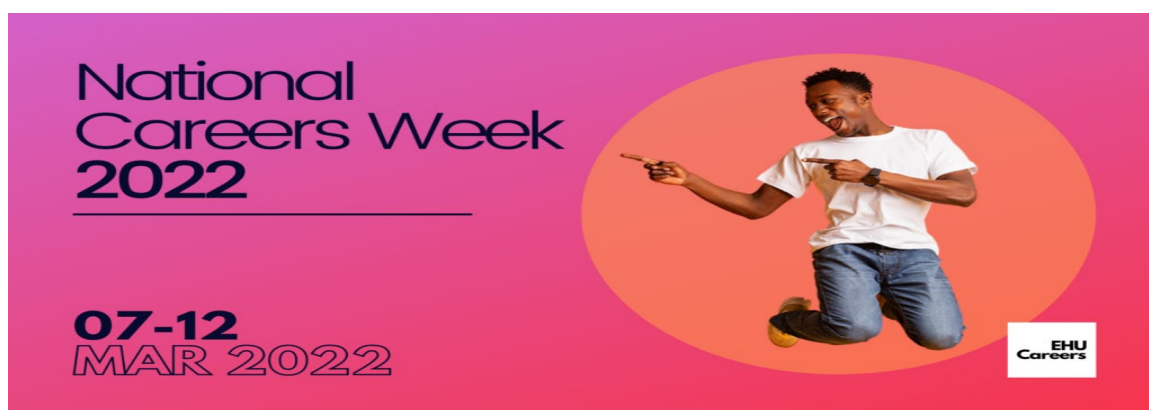


Careers Newsletter- February/March 2022

Dear Student, Parent or Carer

I would like to give you an update on some of the 'Careers' activities that have been happening in college so far this year and provide you with some information that I hope you will find useful.

Next Week is **NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK!**



We will be celebrating National Careers Week next week. Teachers in their lessons will be running sessions connecting their subject to careers areas. Also, we are promoting many virtual opportunities on the student portal for students to take part in.

Two useful links are:

UCAS Careers Week Discovery: <https://www.ucas.com/events/national-careers-week-2022-412176>

Worcester University Lecture Series, linking careers to the courses that they offer.
<https://www.worc.ac.uk/about/university-information/who-we-are/university-taster-days/national-careers-week-lecture-series.aspx>

Year 13:

UCAS: January continued to be a busy month for all working towards the university application deadline. This was the 'equal consideration' deadline, meaning that all applications received by this date will be considered equally by universities. **However, if a student still wants to apply this can be done by applying as a late applicant (up until 30th June). For further assistance with making a late application or UCAS Extra contact the careers team for further help: careers@wsfc.ac.uk.**

Student Finance:

As part of the tutorial programme students attended Student Finance talks which were delivered on site by universities. Please be advised that Student Finance Applications opened this week.

To apply for Student Finance: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance>



A useful site to assist in your understanding of student loans:

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes/>

Student grants/bursaries/sponsorship should be explored by contacting the universities that have been applied to. Also, look to <https://www.ucas.com/finance/additional-funding>

Non-University Students: Our non-university students are being contacted by the Careers Team on 'teams' chat to find out about future plans and offer a careers interview. It is possible to book a careers interview by going to the Student Services reception. Interviews are available Monday-Friday during term time.

Year 12:

Prior to half term all year 12 students attended two '**Where Next?**' Sessions. The first focusing on '**Alternatives to University**', including apprenticeships (during National Apprenticeship Week) and the second about '**Higher Education**'. The feedback from students following these sessions was overwhelmingly positive.

First year students have been given the option to go to the **Hereford and Worcester UCAS Exhibition** taking place on Thursday 24th January at Worcester University. Letters were given out during these sessions to be returned with a parent/carer signature (£2.50 coach fee/students in receipt of bursary free). Places are limited but if you didn't receive a letter, it may still be possible to attend - speak to the Students Services Coordinator (Student Services Reception).

Foundation Year:

We are continuing to work closely with foundation students on a one- to- one basis delivering careers guidance interviews assisting students to make a suitable progression choice. Additionally, we are excited about a trip that we are taking foundation students on next Friday (11th March) to the **UK University & Apprenticeship Search Fair** at Edgbaston Stadium. To find out more go to: www.UKuniversitysearch.com



Parents/Carers, please make sure that you have completed the reply slip giving consent.

Best Wishes

Linda Roberts

Head of Student Services