

Careers Newsletter for Year 11 - Summer Term

Year 11

As you approach the end of Year 11 the Careers Team have put some details together so that you know what to expect next.

College

Most of you have applied to local colleges and sixth forms and will be invited for a 'Welcome Day' in June/July. These days are a chance for you to try out the courses that you have chosen. You will meet the staff and some of the students that will be on your course(s), and all this can help you when you start college in September. You should receive an invitation from your college(s) to attend the Welcome Day. If you have applied to more than one college you can go to the Welcome Days at all the colleges you have applied to, this can help you decide which college you will choose to go to in September.

Here are the dates that we are aware of:

- Itchen College – Monday, 3rd July
- Fareham College – Thursday, 6th July
- Barton Peveril College – Monday 26th to Wednesday 28th June
- Peter Symonds College – Thursday 29th and Friday 30th June
- Eastleigh College – Monday, 10th July
- City College – Wednesday, 28th June
- St Anne's 6th Form – a date in July
- Brockenhurst College – Tuesday 4th July (A-Levels) and Wednesday 5th July (Vocational courses)
- Totton College – no information on their website
- Bitterne Park 6th Form – a date in mid-July
- Sparsholt College – invited to attend an open event, next one is Thursday, 15th June 5.45 to 7pm

To confirm which college, you want to go to in September 2023, you will need to enrol at that college at the end of August, after you have received your GCSE results. The colleges will give you a date and time to come to enrol. Some colleges start enrolling the afternoon of GCSE results day (Thursday, 24th August 2023). You can only enrol at one college.

Already got an Apprenticeship?

Some of you have already been offered an Apprenticeship. The earliest date you can start your apprenticeship is **Monday, 3rd July 2023**, even if your GCSE exams finish before this date. Everyone in the UK has the same school leaving date, which is the last Friday in June, you can start working after this.

Looking for an Apprenticeship

Others of you are still looking for an Apprenticeship. There are lots of companies looking for apprentices. Here are some of the places that you can find vacancies to apply for:

- Jobs Bulletin – this comes out every two weeks and highlights all the job/apprenticeship vacancies in Southampton and the surrounding area. You can access it here: <http://access-southampton.co.uk/jobs-bulletin/> (Click on 'Download Jobs Bulletin').

- Colleges and Training Providers will advertise vacancies on their websites (some will also appear in the Jobs Bulletin too). Here are some websites to check:
 - City College - <https://www.southampton-city.ac.uk/apprenticeship-vacancies/>
 - Eastleigh College - <https://www.eastleigh.ac.uk/apprenticeship-vacancies/>
 - Totton College - <https://www.totton.ac.uk/apprenticeships/apprenticeships-in-southampton/>
 - Construction Apprenticeships - <https://talentview.org/construction>
 - SETA (Engineering) - https://www.setatraining.co.uk/apprenticeships/current_vacancies.html
- Keep an eye on the Government's Apprenticeship Vacancy website: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> You can request notifications when new vacancies are added to this site (select a job area, select a distance from home, etc) and notifications can be received by email or text message.
- Contact companies that you would like to work for by email, phone or visiting in person. If you put together a CV and give it to the employer this can help, as it contains all the information about you (your experience, predicted grades, etc). We can help students write their CV in the Careers Office (next to M7) or you can put one together online using this website: <https://careercompanion.cv-creator.com/>

Looking for a Summer/Part-Time Job

You will also find the Jobs Bulletin useful because, as well as advertising apprenticeship vacancies, it has details about part-time and temporary jobs. This bulletin comes out every two weeks. Access it here: <http://access-southampton.co.uk/jobs-bulletin/> (Click on 'Download Jobs Bulletin').

Help looking for Apprenticeships or Work

The No Limits service in Southampton will be offering Year 11's support over the summer holiday and beyond with applying for apprenticeships, part-time jobs, and summer jobs. Here are the details:

- No Limits Work Club – this runs every Tuesday from 2pm-4pm at the No Limits Advice Centre - 13 High Street, Southampton, SO14 2DF Here is a link to the No Limits website: <https://nolimitshelp.org.uk/get-help/drop-ins/advice-centre/>

GCSE Results Day – Thursday, 24th August 2023

You will be expected to come to school to pick up your GCSE results on this day. There will be members of school staff in on that day, including Careers staff. BBC Bitesize has prepared some useful resources for Year 11's, to help them prepare for GCSE Results Day, here is the link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zjbn47h> Another support organisation that is available on GCSE Results Day is the National Careers Service (and at other times). Here are the details of the service and how they can be contacted: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us> You will need to take your GCSE results with you when you enrol at college.

If you need any further help, please remember that you can contact us in the Careers Office or by email.

All the best

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