in gaining an apprenticeship in Engineering, Accountancy, Business Administration or Customer Service.

Year 12 Students:

In February we will start asking you to think about your post 18 Options (university, apprenticeship, employment, year out). **'Where Next?'** talks will be delivered by the careers team to help you to understand the options that are available to you and what you need to do to start progressing your ideas.

A booklet that we have produced to assist students and parents in this process can be found below.

[Guide to HE](#)

Foundation Year Students:

This month one to one careers interviews will be taking place with college careers advisers to help you to start thinking about your future options. For many students your aspiration will be to progress onto a course at Worcester Sixth Form College but for other students alternative college course or an apprenticeship may be your preferred choice. These sessions are aimed at helping you to navigate the options available to you.

For All Students:

Virtual Work Experience:

Current opportunities for in person work experience are limited, but there are many virtual work experience opportunities available. When making university, apprenticeship or employment applications there will be the expectation that you have explored the possibility of participating in virtual work experience.

Many opportunities are advertised on the college portal 'Impact' site. If you are unable to find something suitable please email our Employer Liaison & Work Experience Officer June Devonport for

assistance: June.devonport@wsfc.ac.uk

National Apprenticeship Week:

Week commencing 8th February is National Apprenticeship week. The focus of the week is to help students to understand what an apprenticeship is, the

different levels and vocational areas available. We plan to advertise relevant opportunities on the Impact opportunities site (found on the student portal) and directly to particular student groups.

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