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# Careers Newsletter



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I write to introduce you to our first Careers Newsletter. The aim of this newsletter is to keep you updated on local opportunities, information and events related to careers.

We believe it is important for our students to have as much information about potential careers, as early as possible. It is important that we prepare everyone to make informed choices about their future.

When you consider that setting goals provides direction and purpose - it is no surprise that exploring future careers helps students to become more motivated and increases their chances of achieving their best at school.

The growing number of career choices, means that many of our students will change jobs several times throughout their lifetime. This increase in changing jobs can already be seen in today's society and in these uncertain times it is important that we equip our students with essential 'career management' skills.

We hope that you find this newsletter informative and that it equips you to further explore careers at home.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rowlands

Where can I find out more information about careers in school?

After half-term, parents, students, staff and employers will be able to access our new Careers Section on the Tarpoley High School website.

Students can also access the Careers area on the VLE

Careers boards located inside year group zones

Half-termly newsletter for students, parents and staff

## The Careers Team



Mrs Rowlands, Careers Lead

Responsible for delivery of the school's careers programme and holds an overview of careers provision for the Gatsby Benchmarks.



Mr Nuttall, Student Development SLT

Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for student development, including Careers provision.



Mrs Snee, Careers Advisor

To provide impartial information, advice and guidance, helping our students to make realistic choices about their education, training and work.



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# What careers support do we offer Students?



Our careers education, information, advice and guidance delivery includes:

- Careers education sessions during our three Aspire days, due to Covid-19 restrictions this year, this provision will be provided during our Wednesday enrichment slot. Key themes include; employability skills, stereotypes, employer, FE & HE encounters, local labour market information and Post-14, Post-16 and Post-18 pathways.
- Y7 -11 Step Up booklets completed during tutor time. The booklets provide skills to ensure progression with student's career development.
- 1:1 career guidance interview with a professionally qualified and experienced Careers Advisor for all students in Y11. Students in Y7-Y10 can request an interview through their tutor. 6<sup>th</sup> form students are offered the opportunity of another interview.
- Work experience, students in Y10 will undertake a two-week placement in June/July and students in Y12 will undertake a one-week placement in March. Due to the current pandemic we are reviewing our provision for this academic year.
- Start online platform, students from Y7-Y11 create a Start profile providing them with the opportunity to investigate labour market information such as pathways, local employer information and opportunities, employability skills. Students revisit the platform throughout their journey and have the opportunity to record their development. More information regarding the platform will be sent out after half-term, however, the link to the specific Chester and Warrington area can be found in the useful websites later in the newsletter.
- Year 9 Options process support through aspire day sessions focusing on pathways and decision-making, assemblies, options evening and parents evening.
- Year 11 Post-16 support through aspire day sessions focusing on pathways and decision-making, assemblies, 6<sup>th</sup> form open evening, FE college talks and information on how to access Apprenticeship vacancies.
- Careers Displays in each subject area to highlight possible jobs where the subject can lead. Careers and employability skills are embedded into lessons by all subject areas.
- We track the destinations of all our pupils as they prepare to finish Year 11 and 13, supporting them to move on to their chosen pathway.

# Post -16 Options



The decisions students make about their next steps, are very important ones. We are here to support all of our Year 11 students with making informed choices. Our Careers Adviser will start her careers interview guidance sessions from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October and all students in year 11 will receive a careers guidance interview throughout the year.



The advice is impartial and always in the best interests of the young person.

Careers guidance interviews can also be provided on request, students or parents should speak to their tutor who can pass on the request.

## Open events

Tarporley High School 6<sup>th</sup> Form virtual open evening will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Our sixth form team has been sending out lots of information and Y11 students will have an assembly this week and further information will be sent leading up to the evening.

Following on from my email to Y11 students and parents last week, here are some of the open events offered by local colleges:



[Virtual open evenings throughout October November](#)



[Virtual experiences October dates](#)



[Virtual open day 17<sup>th</sup> October](#)



[Virtual open evening Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October](#)

It is important that students register prior to the events and I would advise using the links above to reach the relevant pages for registration.

After half-term, Y11 students will have the opportunity to engage with some of our local colleges during virtual Q&A sessions.

Top tips:

1. Get your applications completed as early as possible.
2. Look around lots of providers to see what is available
3. Have a Plan B, in case Plan A doesn't work out
4. Use the support and advice available

# Post-16 Useful websites



Where can I find out more information about my choices?

Start Profile - [www.startincheshireandwarrington.com](http://www.startincheshireandwarrington.com)

The front page to the platform provides parents & students with information about the local labour market.

Proceed to log in to access the platform itself.



Find an Apprenticeship service at

[www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)

Find out about apprenticeships



Amazing Apprenticeships Parent Pack

Access the monthly pack produce to support parents with apprenticeship Advice

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/parents/>



National Careers Service

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Loads of useful information on over 800 jobs explaining what the jobs entail, the skills and qualifications needed, pay and career prospects.



Careers guidance website for Parent

<https://www.parentalguidance.org.uk/>

Parental Guidance

Careers information and advice from the Careers Writers Association

LearnLive

Access to interactive live sessions and on demand videos from employers providing insight into different industries [www.learnliveuk.com/education](http://www.learnliveuk.com/education)



Find information on Traineeships

[www.gov.uk/government/collections/traineeships--2](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/traineeships--2)



University information

For those thinking further ahead or considering subject combinations, find information on university courses

at - [www.theuniguide.co.uk](http://www.theuniguide.co.uk)



Army and RAF information

For more information on army recruitment and how to join use <https://apply.army.mod.uk/how-to-join>

RAF – please click on RAF image



# Virtual Opportunities



InvestIN Education offer a range of fee-paying work experience opportunities throughout the year.



We write to update you on the availability of our "Live Online" work experience programmes for this term. We have 20 industries to choose from in 5 categories: Medicine, Business, STEM, Law & Politics and Creative.

**Weekend Programmes:** See below a list of all 20 programmes and how close they are to capacity. Some programmes are almost full. Students can click on any programme name to register.

## Weekend Programmes & Availability

**Medical Programmes**

**Live Online**

[The Young Doctor Programme](#) 85% full

[The Young Dentist Programme](#) 70% full

[The Young Vet Programme](#) 70% full





# Virtual Opportunities



## STEM Programmes



[The Young Engineer Programme](#) 75% full

[The Young Psychologist Programme](#) 80% full

[The Young Architect Programme](#) 60% full

[The Young Computer Scientist Programme](#) 70% full

## Law & Politics Programmes



[The Young Lawyer Programme](#) 85% full

[The Young Political Leader Programme](#) 65% full

[The Young International Development Expert Programme](#) 60% full

## Business Programmes



[The Young Investment Banker Programme](#) 80%

[The Young Marketing Manager Programme](#) 65% full

[The Young Management Consultant Programme](#) 60% full

[The Young Entrepreneur Programme](#) 65% full

# Virtual Opportunities



## Creative Programmes

Live Online

[The Young Artist Programme](#) 50% full

[The Young Fashion Designer Programme](#) 75% full

[The Young Filmmaker Programme](#) 75% full

[The Young Journalist Programme](#) 65% full

[The Young Music Producer Programme](#) 50% full



## UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair

Join us at the free UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair on **Wednesday 11th November**, designed to feel exactly like a Careers Fair, just on your laptop! Over 90 universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers will be attending, making it the best place to explore all your post-18 options.

- Explore Russell Group, red brick, modern and specialist universities.
- Personal Statement webinars led by universities at 1pm and 5pm.
- Chat directly with university and apprenticeship representatives and ask questions.

The fair will run from 12pm to 6pm so you can **visit at school or at home**. The event is perfect for Years 13, 12 and 11 - whether you're finishing off your UCAS application or looking for inspiration.

[Find out More and Book](#)

# Virtual Opportunities

A promotional poster for the 'Ellesmere Port and Chester Virtual Career & Education EXPO'. The poster features a background image of three people (two men and one woman) looking at a laptop screen. The text on the poster includes the 'THE ELLESMERE PORT AND CHESTER PLEDGE' logo, the event title 'Ellesmere Port and Chester Virtual Career & Education EXPO', the date and time 'Thursday 15th October 2020 10am-12pm', and a list of benefits. The background is dark blue with orange and white accents.

THE ELLESMERE PORT AND CHESTER  
**PLEDGE**

## Ellesmere Port and Chester Virtual Career & Education EXPO

Thursday 15th October 2020 10am-12pm

Be part of The Pledge's first virtual Careers & Education EXPO.  
Free and open to all in Ellesmere Port and Chester especially those in Year 9 - Year 13 including parents/carers.

Watch a series of videos and take part in our live, fully moderated chat function, allowing you to ask questions safely and directly to employers and education providers during the live event. Whether you are deciding on subjects to study or careers to pursue, this is a great step to help you to explore your options.

- ✓ Meet a wide range of local employers.
- ✓ Learn about apprenticeships and T-level progression routes.
- ✓ Understand your local college options and ask questions directly.
- ✓ Find out more about going to university and interact with local universities.

We are excited to announce our first 'Chester and Ellesmere Port Virtual Careers & Education EXPO' organised by The Pledge Partnership for Cheshire & Warrington on Thursday 15th October 10am – 12 noon. A second session will also now run from 5pm that evening.

This event is free and open to all within Chester, Blacon, Tarporley, Ellesmere Port, Neston and Helsby, especially those in Year 9 – Year 13 including parents/carers.

The purpose of this event is to enable students to explore ideas of what subjects to study, careers to pursue, build networks with businesses and understand educational pathways and opportunities.

Whilst we are aware most students will not be able to access the event during the day, we will be using videos from the event with Y9-Y11 during Aspire sessions.

Parents and carers are also welcome to access the event and registration for the event can be found on the link below:

<https://learnliveuk.com/ellesmere-port-and-chester-pledge-expo/>



# Helping your child with careers decisions



An increasingly competitive job market, high youth unemployment, and rising fees for higher education all impact on a young person's plans, making it even more important for them to make the right choices for their education, training and employment.

As they make choices and plans for the future, young people need support from the people who know them best, their families. There are many ways that parents can offer support with choices. Here are a few ideas for parents.

- Talk to your child about careers they are interested in. Find out what they know already and encourage them to find out more.
- Encourage your child to find out about what courses, jobs and training opportunities are available locally using the sources available to them.
- Visit the Start platform with your child and discuss their interests, skills and qualities. Encourage them to engage with local labour market information and recognise important employability skills.
- Find out what choices your child has to make in Year 9.
- Make the most of open day opportunities. Your child may be considering post 16 study at a different institution to their current school and it is important to explore all of the options.
- Encourage your child to investigate alternative pathways such as Apprenticeships and traineeships so they are fully informed of all options available.
- Get involved with plans for post-18 study. If your child is intending to enter higher education they need to plan ahead carefully. They need to think about:
  - what subject/s they want to study
  - which institutions offer relevant courses
  - whether the program of study suits their needs
  - will their GCSE grades and expected results from A levels (or equivalent) meet the **course's entry** requirements?
  - whether there is a work placement as part of the course
  - whether they want to study close to home or move further afield; and
  - whether the campus offers other facilities which are important to them e.g. sports facilities.

It is important to support your child to reach their own decisions about their future. Providing support and encouragement is immensely important and the more you know about the information, advice and guidance that is available and where it can be accessed the better.

The next page provides the latest labour market information for the Chester and Warrington area.

# Labour Market Information

\*LMI obtained from the Office for National Statistics and Gov.uk. Poster last updated August 2020

\*\* Data used in this poster covers the period April - June 2020 and includes furloughed workers

## Cheshire & Warrington LEP

Cheshire East, Halton, Warrington, Cheshire West & Chester



### Employment

UK - 76.4%  
LEP - 80.2%



### Unemployment

UK - 3.9%  
LEP - 3.3%

16-64 year old population = 563,200 Total population = 930,800

### Full-Time Salary



UK Average - £30,414  
LEP Average - £29,499

### Self-Employment



10.7%

67,900 people in the region are self-employed

### Apprenticeships

There are approximately 1,018 live vacancies within a 40 mile radius of Middlewich, including...

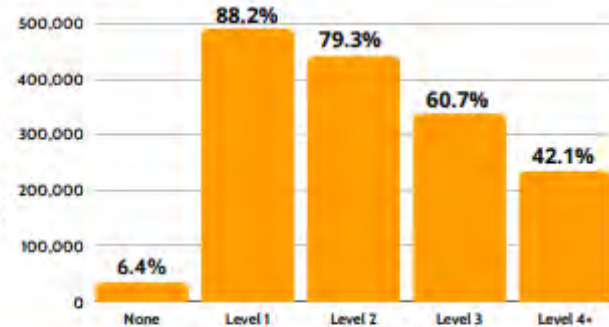
- Vehicle Maintenance & Repair
- Laboratory Technician
- Bricklaying
- Teaching Assistant
- Beauty Therapy
- Dental Nursing
- Gas Engineering
- Software Developer
- Healthcare
- Digital Marketing

Plus many more! Find local opportunities on [www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/)



### Qualification levels

441,900 people have at least a level 2 qualification such as GCSEs or an NVQ.



### Where do people work right now?

#### Most jobs

- Wholesale & Retail - 85,000 (17.3%)
- Science & Technology - 65,000 (13.3%)
- Health & Social Care - 52,000 (10.6%)
- Administration - 46,000 (9.4%)
- Manufacturing - 41,000 (8.4%)

#### Fewest jobs

- Arts & Entertainment - 12,000 (2.4%)
- Real Estate - 7,000 (1.4%)
- Water, Sewerage & Waste - 4,000 (0.8%)
- Electricity, Gas & Air - 1,750 (0.4%)
- Mining & Quarrying - 600 (0.1%)

#### Growth Sectors

- Transport
- Energy
- Health and Social Care
- Science and Innovation
- I.T and Cyber Security

There are many other sectors that will grow in your region

### What are some of the region's big name employers?

