



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter aims to inform and update parents and students on key information, news, events and opportunities relating to Careers and the world of work.

Please use the links within the body of the newsletter to discover more information.

Spotlight

T LEVELS



October (2nd – 6th) marked **National T Level Week**

Launched in September 2020, T Levels are 2-year courses which are taken after GCSEs and are broadly **equivalent to 3 A Levels**. They have been developed in collaboration with employers and education providers so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for entry into **skilled employment, an apprenticeship or higher education**.

T Levels focuses on vocational skills. Students spend 80% of the course in their learning environment (college), gaining the skills that employers need. The other 20% is a **meaningful industry placement**, where they put these skills into action.

T Levels were **designed with leading businesses**, for example Lloyds Banking group, NHS, Nestlé, Yorkshire Water and Persimmon Homes, and are now supported by employers of all sizes to give students the workplace skills they need to succeed.

There are currently **over 20 T Level subjects** to choose from, including:

Business & Administration
Construction
Digital
Health And Science

Catering & Hospitality
Creative & Design
Engineering & Manufacturing
Legal, Finance & Accounting

Find out more using these links:

[T Levels for students](#) | [T Levels](#)
[T Levels](#) | [Discover Your Education Options](#) | [GMACS](#)
[T Levels](#) | [National Careers Service](#)

Or look on the websites of our local colleges.



CAREER OF THE MONTH

It's World Mental Health Day on the 10th October. This month we are looking at the role of a Counsellor.



[Career of the month: Counsellor - Indigo](#)

SIXTH FORM AND FE COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

Our Year 11 students have a busy month visiting colleges and making decisions about their future beyond West Hill School.

Support information shared in class, via email, on the school VLE and in the Careers office.



LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

Finding information about different job roles or career pathways: What do people actually do in this job industry? How many people work in this job/industry? How much do people get paid in this job/industry? Are there many jobs of this type in my local area? Are all important questions to consider in making informed and ambitious choices for the future.

Did you know GMACS can help you discover information about the top employment sectors in Greater Manchester?



[Manufacturing & Technology | Growth Sectors In GM | GMACS](#)



Manufacturing & technology

Manufacturing is all about making things – from biscuits and textiles to electronics and high-tech machinery. It also includes researching and developing new products, as well as running services such as purchasing.

Recently, the sector has moved towards using digital technology like artificial intelligence, automation and robotics. The need to make sustainable and low carbon products (including electricity) means that manufacturing is a vital sector to the modern economy.

Example careers
Mechanical engineers, tool makers, plant operatives, electrical engineers, packers

Major manufacturing and technology employers in Greater Manchester include:

Hitachi

Heinz

Siemens

Kelloggs

Unilever

PZ Cussons

P&G

McVities

Bakkavor

McBride

Click the link above to discover more

Are you an ex-student?



[Help us build our West Hill Old Boys network!](#)

Are you a local employer?



[Help us build our employer network!](#)



CAREERS ADVICE

Year 11 students are the current focus of our 1-1 career advice interviews. However, if any student would like an appointment with Mrs Davidson from Positive Steps just ask Mrs Appleby.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is Black History Month so why not check out Amazing Apprenticeships' collection of inspiring apprentice case studies in partnership with The Black Apprentice Network.



[The Black Apprentice Network Apprentice Stories - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS IN SCHOOL

- Year 11 'Why Higher Education' Assembly
- BBC Bitesize School Roadshow: Very exciting – Watch this space!
- Green Careers Week

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School website & VLE

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The following are events and opportunities that we have been made aware of and that might be of interest to some of our students and parents:



17TH OCTOBER 6.30 – 7.30PM Students and parents of Y10 – Y13.

IBM are holding an Early Careers Webinar to provide students with everything they need to know about starting a career in tech. Hear about the many different opportunities they have available and listen to current interns speak about their experience. Speak directly with the recruitment team and get all the hints and tricks you need to make your apprenticeship application stand out.

[IBM Webinar](#)



Want something to do during October Half-term?



[Virtual Work Experience tool | Barclays LifeSkills](#)

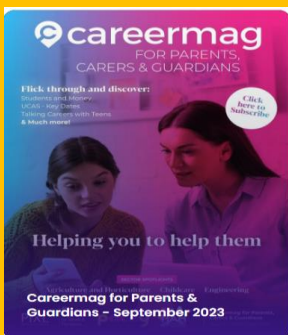
Giving students the opportunity to learn about the range of job roles and skills used within a bank by joining a Barclays LifeSkills online work experience placement on Monday 23rd October. The deadline to register is 16th October. The placement is free (students will need their own technology to join in)

The placement is available for young people in the UK aged 14-19.



“The Parent Perspective” is an exciting podcast series for parents and carers, helping them to support their children with careers advice and guidance. Series 3 is bigger and better than ever, led by our brilliant new host, Rachel Burden!

[The Parent Perspective Podcast - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)



Careermag for Parents & Guardians

Talking about careers can be daunting but Careermag will guide you through the maze of post-16 and post-18 options, so you can strike up the best career conversations with your children using expert advice and resources.

Sign up to download a copy of the magazine

[Careermag for Parents](#)

Virtual work experience



Registrations for the IMechE's Mechanical Engineering Virtual Work Experience (VWEX) are now open.

The interactive work experience programme will be **running across the October half-term from 23 to 27 October 2023**. The virtual work experience is free and **accessible to all students aged +13 worldwide** and features e-learning materials, activities, videos, quizzes and live webinars that provide participants with an insight into the exciting world of mechanical engineering.

The work experience programme provides an overview of the profession and covers how engineers tackle global challenges and improve people's lives. Students will engage with industry experts and learn about diverse opportunities in roles linked to climate change and sustainability, the future of transport, sports engineering and healthcare.

[Mechanical Engineering \(springpod.com\)](#)