

# Careers Newsletter

25 January 2021

This month we're excited to bring news about the annual Careers Convention and an apprenticeship talk for parents and carers during National Apprenticeship Week. There's also a focus on careers in healthcare plus lots of upcoming virtual events.

## Careers Convention

The Churchill Academy Careers Convention is online this year and is split into two events. **Part one focuses on education** and part two on employment. The first event goes **live on 28th January**, and we have a selection of education and training providers who have prepared short video talks about what they offer and to help with choices post 16, post 18 and beyond. Look out for the link to the event in your email on Thursday.



As well as video talks from the below providers, we have an interactive puzzle to provide information about going to University, talks on Personal Statements and UCAS applications plus a talk from Thatchers about apprenticeships.

The event will stay live on the website for a few months, and part two on employment will be launched in Term 4.

### Sixth Form and General Further Education Colleges

- Bridgwater & Taunton College
- Churchill Academy & Sixth Form
- Strode College
- Weston College

### Specialist Educators Offering Further and Higher Education

- ACM - The Academy of Contemporary Music
- BIMM Institute
- Bristol City Robins Foundation
- dBs The Sound and Music Institute
- Outdoor College

### Universities and Conservatoires

- Aberystwyth University
- Bath Spa University
- Cardiff University
- Plymouth Marjon University
- Royal Agricultural University
- Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama
- University Centre Weston
- University of Dundee
- University of South Wales
- University of Southampton
- University of Winchester
- UWE Bristol

### Apprenticeships Twilight Talk for Parents and Carers

With National Apprenticeship Week just around the corner, we are keen for parents and carers to fully understand the options available for their children after leaving school. We have asked ASK Apprenticeships (The National Apprenticeship Service) to provide a twilight talk specifically aimed at parents and carers, as apprenticeships have changed considerably in the last few years.

# APPRENTICESHIPS

WHAT YOU **NEED TO** KNOW!

As well as an introduction to what they are, and the current vacancy climate, you will also be able to find out what to do if your business/employer is interested in offering an apprenticeship. The talk will be online at **6pm on Weds 10th February** and will include a live Q&A session. Please note this in your diary if you are interested and an invitation will be sent nearer the time to register for the event.

### Careers Focus - Healthcare

Want to be part of something truly amazing? There are over 350 careers in the NHS and it is the largest employer in the UK. Along with the obvious doctor, dentist, nurse and midwife roles, you can make a difference to people's lives working for the NHS in many different areas. Did you know that the NHS employs music, drama and speech & language therapists, dieticians, pharmacists, chefs, drivers, ICT staff and many other associated administration and support services staff needed for such a huge organisation? Every role is a vital cog in the huge wheel that saves lives and is proving its worth and beyond during these difficult times.

To explore the different NHS careers further, follow this link:  
[Explore NHS careers](#)

Take this 5 minute quiz to find roles to suit you:  
[NHS Careers Quiz](#)

**THANK YOU!**



350 Careers  
One NHS  
Your Future



We're not what you think

I thought you need a degree to work in the NHS

Surely all health careers must be for people who do medical or caring roles

I love the NHS, but I wouldn't want to deal with patients directly

## Virtual Events and Open Days

Please note that you will need to register for some of the below events and some have a registration deadline and/or limited places available. Please follow the links provided for details.

### Colleges

**Bristol City Robins Foundation Open Event** - Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> February [Register for Open Event](#)

**Weston College** - Virtual Open Week 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> February. Students/parents can book in for 1:1 slots with members of curriculum staff for their chosen subject area, or area they wish to explore. <https://www.weston.ac.uk/event/virtual121>

### Universities

Just about all open days and events are now online and you can use the below tool to easily search and find events by University, study level or month at the below link: <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/open-days/search>.

**UK University and Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair** - Weds 27<sup>th</sup> January <https://ukuniversitysearch.vfairs.com/>

**Russell Group** - Weds 10<sup>th</sup> February [Meet the Russell Group](#)

### Apprenticeships

**Rate my Apprenticeship** event - Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> February. Find out about apprenticeships, get top tips from employers and get ahead in your career. [Register for event here](#), [FAQs](#)

**National Apprenticeship Show** - Weds 10<sup>th</sup> February <https://nas.vfairs.com/>

### Work Experience

**FuturesUP Multi Industry Virtual Networking Event** - Weds 10<sup>th</sup> February. WEX opportunities include in Technology, Business, Sales, Finance, Accounting, Investment Banking, Consultancy, Property and Investment and Engineering. [Further info/Register interest](#)

**Global Youth Construct** - 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> February. Discover your construction career on this International Challenge Programme. Students from Bristol and Plymouth will work together in teams with students from schools and colleges across Kenya, Ghana and Zimbabwe on an exciting, interactive week-long construction challenge. [Further Info/Register Interest](#)

**Build Yourself With Wates Virtual Insight Day** - Tues 16<sup>th</sup> February. Wates Group is one of the largest privately-owned construction, development and property services companies in the UK and this event aims to address misconceptions and promote careers in construction to the next generation. [Further info/Register Interest](#)



**Marsh & McLennan Companies Insurance Work Experience** – 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February. Finished your A-levels or in your final year at Sixth Form? If you are curious about Apprenticeships, interested in learning more about insurance broking, risk management and reinsurance, then you could attend this two day work experience event. [Further Info/Register interest](#)

**MBDA (a European developer and manufacturer of missiles) Application Masterclass and Meet the Recruiters online** – Tues 16<sup>th</sup> February. [Further Info/Register Interest.](#)

### **Churchill Academy Sixth Form**

2021/22 Applications are still open and our Virtual Sixth Form Open Evening can be viewed here along with the prospectus <http://www.churchill-academy.org/Sixth-Form-Open-Evening/>. Send your application to [6thform@churchill-academy.org](mailto:6thform@churchill-academy.org) as soon as possible.

### **Useful links**

Grofar	<a href="https://auth.grofar.com/">https://auth.grofar.com/</a>
Careerpilot	<a href="https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/">https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/</a>
Prospects	<a href="https://www.prospects.ac.uk/">https://www.prospects.ac.uk/</a>
Find an Apprenticeship	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship">https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship</a>
Not Going to Uni	<a href="https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/">https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/</a>
UCAS	<a href="https://www.ucas.com/">https://www.ucas.com/</a>
Barclays Life Skills	<a href="https://barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/">https://barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/</a>

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