



William Henry
Smith Foundation

The William Henry Smith School Careers Newsletter for Students and Parents – November 2025

The information in this newsletter is designed to be of benefit to **students** but also to help **parents** understand about the help and options available to young people. It is also a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links to read more information.

Careers Guidance in School

Hi everyone, my name is Adele Greenleaf, and I am head of careers at William Henry Smith School and our Careers advisor is Suzanne Impagliazzo who is employed **by C+K Careers**. C&K Careers come into school at various times of the year and have an advice stall at the Christmas and Summer fayre.

- **Christmas Fayre - Careers stand - Thursday 19th December**

We will be continuing to meet with Years 8-13 students for one-to-one appointments, and this will continue throughout this term.

In summary, our job is to:

- *Help identify your personal qualities and skills
- *Explore your interests, likes, family influences, personal barriers and work experience
- *Help you to research ideas for study, training and employment
- *Help to discover future and current opportunities
- *Understand how to search for jobs and apprenticeships
- *Help create a CV and prepare for interview
- *Help you to develop employability skills to enable you to be work ready

We are keen for students to make their own informed decisions based on careers guidance meetings and high-quality careers and labour market information. You will be given an appointment in morning registration to allow you out of your lesson for the duration of the appointment. If you have yet to make some decisions for after Year 11, it's important that you let us know so that we can meet with you **as soon as possible**.

Upcoming careers events in Kirklees and Calderdale for 2025

See the latest careers events for young people considering their next steps in the Kirklees and Calderdale area. Find out how to attend.

Careers events in Kirklees and Calderdale

Are you a young person considering your next steps after exams?

Events are a useful way of gathering information. You get chance to speak directly with career professionals, training providers and careers advisers. It might help you discover a pathway you didn't know about or give you chance to answer some questions.

Calderdale College

Thursday 4th November 4.30 - 7.30

Leeds City College

Wednesday 19th November 4.30 - 7.30

T: 0113 386 1997 <https://leedscitycollege.ac.uk>

T: 0113 532 4428 <https://leedssixthform.ac.uk>

Check websites for dates and times

Apprenticeships

Some of you have expressed an interest in going into the apprenticeships when you are 16 and after school.

Normally, within an **apprenticeship** you will be **working with an employer** for most of the week and **going to a training provider or college** for a day a week **to gain a qualification**.
<https://www.ckcareers.co.uk/c-k-news/everything-you-need-to-know-about-apprenticeships>

One of the ways to **apply for an apprenticeship** is to go to the **National Apprenticeship Website and search for vacancies** in your area of interest. You can find this website here www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

C+K Careers also list vacancies on their website when they are available:
<https://ck.mydirections.co.uk/>

Some **colleges and training providers list companies they work with who have vacancies**, but **just because you get accepted on to an apprenticeship programme with a college, this does not mean they will automatically find you an employer**. This is your responsibility.

You may want to **ask local companies or individuals whether they would take you on as an apprentice**.

Green careers of the future

Find out about green jobs and what green career opportunities there are for the future.

The climate emergency is a concern for everyone, particularly for younger generations worried about their futures and what opportunities await them.

Governments around the world are under mounting pressure to stop global warming and reduce carbon emissions across every level of society. This shift is leading to the creation of new jobs and emerging 'green careers' within renewable and sustainable industries.

The 'net zero' targets set by the UK government are set to impact the way businesses run, leading to changes in the way people work and the creation of new jobs. The UK government has said it is planning to create 2 million green jobs by 2030

What are green jobs?

Green jobs are found within organisations that focus on restoring or preserving the natural environment and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It may be the organisation produces renewable energy or products, or that they operate with net zero practices.

Some examples include:

- Renewable energy
- ECO homebuilding
- Sustainable farming
- Environmental science
- Conservation

The government has predicted that most jobs will be 'green' by 2050

To find out more go to this link.

<https://www.ckcareers.co.uk/c-k-news/green-careers-of-the-future>

It is worth having an offer of a **full-time college place as a back-up** just in case you are unsuccessful in securing an apprenticeship after school. Bear in mind, you can pursue an apprenticeship after a college course or at any stage in life, so all is not lost if you don't find one immediately after school.

Unsure or require further advice and guidance?

If you have **any questions or queries, we are here to help**. Even if you have already had a careers meeting, you are welcome to request further appointments until you are feeling confident about your plans.

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