

Careers@Keswick: Monday 5th February 2024

Hi everyone,



Now we are into the spring term, careers events, open days & open evenings are beginning in earnest, and our Year 9, Year 11 and Year 13's are busy making or finalising plans/options for next September. Exciting, but at times daunting for parents and students alike.

We are always here at Keswick School to help, support and guide every step of the way.

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.

This week is **National Apprenticeship Week 2024**. At Keswick School, we provide information advice and guidance about apprenticeships all year round, for all of our students from Year 7 – Year 13.

Year 13 students have already received an extensive amount of support and guidance about post-18 apprenticeship options and Year 11 students applying attended a bespoke apprenticeship morning with providers last Wednesday. This week Year 7 – 9 students will cover the basics of apprenticeships in their Futures Fridays sessions.

Please see below for further Apprenticeship Information.

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 if you have any further questions.

Apprenticeship Information

Lakes College Apprenticeship Academy Information (Years 11 – 13)

Lakes College Apprenticeship Academy has been created with apprentices and local employers in mind - upon applying you will be invited to an assessment centre where you will be offered CV writing and interview support, as well as a discussion about the best apprenticeship available to you.

Join today to be in the running for more than 60 roles including:

- Civil engineering/built environment
- Electrical maintenance
- Quality engineer
- Business admin
- Mechanical/electrical engineering
- Nuclear technician
- Health physics monitor
- Nuclear scientist/engineer
- Adult care worker/practitioner
- Early years

See the attached leaflet for further details.

General Apprenticeship Powerpoint

See attached. This has been put together by the Department of Works and Pensions and contains important information as well as direct links to apprenticeship providers in the area.

Where to apply

[Apprenticeships | Learn About Apprenticeships And Find The Right One For You \(ucas.com\)](https://www.ucas.com)

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

[Browse apprenticeships before you apply](#)

[What We Can Offer Apprentices - Lakes College \(lcwc.ac.uk\)](https://www.lcwc.ac.uk)

[Apprenticeships :: North Cumbria Integrated Care \(ncic.nhs.uk\)](https://www.ncic.nhs.uk)

[Current vacancies \(cumbria.gov.uk\)](https://www.cumbria.gov.uk)

[All Apprenticeships - Gen2](#)

[Apprenticeship Schemes | Apprenticeships | Sellafield Ltd Careers \(sellafielddigital.co.uk\)](https://www.sellafielddigital.co.uk)

[Occupational Maps: Institute for Apprenticeships & Technical Education](#)

Carrs Engineering Skills Academy

Based at **Bendall's Engineering**, Carlisle.

A number of Engineering, Business and Project Management apprenticeships available.

Open Evening: Friday 16th February, 3pm – 7pm at Bendall's Engineering.

See the attached poster for details.

System People Apprenticeships

Local education apprenticeships in Early Years and Teaching Assistant

<https://www.system-people.co.uk/for-candidates/how-we-help/apprenticeships/>

Gen2 Apprenticeship Open Evenings

February 2024

- Ulverston Open Evening 27th February 2024
- Carlisle Open Evening 28th February 2024
- Lillyhall (Workington) Open Evening 29th February 2024

April / May 2024

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Of particular interest to parents may be the Step in2 Apprenticeships one-year programme run by Gen2 for those students who are unsuccessful in an apprenticeship application this time round.

See the attached leaflet for more details.

Cumberland and Westmorland & Furness County Council Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships will open in March.

Please see attached for their ***Parent Information Leaflet***

Here is a taste of what's on offer.

- Civil Engineering Technician Level 3
- Civil Engineering Degree Level 6
- Heavy Vehicle and Maintenance Technician Level 3
- Installation and Maintenance Electrician Level 3
- Highways Maintenance and Skilled Operative Level 2
- Associate Project Manager Level 4

- Adult Care Worker Level 2
- Lead Adult Care Worker Level 3
- Children and Young Peoples Workforce Level 2
- Teaching Assistant Level 3
- Children, Young People and Families Practitioner Level 4

- Customer Service Level 2 & 3
- Digital Marketing Level 3
- Business Administration Level 3
- Business Analyst Level 4
- Data Analyst Level 3
- Assistant Accountant Level 3

- Cyber Security Technologist Level 4
- Network Engineer Level 4
- Business Fire Safety Adviser Level 3

Careers Live UK

Careers Live UK have live broadcasts and interactive chat with apprentices from the following companies confirmed during the week of National Apprenticeship Week 2024:

National Nuclear Laboratory * BT * Kier * JTL Training * M Group Services * Weightmans * Anglian Water * Arnold Clark * ABP Beef * Dentons * East Midlands Railway * London North Eastern Railway * SPL Powerlines * CAF Rail * 3 Squared * TXM Consulting * GeoAccess * RLB * KeTech * John Sisk * Tilbury Douglas * Jacobs * and much more!!

To register for the live broadcasts on the Careers LIVE channel please visit:

<https://careersliveuk.com/national-apprenticeship-week-2024/>

The Parents' Guide to National Apprenticeship Week

Follow the link to your FREE guide: <https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/nationalapprenticeshipweek>

Rate My Apprenticeships Guide for Students 2024 (Years 10 – 13)

The new ***Guide to Careers Options 2024*** booklets have arrived in school. I have a number of copies. If you or your son/daughter would like one, send them to my office in school to collect one.

Inside you will find career options, application advice and the ***100 Best Apprenticeship Employers*** in the UK.

Sellafield Digital & Technology Solutions Degree Apprenticeship (Year 13)

As a D&TS degree apprentice you will work alongside experienced professionals to provide ICT solutions. You may work in a range of areas including Software and Applications Development, Business and Systems Analysis, Cyber Security, Data Analysis and Network Infrastructure. Your work will enable the business to increase productivity, improve processes and help us create a clean and safe environment for future generations. You will become a confident, competent, and independent ICT professional, able to operate in a range of roles across the full ICT profession.

Please find attached details of the Sellafield Digital & Technology Solutions Degree Apprenticeship. The closing date for applications is 11 February 2024.

[Cumbria – Degree Apprenticeships 2024 \(Level 5-6\) | Sellafield Ltd Careers \(sellafieldsite.co.uk\)](#)

BAE Systems Apprenticeships (Years 11 – 13)

Apprenticeships with BAE Systems provide opportunities to work with cutting-edge technology and engineering, from making submarines invisible and protecting marine life, to sending satellites into space. Explore UK-wide opportunities in engineering, business, technology, and manufacturing today.

These apprenticeships close at the end of February. Follow the link for more information:

<https://www.baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/apprenticeships>

Year 11 Post-16 QUIET Mini Careers Fair (Year 11)

Thursday 8th February Periods 1 and 2

This is for students who are

- still uncertain as to their post-16 options
- looking at the important Plan B
- have any questions to ask those in attendance

All local colleges, Gen2, System People (early years and education apprenticeship provider) and the Forces will be in attendance.

Students need to sign up with Mrs Avery.

College and Apprenticeship Upcoming Open Evenings

Lakes College **Wednesday 21st February and Wednesday June 12th**

Carlisle College **Tuesday February 6th (Quiet), Thursday February 8th (Apprenticeships), Tuesday March 12th, Thursday 2nd May, Thursday June 27th, Thursday July 4th (Quiet), Thursday August 22nd.**

Kendal College

The next Agriculture open day is **Monday 5th February** 4.00 – 7.00pm

The next college open days are **Thursday 22nd February** and **Tuesday 16th April** 4.30 – 7.30pm.

Follow this link for more information.

<https://3w0oo.r.bh.d.sendibt3.com/mk/mr/sh/6rqj8H0EanKJI9MV6dOCyuz4Tje/xVSBCCWrzPbh>

Myerscough College **Saturday 10th February** (Penrith, Ullswater Community College)

<https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/>

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David Allen Accountants Open Evening (Years 11 – 13)

Thursday 22 February, Head office in Dalston.

The evening is aimed at students who are interested in applying for an apprenticeship in areas such as accounting, financial services, IT, or business administration.

We ask that anyone who is interested in attending the evening, register by completing this [Careers Evening Registration Form](#).

Applications should be sent to [@Careers](#) and include the following:

- a cover letter explaining what attracts them to working at David Allen and their motivation to be an apprentice with them.
- CV

The closing date to register for the evening is **8 February 2024** and apprenticeship applications must be received by 1 March 2024.

Workington Skills Fair (Years 11 – 13)

Thursday 8th February, Workington Leisure Centre, 3 – 7pm

One big event with a number of companies and organisations under the one roof.

There will be over 50 exhibitors from a wide range of sectors who will promote apprenticeships, training courses, jobs and further education.

Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership will be running a free CV writing workshop throughout the duration of the event, assisting attendees in preparing stand-out applications. Anyone attending is therefore encouraged to bring along their CV with them to receive fantastic advice from industry professionals.

This is for students and parents who are looking for information about apprenticeships, training schemes, job opportunities, colleges, the Forces and CV writing, and more!

New Law Guides for Students (Years 10 – 13)

I have received the new *Beginners Guide to a Career in Law 2024* and the *Law Apprenticeship Guide 2024* booklets.

Send your son/daughter to collect a copy from my office if you/they are interested.

Norland Nannies Open Day (Years 12 & 13)

Norland welcome students with their families and supporters to their open day on **Saturday 18 May**.

This is an opportunity to meet staff and students, learn more about their **BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education and Care degree** and **Norland diploma course**, as well as explore the beautiful city of Bath.

Dentistry and Medical Virtual Work Experience and Conference (Years 10 – 13)

For aspiring dentistry or medical students.

FREE 6-month medical or 4-month dental virtual work experience programme:

This is the LAST CHANCE for students to explore specialties in Emergency Medicine or Dental Hygiene before the next rotation begins next week. Aimed to provide students with insights into the medical and dental fields, this free virtual work experience empowers students to make informed decisions about their future.

Students can find out more here:

<https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

Students need to attend the free upcoming **Get Into Medicine** or **Get Into Dentistry** conference, granting them IMMEDIATE ACCESS to the Virtual Work Experience programmes.

For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL **Get Into Medicine conference** dates:

Saturday 10th February, 9:30am - 3:30pm

For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL **Get Into Dentistry** conference date:

Saturday 24th February, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Students and parents can register for free at these links:

Medicine: <https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-ucas-conference/>

Dentistry: <https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-ucas-conference/>

Throughout these conferences, students will have the chance to interact directly with doctors, dentists, and medical and dental students LIVE. They'll gain critical information to make a competitive application to study medicine or dentistry at university.

Students aged 14 - 18 are invited to attend with a parent or guardian, equipped with a working camera and microphone.

Medical Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPivO>

Dental Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>

Premed Projects Medical Opportunities (Years 10 – 13)

Premed Projects are running 1 day, weekend, 1-week and 2 week projects in The UK during the February Half Term holidays and in July and August too, designed for students aged 14-17 from all over the UK to take part in.

There is a cost for these.

The courses are attended by students from all over the UK and the medicine work experience projects are designed to combine learning about life as a doctor with a travel experience too for students.

1 Day - Doctor For a Day Course

17th February 2024

Join us for this unique experience to **shadow medical and surgical doctors** covering on-call shifts in a busy hospital. One-day medical course taking place at Kings College Hospital London.

Weekend Work Experience London

16th February - 18th February 2024

Students will take part in work experience at a hospital in London for 2 full days. Students arrive on Friday evening and complete two full hospital days with accommodation, meals, and supervision included.

Experience **two full days of work experience** to help you **decide if a career in medicine is for you**.

1 & 2 week Projects Summer 2024

Students will spend time **shadowing doctors** in their day-to-day work on a fully-supervised hospital placement. Students will also have the benefit of clinical teaching, safe and secure accommodation, food, transfers, local orientations, 24/7 support from our staff teams and lots of help with preparations for their trip too.

30th June - 13th July 2024

14th July - 20th July 2024

21st July - 3rd August 2024

4th August - 10th August 2024

11th August - 17th August 2024

Students can find more information at www.premedprojects.co.uk .

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

Latest Parent Apprenticeship Guides (Parents)

Visit the link below to download the **January 2024 Parent Apprenticeship Pack**.

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

The Amazing Apprenticeship Parent Perspective (Parents)

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

From the last bulletin...

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

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/>