

Careers Newsletter

BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL & BIRCHWOOD COLLEGE



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OPPORTUNITIES



CAREERS IN POLITICS

Are you considering a career in politics?

The Patchwork Master-class programme develops the personal and professional skills of young people from communities that are traditionally under-represented in political spaces. Events, training and mentoring take place both in-person and online over the year to increase your political knowledge and engagement.



Patchwork widens access and enables you to seize opportunities, build your networks and develop your confidence as an active member of political and civil society. [Read more and apply here](#). Applications close on Wednesday, 3rd January 2024.

NOT GOING TO UNI?

Not Going to Uni have continued with their information sessions about your options after school or college. They have launched a campaign which will focus on helping you to prepare for the January apprenticeship application window.



[Here's](#) what you can expect to see on their social media pages (on Facebook, LinkedIn, TikTok, Instagram and X) over the next few weeks:

- Application form tips and tricks.
- Interview top tips and advice.
- Assessment Centre experiences and guidance.

ARE YOU READY TO COMMIT?



The Apprenticeship Academy is a 6 week programme that provides students in Year 11 and 13 with everything you need to know to find, apply for and interview for apprenticeship opportunities in the UK.

Are you ready to commit? Register [here](#)!

The deadline to register is Tuesday 20th February 2024.

SPOTLIGHT ON

JOB OF THE WEEK – ANAESTHETIST

This week's video focuses on the job role of an Anaesthetist.

They give anaesthetics for surgical, medical and psychiatric procedures, including facilitating pain-free childbirth and resuscitating acutely unwell patients.

Watch the video [here](#) to learn more about how much you could earn, the qualifications you need and what subjects link to this career.



APPRENTICESHIP OF THE WEEK

Little Angels Daycare in Warrington are looking for an Early Years Educator Apprentice.

The start date is January 2024 and this is another example of the type of vacancy students in Year 11 can be looking for once they leave school in the summer.

More details [here](#).



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PANJANGO, THE VIRTUAL WORLD OF WORK

Interested in thinking about your future but find reading information or watching videos a little tedious?

Why not explore **Panjango online**. Learn about the world of work and develop the knowledge, skills and experience to fulfil your potential in this gamified careers world!



GET AHEAD DURING THE CHRISTMAS BREAK

Want to get ahead over the Christmas break? Here's a list of things you can do that are on demand and can be accessed any time...

Watch an inspirational talk from **Speakers for Schools**. There are a huge range of talks from professionals working in a wide range of industries, learn more about their job roles, how they got there and any advice they have for you if you're interested in their industry!

Watch a Subject Guide webinar from **UniTasterDays**. These impartial videos have one key aim; to support students who are considering university to make informed future subject decisions. They feature guest speakers from a range of different universities, who are always experts in the subject being explored.

Take part in a free, on demand work experience programme with **Springpod**. These can be accessed, started and completed any time so if you're keen to learn more about an industry, why wait! There are over 55 on demand work experience opportunities to choose from.

Complete the **Buzz Quiz** to find out:

- Your personality type
- What jobs might suit you
- Your strengths and what makes you tick
- Popular subjects and courses for your personality type

Use **Barclays Life Skills** free tools, tips and interactive resources to help you recognise and develop the skills you have. This will help you to build confidence, boost your employability and stand out from the competition.



SPOTLIGHT ON

UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT - LANCASTER UNIVERSITY

Just a trip north on the M6, Lancaster university is around a one-hour drive from us here in Birchwood with direct train links to Bank Quay station it is somewhere our college students have wanted to apply to in the past.

"For us, Lancaster is everything a university should be. It's somewhere you can belong, a community to join with a collection of colleges that offer close-knit support and a proud identity.

Lancaster University is ranked in the top 10 in the Complete University Guide 2024. We're consistently in the top 15 in major UK league tables."

Find out more [here](#).



This newsletter is a collation of the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities . Please use the links to discover more and apply for anything you are interested in. If you have any questions or need support, please contact a member of the careers team at school.