

**Careers@Keswick: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Hi everyone,



The very first careers bulletin of the new school year, and welcome to all of our new parents whose children have just joined us.

Welcome back to those parents whose children have moved up another year.

Here we go again!

All of the information in this bulletin has already been sent out to the relevant students, so please encourage your daughter/son to regularly (daily for Years 10 – 13's!) check their school Google emails.

Don't forget to head over to the school website for further careers information:

<https://www.keswick.cumbria.sch.uk/careers-education>

All the past term's Careers Bulletins are there, as well as a special Parents' section. If you feel it is missing anything, pop me an email and I will get onto it.

I can be contacted on [melanieavery@keswick.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:melanieavery@keswick.cumbria.sch.uk) if you have any further questions.

### **Inspira Careers Fair (Years 10 – 13)**

Inspira are running a Careers Fair tomorrow night (Tuesday) at Lakes College from 4pm – 7.30pm.

This is a huge event and an ideal opportunity to talk to representatives from all of the local training providers, including apprenticeship providers, colleges and secondary schools.

Employers such as Sellafield, Cumberland Council, Persimmon Homes and others will be there too.

### **Year 11 Careers Day (Year 11)**

Last Wednesday all of our Year 11 students arrived in school in their smart office wear, ready for their much-anticipated Year 11 Careers Day. This was a day off timetable attending 6 different sessions exploring all things careers to help them with their all-important Post 16 decision making process  
Sessions included

- Meet the Employers and Training providers
- Mock Interviews
- Post-16 Options
- Researching their Options
- Introduction to Unifrog
- Is Uni For Me? (delivered by Newcastle University)

Students have been emailed the **Your Options** powerpoint.

The employers always comment on the maturity, enthusiasm and manners of our Year 11's and this year was no exception. They did you and us proud.

Once again, Keswick School would like to thank the 60+ employers/training providers who attended and help make this such an important and memorable day for our students.

### **Year 10 Work Experience: (Year 10)**

Year 10 work experience has been launched and all Year 10 parents have been sent a letter outlining the procedure. The dates this year are **June 17 – 21, 2024**.

Year 12 work experience will be launched after half-term. The dates for this will be **May 20 – 24, 2024**.

For all students (in both year groups) interested in engineering, Sellafield's Engineering Centre of Excellence in Cleator Moor run a five-day Engineering & Maintenance Work Experience programme. Only 6 students are accepted for the week so there is an application process.

If your daughter/son is interested they need to contact [coe.workexperience@sellafieldsites.com](mailto:coe.workexperience@sellafieldsites.com) stating their school, year and dates of work experience.

Angela Groggins is the Work Experience Programme Support and can be contacted at [angela.m.groggins@sellafieldsites.com](mailto:angela.m.groggins@sellafieldsites.com)

I have just been exploring the Rate My Apprenticeship website and have found their Work Experience page.

They are advertising a number of very interesting placements including:

- British Airways offers students who are in full-time education the chance to undertake five-day work experience placements at the aviation company.
- Global aerospace and technology company Lockheed Martin offers students the chance to get involved in two-week unpaid work experience placements.
- National broadcaster Channel 4 runs work experience for anyone older than 16 who wants to gain some experience working in a media company.
- Similarly, internationally-famous broadcaster the BBC offers work experience taster schemes for young people in locations across the UK.
- The House of Commons offers work experience to secondary school students and young people over 14 and up to 18 years of age

Check out this link: <https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/work-experience>

### **Medic Mentor Get Into Medicine UCAS Conference (Years 10 – 13)**

The ***Get into Medicine UCAS Conference*** is a FREE comprehensive guide to the medical application process.

The doctors and medical students will cover:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Medical Schools
- CV Building
- Personal Statements
- Medical School Interviews
- UCAT - Entrance Exams to Medical School
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- Accessing Scholarships

Upcoming dates are

- Saturday 28th October
- Sunday 29th October

There will be more later in the year.

## Myerscough College Penrith Course Advice Morning (Year 10 – 11)



The poster features the Myerscough College logo on the left, which includes a green circular emblem with a stylized plant and the letters 'ca'. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'Myerscough College' in a large, serif font, with 'INSPIRING EXCELLENCE' in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. Further right, 'Penrith Campus' is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with 'Ullswater Community College' in a smaller font underneath. The central text reads 'Course Advice Morning' in a large, bold, sans-serif font, followed by '10.00am-12 noon' in a smaller font. On the right side, there is a graphic of a red calendar page showing 'SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER'. At the bottom, a dark green banner contains the text 'Animal Studies, Agriculture and Arboriculture / Forestry courses' and 'Apply now for courses starting in September 2024'. Below the banner, the website 'www.myerscough.ac.uk/cumbria' is listed, along with the address 'Myerscough College, Penrith Campus, Ullswater Community College, Wetheriggs Lane, Penrith. CA11 8NG' and a note: 'Additional subjects and residential accommodation available at our Preston campus'.

### **Gen2 Free Apprenticeship Taster Sessions (Years 9 – 11)**

Gen2 are excited to announce their new FREE Apprenticeship Taster Sessions scheduled for the coming October and February Half Terms. These sessions are tailored for students in Year 9, 10, and 11, offering them a hands-on experience of the world of apprenticeships.

The Taster Sessions will cover **Business**, **Teaching Assistant**, and **Engineering Apprenticeships**, and will be held at the Lillyhall (Workington), Carlisle, and Ulverston Skills Centres.

For detailed information, please see to the attached flyer.

Places for these sessions are limited, so interested students should to secure their spot ASAP. Students can book their place by emailing [Rachel.mirfin@gen2.ac.uk](mailto:Rachel.mirfin@gen2.ac.uk).

See the attached flyer for further details.

### **Rate My Apprenticeship Parents Hub (Parents)**

- Advice on all things apprenticeships
- Application advice - craft an effective CV, ace interviews and pass psychometric tests
- Student success stories - Real-life apprentices share their stories
- Apprenticeship employers tables from Apple to Sky, Vodafone to Barclays.

<https://parents.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/>

Here is the link to their Parents' Apprenticeship Guide

[https://d3d2prueitotgu.cloudfront.net/Parent%20Guide%202023%20%281%29%20%283%29.pdf?dm\\_i=30Z2,1F97N,84Z9TB,5MQF1,0](https://d3d2prueitotgu.cloudfront.net/Parent%20Guide%202023%20%281%29%20%283%29.pdf?dm_i=30Z2,1F97N,84Z9TB,5MQF1,0)

### **Latest Parent Apprenticeship Guides (Parents)**

Visit the link below to download the **September 2023 Parent Apprenticeship Pack**. In this edition, as we are start a new school year, find information on the different options available to your children as they navigate further education and employment pathways.

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/resources-for-parents>

### **The Amazing Apprenticeship Parent Perspective (Parents)**

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast/>

New since our last bulletin before the summer holidays (remember those?)

**Series 3, Episode 6** explores the options open to young people post-16, after their GCSEs. Joining Rachel are Lisa Capper MBE, who is the Principal of Stoke-on-Trent College, and Laura Hussey, who is a teacher within DSPL and parent of a Year 11 student and a daughter who's just left sixth form.

**Series 3, Episode 5** In October 2023, the nation's number one apprenticeship employer, the British Army, celebrates 100 years of offering apprenticeships – but what does an apprenticeship in the British army look like? What options are available? And how do you go about getting on an army apprenticeship?

**Series 3, Episode 4** explores how employers are supporting real diversity in apprenticeships? And asking, how does that impact diversity in the workplace?

**Series 3, Episode 3** So many young people start their working lives in sectors like retail or hospitality, but how can they turn that first job into a career? Host Rachel Burden is joined by someone who has done just that.

### **New Martin Lewis Podcast on University Fees (Parents and Year 11 – 13 students)**

Martin Lewis has released a new podcast on BBC Sounds about the new university fees.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0fz54f9> Uni costs to increase 50% – Everything you need to know

### **UniTasterDays Parents' Guide (Parents)**

The new bumper copy of the UniTasterDays *Parents' Guide to University* for everything you will need to help make post-18 decisions is out. (Attached on the website)

You can also visit the UniTasterDays website: <https://www.unitasterdays.com/>

### **Medicine, Vet and Dentistry FREE virtual Work Experience (Years 10 – 12)**

<https://wexlibrary.yourmedicfamily.org/courses/>

A new work experience session is released every month, and students receive a work experience certificate once they complete the course to add to their UCAS applications. To access these sessions, students just need to create a free student portal if they have not done so already.

Students have the entire month to complete the session, before the next free session is released.

### **Exclusive Parents' Guide Website (Parents)**

As a parent or carer, you know that the decisions your children make at sixteen and eighteen have a significant impact on their future success and happiness and you want to help them make the right choices. **Parents' Guides** guides are written for parents to help you understand all your children's options so you can give them the right advice at the right time.

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/>

### **Uni Taster Days Parents University Guide (Parents)**

The UniTasterDays **Parents' Guide to University** has been released. Editorial has been provided by over 40 colleagues at universities and schools and colleges throughout the UK, on topics including student finance, university applications, university events, student wellbeing and more.

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/parents/>

## **Other:**

### **Gresham College's Free Public Lectures (Years 10 – 13)**

Gresham College's free hybrid public lectures (running since 1597) are delivered by world-leading professors in the arts and sciences, including Professors Chris Whitty (Medicine), Sarah Hart (Maths) Leslie Thomas QC (Law) and Edith Hall (Classics).

For students they are a resource for developing subject knowledge and skills, careers advice, EPQ projects and UCAS statements. There is a searchable back catalogue of 2,500+ free digital lectures on their website ordered by school subject at <https://www.gresham.ac.uk/schools> .

### **Explore (Years 7 – 13)**

**Explore** is a digital resource from the University of Oxford. As the 'Home of Big Questions', it aims to challenge those from 11 to 18 years with debates and ideas that go beyond what is covered in the classroom. Big questions tackle complex ideas across a wide range of subjects and reflect the kind of critical thinking students undertake at university.

Their goal is to raise aspirations, promote broader thinking and encourage intellectual curiosity, so everything you see is underpinned by the latest discoveries and research from the University of Oxford. Follow the link: <https://explore.org/>

### **Assurance Careers at EY (Years 9 – 13? And Parents)**

EY has an interactive digital platform available for students and parents to play in and explore. Discover immersive adventure zones and explore all the benefits of an Assurance career with EY. Get a taste for the journey in EY open zones and earn EY career badges — and when new zones are unlocked, pop back to collect even more.

## **Work Experience:**

### **PathwayCTM Programme (Years 9 – 13 and Parents!)**

Find out more about the programme by watching this video: <https://youtu.be/oava9iJcQjk>

Students sign up here: <https://pathwayctm.com/register/>

They also run events for **parents**, so sign up to their Parent newsletter: <https://pathwayctm.com/parents/>

Check out the video library for recordings of past events on a variety of subjects.

<https://pathwayctm.com/video-library/>

### **Springpod Work Experience, Taster Days and Broadcasts: (Years 11 – 13)**

<https://www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes>

<https://advice.springpod.com/series/learn-lounge>

### **Speakers for School Virtual Work Experience Programmes and Video Library (Years 10 – 13)**

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/>

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/vtalks-video-library/>