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Welcome

My name is Mr Scott, the Careers Leader at Carlton le Willows Academy. I'm delighted to share with you our very first careers newsletter! Here, I hope you will find a range of useful careers information regarding activities, opportunities and events that have been, or will be, taking place over the coming weeks and months, either at school or in the local community.



I'd also like to introduce you to the Academy's Careers Adviser, Mrs Darby, who provides the impartial advice and guidance to students, supporting them with important decisions relating to their next stage of education, possible option choices and beyond!

Please note that all [underlined links](#) will take you directly to websites with further information and guidance on a range of career/employability topics, as well as upcoming events and support you and/or your child can sign up to.

Our vision

For all students to adopt the most ambitious of mind-sets and be able to embark on their next steps with determination, confidence and character, preparing them for their transition into the ever-evolving world of work.

Our commitment

We are committed to providing high quality, impartial careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG). Our careers programme takes the form of structured learning, which is integrated into the school curriculum through subject lessons.



*"Pupils are well prepared for their next steps in employment, training or education."
(OFSTED, 2022)*

Your opinion regarding the Academy's careers programme is invaluable. Your feedback helps to inform and, where possible, improve the provision of Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) for your child.

If you could please complete this very short [survey](#), it would be really appreciated.



Highlights: looking back...

Tutor time curriculum

As part of the pastoral curriculum delivered to all houses across the school weekly, all students have an allocated day where they explore a specific career or industry theme. This enables students to appreciate the relevance of what they're learning in the classroom for the ever-evolving world of work.

The areas explored this term so far include:

- English
- Psychology
- Geography Awareness Week
- Physics
- Maths
- Global 3D Printing Day



3D PRINTING DAY

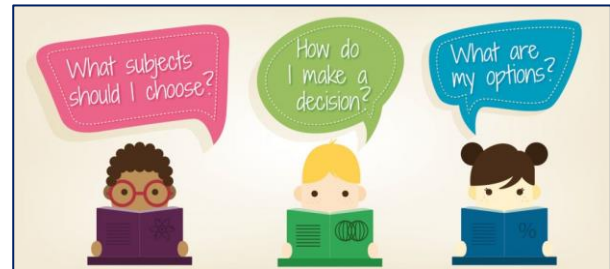


Year 11 guidance

Year 11 students continue to attend their one to one career guidance meetings with Mrs Darby. From February, Mrs Darby will be in school for an additional day every week. Students who might still be unsure, and have not yet had the opportunity to discuss their possible career choices and next steps for their education and/or training, are encouraged to request an appointment via their tutor.

Year 9 option choices

Our Year 9 students are currently making their option choices about the subjects they would like to study at Key Stage 4. This is a big decision, so for any students and/or parents/carers that would like further guidance with these important choices, please click [here](#).



Language students explore data analysis

Year 9 French students spent the morning with a Data Analyst from the University of Nottingham. Corrine, who has a degree in French and Russian, highlighted the relevance of her language skills for her current occupation as a Data Analyst. Students learned about the many benefits of language learning from a very different perspective, which has inspired them to explore more ways in which speaking in different languages can lead to a successful career.



Gogglebox star spends a morning with Year 10s

Baasit Siddiqui delivered an exciting workshop to students this term, where they developed entrepreneurial and oracy skills by emulating the fast-paced creative experience of developing a concept for a television show. Emphasis was placed on how communication, collaboration and effective use of digital literacy are essential skills in education and almost all professions!



GOGLEBOX

Looking forward: what's coming up...

Quality in Careers Standard Award

The Academy's careers programme continues to evolve, with a view to providing outstanding careers education and guidance, enabling your child to make important choices regarding their future with confidence. In light of this, the Academy is now officially committed to working towards the Quality in Careers Standard, which is the gold standard award for careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG). This process is already underway and will continue over the coming months. Key messages for parents/carers regarding this award can be accessed [here](#).



National Apprenticeship Week!

The week commencing 6th February marks [National Apprenticeship Week](#) and the Academy's annual celebration of all things apprenticeships will be the perfect opportunity for students and their parents/carers to learn more about this well-respected route to a successful career. All students are encouraged to get involved with the Apprenticeship Week competition – there's a £50 Amazon voucher up for grabs for the lucky winner!

Please see page 4 for more on existing apprenticeship opportunities, as well links to useful websites with guidance, tips and advice.

Year 10 Employability Skills Day*

Monday 10th July, 2023

A whole day of workshops designed to improve their employability skills! The day will focus on CV writing, personal statements, mastering interview technique and lots more.

Click [here](#) to learn more about supporting your child with their employability skills.



CAREERS FAIR!*

Monday 10th July, 2023 | 9am-4pm

The perfect opportunity for students to personally meet a wide range of local employers from an array of industries. This is an opportunity not to be missed and parents/carers are welcome to join their child at the event between 3-4pm.



Other exciting dates coming up!

- [National Careers Week](#)
- [International day of Mathematics](#)
- [British Science Week](#)
- [World Theatre Day](#)

***We warmly welcome support from parents/carers and the local community with these events. If you would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you! Please e-mail your details to iscott@clwacademy.co.uk.**

Guidance for parents/carers

Post 16 choices

The options at the end of Year 11 are:

1. To continue in full-time education, either at our hugely popular Sixth Form ([prospectus here](#)), or another Sixth Form/College, such as [Nottingham College](#).
2. To start work and continue learning in the workplace, through an **apprenticeship**, **T-Level** or other training programme.



Click the Gov.uk image above to go straight to their website with details for current apprenticeship vacancies in Nottingham.

Apprenticeships

These are a chance for students to earn and learn at the same time. Students gain a nationally recognised qualification and they are open to anyone over the age of 16, with no upper age limit. [Have a look at this guide](#) for more information on apprenticeships. Some other useful links to resources can be found below:

- [A guide to applying for apprenticeships](#)
- [A guide to apprenticeship interviews](#)
- [Live Broadcasts](#) | A selection of bite-size videos of real apprentices from lots of different sectors being interviewed, talking about their experiences.
- [Vacancy Snapshot](#) | A selection of very well-known companies and familiar brands that employ apprentices.

T-Levels

T-Levels are a 2-year qualification that you can do after GCSEs as an alternative to A levels, other post-16 courses or an apprenticeship.

Designed with leading businesses and employers, these combine theoretical knowledge with experience in the real world of work to give students the knowledge and skills they need for a successful career doing what they love.

“26 of the top 50 universities in The Guardian’s Best UK Universities 2022 Rankings have agreed to accept T Level students (as of August 2022)”

To learn more, click [here](#).



EQUIVALENT TO 3 A LEVELS AND AWARDED UCAS POINTS

Don't forget to take a look at the careers page on the Academy website for more help and guidance! Click [here](#).



Other useful resources

- [How to help your child write a CV and covering letter](#)
- [How can labour market information help your child with career decisions?](#)