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**The William Henry Smith School Careers Newsletter for Students and Parents – May 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.

Summer prize giving – Careers stand – Thursday 17th July.

We will be continuing to meet with Years 9-13 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.**

**Open Events**

Another piece of vital research can be carried out by going to some **Open Events** at colleges and sixth forms. Forthcoming open events:

**Kirklees College (all Huddersfield centres)**

24 June 2025, 5.00 - 7.00pm

14 June 2025, 10.00am - 12.00pm

**Leeds City College**

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

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

Check websites for dates and times

If you would like to learn more about careers at JD this virtual work experience is bursting with engaging content . [Dominate the Highstreet – Virtual Work Experience with JD | Springpod](https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/dominate-the-highstreet-virtual-work-experience-with-jd/WEXP-00470?utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-_9Yoz6WkUFqNL3vJq-MArD95pRTEu3wES2lUZfKZWBbS2dH2xBiOJoQxHmdnw4tEf9lIPf5ZxOkSIg4_RJlMculXkqUm_nzlWesRPGv_E2rVaZcig&_hsmi=359452192&utm_content=359452192&utm_source=hs_email)

OpenAI, the creators of ChatGPT have released a range of training courses. [ChatGPT at Work | OpenAI Academy](https://academy.openai.com/public/collections/chatgpt-at-work-2025-02-14)

This website is amazing for anyone interested in careers in Art. With information from UI UX Design and interior design to Automotive and Gold course design. [Art Careers - Explore Hundreds of Careers in Art & Design](https://theartcareerproject.com/careers/#careers)

Destination Stem is a new Newsletter offering advice and information on placements, competition and networking. It also helps you explore the STEM Pathways. [Destination STEM](https://www.destinationstem.org.uk/)

The aviation authority have launched three new work experience programmes to help you learn about aviation related careers.

[Aviation and Aerospace: Sustainable Aircraft | Springpod](https://www.springpod.com/work-experience-sprints/aviation-and-aerospace-sustainable-aircraft/WEXS-00467?queryID=8ac01910ccdc37c6b0f2f8fc462de987&pos=3&fromUrl=%2Fvirtual-work-experience%2Fsearch%3FrefinementList%255Bstatuses%255D%255B0%255D%3DCOMING_SOON%26refinementList%255Bstatuses%255D%255B1%255D%3DAPPLICATION_CLOSING_SOON%26refinementList%255Bstatuses%255D%255B2%255D%3DOPEN_FOR_APPLICATION)

[Aviation and Aerospace: Airport Security | Springpod](https://www.springpod.com/work-experience-sprints/aviation-and-aerospace-airport-security/WEXS-00465?queryID=5a98a72f2a8190266cc31679a91228e4&pos=3&fromUrl=%2Fvirtual-work-experience%2Fsearch%3FrefinementList%255Bstatuses%255D%255B0%255D%3DCOMING_SOON%26refinementList%255Bstatuses%255D%255B1%255D%3DAPPLICATION_CLOSING_SOON%26refinementList%255Bstatuses%255D%255B2%255D%3DOPEN_FOR_APPLICATION)

[Lift Off - with the Civil Aviation Authority | Springpod](https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/lift-off-with-the-civil-aviation-authority/WEXP-00274?queryID=8ac01910ccdc37c6b0f2f8fc462de987&pos=5&fromUrl=%2Fvirtual-work-experience%2Fsearch%3FrefinementList%255Bstatuses%255D%255B0%255D%3DCOMING_SOON%26refinementList%255Bstatuses%255D%255B1%255D%3DAPPLICATION_CLOSING_SOON%26refinementList%255Bstatuses%255D%255B2%255D%3DOPEN_FOR_APPLICATION)

[Your Flying Future](https://events.zoom.us/ev/AnfIw8FALhoQlW6G8vgnMMaBub0wmg17Ntu65AGaF57WK2kK7-_Y~Aj6nUxDh4catoyeqxyg7RTX_Ya1HOeslLSw7kqJOyJfQEyeSvKQx0_2tTA)

**Apprenticeships**

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

This route is certainly not an easy one but can be tremendously rewarding if you find the right employer and the right job role.

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**.

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](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

**C+K Careers also list vacancies on their website when they are available:**

[**https://ck.mydirections.co.uk/**](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.**

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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