

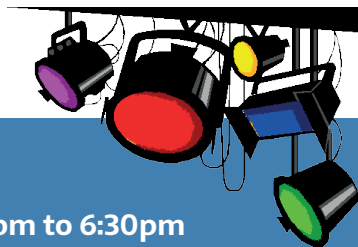
Careers Newsletter

BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL & BIRCHWOOD COLLEGE



EDITION 2 - OCTOBER 2023

OPPORTUNITIES



Calling all Year 9s -11s

Warrington Careers Fair 11th October 3pm to 6:30pm

A reminder that the Warrington Careers Fair takes place this coming Wednesday at Warrington Youth Zone. The event is focussed on students speaking to employers and local colleges about opportunities for employment, apprenticeships and college courses in Warrington. There will be over 50 stands with a range of practical activities and insight talks to inform the next steps for students. We are being encouraged to get students and their parents/carers to register for your free tickets [here](#).



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOUR UCAS APPLICATION 2024

Are you trying to understand the UCAS timeline for 2024 applications? [This poster](#) tells you everything you need to know.

Reach for the stars! Careers in space and astronomy

It is World Space Week from 4th -10th October and here are some of the careers associated with space industry.



Science Communicator

Science communicators increase public access and awareness of science through exhibitions, journalism, and media. Many scientists engage in science communication through outreach programs to enhance public understanding of this ever-evolving field.

Cyber Security Professionals

The core function of cyber security is to protect the devices that make up the space information and operational systems (IT and OT) such as computers, servers, flight controllers, satellite payloads and antennas from compromise or damage.

It is also about preventing unauthorised access and modification to the information or data stored from space-related activities and missions, how we exchange information or data with others, and ensuring its availability for use.



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Job of the week – Games Tester

As a computer games tester you could:

- Test different levels and versions of a game.
- Enter 'bugs' on a computer system, find the cause of faults and recommend improvements.
- Compare the game against other games on the market.
- Report copyright issues and check for spelling mistakes in the game, manuals and packaging.
- Check a game's accessibility options.
- Work under pressure and to deadlines.

Estimated salary £24,000 starter to £50,000 fully experienced.

Find out the entry requirements and skills needed to be a Games Tester on the national careers service website link [here](#).



Apprenticeship of the week

Commercial Administrator at Eddie Stobart

Here is an apprenticeship currently advertised for October 2023 start. These are the type of positions Year 11s and Year 13s can be looking out for in preparation for starting at apprenticeship in Autumn 2024.

Click [here](#) to read information about this great apprenticeship based on Birchwood Technology Park.

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Business Analysts

The Business Analyst's (BA) role varies greatly across organisations. Generally, BAs are the central hubs that partner with clients to work out what they want and connect all members of a project team to ensure the client gets what they asked for.

Engineers

Engineers design and build spacecraft systems, playing a role from the initial design to launch. The unique nature of each space mission requires a diverse team of skilled engineers, each with their own specific skill set, to turn ideas into reality.



See more about these careers with a space twist at [here](#).

What have we been doing in school?

During our Drop-Down Day Year 7 students were introduced to the START careers software that they will use at school to explore careers, routes and employability skills. This careers package allows students to log on and track their own progress.

Year 8 have completed 'The Real Game' activity where the students match the demands of everyday life to the opportunities afforded to them in different careers. The students were given the opportunity to create a 'wish list' of accommodation, transport and leisure activities that they would want as young adults. The 'reality check' session looked at what they would be likely to afford after allocated a particular career and the appropriate salary.

Year 11 have completed a 'Post 16 options' programme where they have undertaken guided research with the aim of making sure each student is fully aware of the different pathways available to them once they leave Birchwood in less than a year's time. The importance of researching, visiting and applying to colleges in good time has been reinforced throughout these sessions.

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University Spotlight

Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU)

MMU is one of several universities within relatively easy commuting distance from Birchwood.

Students attending MMU from Birchwood, could live in Manchester or commute. MMU is known for their well-rounded education and industry-ready accredited programmes. Extending across a wide range of disciplines. All of MMU's programmes are designed to prepare students for the future.

You can read more [here](#).



Can you help us?

We are always looking for opportunities for our students to interact with businesses with a view to inspiring young people. If you are able to contribute to our mock interviews, work experience, carers fair or simply want to share something about your experience then please contact our employer co-ordinator [Aimee Ruddy aruddy@birchwoodhigh.org](mailto:aruddy@birchwoodhigh.org)