



ABK FUTURES

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New Careers Newsletter

We are very pleased and excited to be sending this first issue of the ABK Futures Newsletter to you. The aim of the newsletter is to keep you updated and informed on careers education that is taking place in school. It will also include information and links for students to engage in careers related opportunities with external education providers and businesses. We hope that you find the content interesting and informative.

New Careers Webpages

We are pleased to be able to inform you that we have redesigned our Careers pages on the school website. You will be able to find information on Careers Education in school and links for both parents/carers and students to engage in careers related information and guidance. The Careers pages can be accessed from the homepage via 'ABK Careers', on the 'Curriculum' tab. The link for the pages is below:

<https://www.alderbrookschool.co.uk/abkcareers/>

Introduction to our Careers Coordinator, Mrs Esta Leawal

'I am a Social Sciences Graduate with a post-graduate diploma in Career Guidance and QCG (CDI) with 20 years' experience managing major projects across retention, recruitment and careers guidance in the commercial and social arenas. Experience in industry includes business development and management. As well as working with Social enterprises and local councils, I have a wealth of experience working with a diverse range of students across schools in Birmingham and Solihull.

I take pride in providing, impartial advice and guidance to all students by delivering information on further education, apprenticeships, and employment. I am also pro-actively involved in building business relationships and employer partnerships to enable students to leave school with the required work skills and experience.

I believe that raising aspirations is vital and enables students to view their own potential and see what is possible.'

Activities delivered this year at Alderbrook include:

- One to one and group sessions (Year 9-13)
- Multi-agency work (collaboration with local enterprise hub, colleges and universities)
- Events including the Alderbrook Careers Convention
- Disseminating information on various external opportunities to students
- Developing resources for the Careers pages of the website

We have a range of other exciting opportunities in the pipeline for spring and summer terms, such as Practice Interview Day and Industry talks.

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Introduction to our Enterprise Advisor, Anne Ranahan

'To introduce myself, I am the CIPD Enterprise Advisor for Alderbrook School, CIPD being the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, of which I am a Fellow [FCIPD]. I am an experienced HR Practitioner specialising in recruitment, with over 30 years' experience across a range of employment models. My main experience comes from work with public sector organisations across the UK.

I am pleased to be appointed as the Enterprise Advisor at Alderbrook School as I am committed to guiding young people in their career choices. I have experience of work with schools on interview skills preparation and regularly mentor students seeking apprenticeships, study in Further Education and Higher Education and those pursuing employment opportunities.

For 2022 I am supporting Alderbrook School Careers Leads with the development of their Careers Microsite together with the introduction of an Interview Skills Day in July.'

Careers Education in School

This is a summary of the Careers topics that have been delivered to students so far this year:

September 21: Target Setting - years 7-11

December 2021:

Year 7 - Setting Goals for each subject

Year 8 - Financial Health

Year 9 - Skills for Success

Year 10 - Financial Security

Year 11 - Employability

January 2022: Your Future Matters

Year 7 - Exploring Career Paths

Year 8 - Options

Year 9 - Intro to Sixth Form

Year 10 - BTECs and T-Levels

Year 11 - Revision Skills

We have introduced an online careers platform for students called XELLO (more about this in future ABK Futures newsletters)

CAREEROMETER is an online Career comparison tool and is available on the ABK Careers section of the website


Coming up later this year:

JULY 2022:



YOUR FUTURE MATTERS 2



Upcoming Careers Opportunities for Students

Employer Opportunities			
Organisation	Dates	Summary	Link
	10 February	Royal Air Force Virtual Event In association with World Space Week, RAF Access All Areas is back again on Thursday 10th February 2022 at 18:30 - 20:30 This free virtual event will explore the many roles available within the Royal Air Force. To book click on the link.	RAF Virtual Event - Access All Areas Tickets, Thu 10 Feb 2022 at 18:30 Eventbrite
	Until 13 March	Severn Trent Apprenticeship Programme Applications are now open for Severn Trent 2022 Apprenticeship Programme until 13 March, with opportunities available in Birmingham.	Apprenticeship programmes Apprenticeships Graduates, Undergraduates and Apprentices Careers Severn Trent Plc
	Various dates in June, July and August	HSBC Work Experience opportunities The Work Experience programme at HSBC UK offers a five-day shadowing experience to students in the later years of full-time secondary education, sixth form or college. There are a variety of dates available and applications are open until 16 February.	UK Work Experience Programme HSBC Holdings plc
	7-11 March	Your Game Plan – Industry Insights	Industry Insights Event - Your Game Plan






		<p>Your Game Plan and Campus Media have teamed up to provide a daily FREE live stream across the week 7-11 March 2022 where each day will give insight into a different industry. This will be available as both a live stream and on-demand.</p>	
 Apprenticeships		<p>The parent and carers January pack is now available to share with your parents.</p> <p>A new events calendar has been uploaded to the Amazing Apprenticeships website where you can view all upcoming events, webinars etc in one place. View it here</p> <p>Weekly apprenticeship and traineeship vacancy reports are now available showing all live vacancies broken down by local authority. To sign up to receive the reports, please send an email request noting the region you require.</p>	<p>Resources for parents and guardians (apprenticeships.gov.uk)</p> <p>NAW2022 - Amazing Apprenticeships</p>
	Various dates	<p>Careers Hours Sessions</p> <p>Sign up to the forthcoming Careers Hours Sessions hosted by the CEC and Learn Live.</p> <p>10 Feb 2022 Digital (National Apprenticeship Week 7-13 Feb)</p> <p>24 Mar 2022 Construction</p> <p>12 May 2022 Health (nurses' week is 6-12 May)</p> <p>7 Jul 2022 Retail and supply chain</p>	Booking links in summary






	<p>Now-4 March 2022</p>	<p>Pathway to STEM at Aston University</p> <p>Aston University are delighted to confirm that applications for the next cohort on the Pathway to STEM programme are now open! Applications should be completed via the online application form before 5.00pm on Friday 4th March 2022.</p>	<p>Pathway to STEM Aston University</p>
		<p>UniFest Summer School</p> <p>UniFest Summer Schools are a free opportunity for Year 10 students to learn more about higher education and to gain insight into what life is like as a university student. It is a targeted programme. Universities ensure places are offered to young people who meet certain criteria, using a weighted system to identify and prioritise applicants based on information about their backgrounds gathered as part of the application process.</p>	<p>UniFest 2022 - Aimhigher West Midlands (aimhigherwm.ac.uk)</p>
		<p>Institute of Civil Engineering (ICE) Careers talks videos</p> <p>The complete set of ICE Inspiration Series videos, recorded in 2020 during the pandemic, provides all the students need to choose a career path in civil engineering.</p>	<p>Civil engineering careers talks for 16 to 18-year-olds Institution of Civil Engineers (ice.org.uk)</p>
	<p>January to April</p>	<p>PWC Virtual Classroom</p>	<p>Sign up now</p>



		<p>From January to April, we'll be running a range of themed sessions for students, parents, teachers and carers, to help students feel prepared when they start their career search. The sessions include: 'building your confidence and personal brand', 'how to prepare for an interview' and 'the skills we look for'.</p>	
 Apprenticeships	<p>Application close</p> <p>14 February at 11.55am</p>	<p>Applications open for Economist Degree Apprenticeship</p> <p>Starting in September 2022, applications are open now for over 60 vacancies nationwide, with departments such as the HM Treasury and the Department for Work and Pensions.</p>	<p>Download candidate pack and apply</p>
 Quality in Careers >>>>	<p>14 February</p>	<p>Quality in Careers Standard – Virtual Event</p> <p>Learn more about the national Quality in Careers Standard. Our 2021 Virtual Event is now closed and will be replaced with a new Event on 14th February.</p> <p>The Event is all pre-recorded. It includes an introduction from the Quality in Careers Director, with the opportunity then for you to pick from a series of short, pre-recorded videos</p>	<p>To access the Virtual Event on 14 February 2022 you'll need to register here</p>
	<p>7-12 March</p>	<p>Virtual Careers Fair</p> <p>The Virtual Careers Fair will go live on day 1 of Careers Week. All you need to do is share the website address with students.</p>	<p>Welcome - 2022 NCW Virtual Careers Fair (ncw2022.co.uk)</p>



		<p>No registration required</p> <p>No data is collected from students.</p> <p>Tons of opportunities for students to explore</p>	
 SPEAKERS for schools ACCESS ALL AREAS		<p>Speakers for Schools opportunities:</p> <p>9th Feb: 10:00-11:30: The NHS - Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust</p> <p>10th Feb 10:00-11:00: Construction - Willmott Dixon - age 14-16 year olds</p> <p>10th Feb 17:30-18.30: Construction - Willmott Dixon - age 16+</p> <p>Discovery Session</p> <p>Introduce your students to careers in Engineering with Next Gen Makers</p> <p>Do your students know what a career in Engineering involves? To help young people make sense of their options and the various pathways available, Next Gen Makers are holding a Discovery Workshop</p>	<p>Find out more here</p>
 SPEAKERS for schools EXPERIENCE 		<p>Tesco Virtual Careers Day – Property careers and interview skills workshop</p> <p>Tesco Virtual Insight Day – Technology</p>	<p>Find out more here</p> <p>Find out more here</p>



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