

Beauchamps Careers Newsletter



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What is Careers Guidance?



It is a legal requirement for all young people to remain in either education, employment, and or training up to and including the age of 18. Careers Guidance at Beauchamps supports our students to explore all the possible options before making their decision about their post-16 education and which path is right for them. Each year 11 student is given an appointment time and reminded about this through emails and letters home to ensure they attend. The careers 1-1 meeting is **not** about telling the student what qualifications they need for a specific job – these are things they can research themselves. It is an opportunity for students to have time and space to reflect on what being at school means to them and where it is all leading. We spend some time focussing on academic achievement and how this can impact the future, and personal skills that are valued in the workplace. We also spend time discussing students' understanding of the different levels of study with an aim to encourage them to achieve above and beyond their own expectations. We look at Apprenticeships in more detail as well as T-levels, A-Levels, College, and 6th Form. Students leave the meeting feeling a sense of ownership about their next steps and a clear understanding of how they can get to where they want to go.

Welcome to our first Careers Newsletter. One of many that will provide you with termly updates on all careers related activities that are being run by the school to support students with their career readiness from year 7 to 13.

The focus for the next few months will be on Year 11 students to support them with their post - 16 options. Attention will then turn to Year 12 students in aiding them to plan for their post 18 options. Year 13 students are also welcome to speak to me or the sixth form team for any career concerns they may have. It is with regret that a number of careers related activities had to be cancelled this year, however we are optimistic that the summer term shall treat us better and we can have the students actively engaging with some fun and informative careers related activities.

Mrs Emmerson
Careers Leader



Virtual Work Experience



Despite the recent lockdown and school closures, I am pleased to say the world of careers and opportunities has not slowed down as businesses continue to promote their apprenticeships and virtual work experiences.

Just because you can't physically go to an employer it doesn't mean you can't gain a valuable insight into how they work and gain some work experience; all be it virtually. In this newsletter you will find some helpful links and companies that are currently offering VWEX.

Work experience can be undertaken virtually outside of school timetable hours and many companies are offering these opportunities during half term breaks. You can expect Live workshops with employers, real work with real teams and an opportunity to build new skills and knowledge. Don't be afraid to get stuck in and ensure you complete the tasks that are give to you. Building your portfolio of working experience will help your personal statement and CV stand out.

If you need any further help you can come and see me.

Skills Builder

The Skills Builder programme looks to build on eight fundamental skills for success: listening, speaking, problem solving, creativity, staying positive, aiming high, leadership and teamwork. Beauchamps have been using elements of the Skills Builder framework for a couple of years now, and we are looking to extend this further into our everyday curriculum.

By building these skills into lessons, students will be more aware of their strengths and areas for development and can improve their skills by using a step-by-step approach. This is particularly beneficial for supporting our students to strive towards success in every area of their education, work and life. *Mr Symes (Strategic Leader for Careers)*



Virtual Work Experience

More top UK employers are now offering vital work experience opportunities that can help students develop those workplace skills that employers prize so highly.

If you see something of interest, I encourage you to apply as soon as possible to have the best chance of accessing these wonderful opportunities.

Some of the New Virtual Work Experience Opportunities **Recruiting Now**:

- [Eco Schools Action – Keep Britain Tidy](#)
- **Dates: 1 – 2 June 2021 (9am – 12pm)**
- **Eligibility: 15 – 19 year old interested in promoting eco-action in their school/ local community**
- **Application Deadline: 30 April 2021**

- [Green Skills National Competition with Anglian Water](#)
- **Dates: 26 May 2021 (09am till 15:00)**
- **Eligibility: 14 – 19-year olds keen to fight climate change.**
- **Application Deadline: 12 May 2021**

- [British Army Insight Session \(Female Students\)](#)
- **Dates: 3 June 2021 (10am – 12pm)**
- **Eligibility: 15 – 19-year-old female students interested in a career that makes a difference.**
- **Application Deadline: 3 May 2021**

- [Y11 VWEX within Cisco`s Tech/Business Departments](#)
- **Dates: 5 - 9 July 2021 (9:30am – 4:30pm)**
- **Eligibility: Year 11 students curious about a career in technology.**
- **Application Deadline: 9 May 2021**

- [Royal Air Force Careers Insight - Access All Areas](#)
- **Dates: 20 May 2021 (10am – 3pm)**
- **Eligibility: 15 – 19-year olds interested in opportunities in the Royal Air Force.**
- **Application Deadline: 20 April 2021**

- [NextGen Nurse - Meet the people behind the masks](#)
- **Date: 14 May 2021(10am – 2pm)**
- **Eligibility: 14 – 19 year interested in helping to save and improve people`s lives.**
- **Application Deadline: 22 April 2021**

Introducing KUDOS

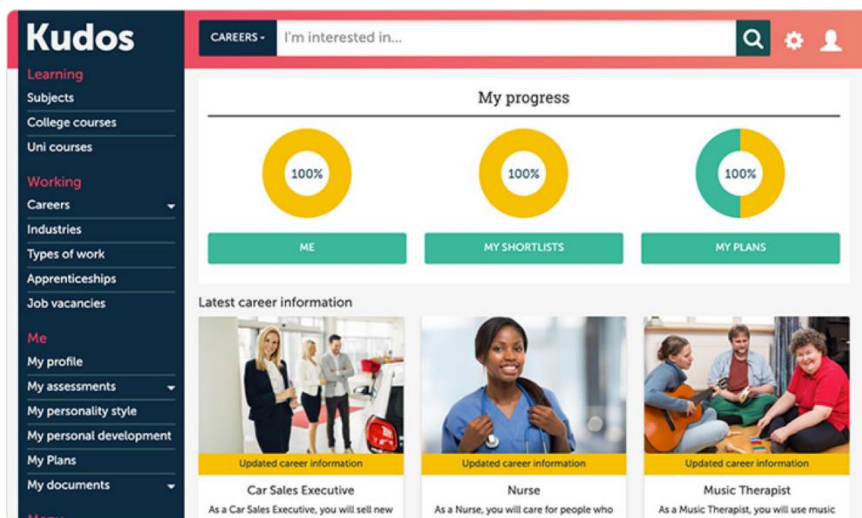
If you are unsure what careers or industries you might be interested in, then Kudos can steer you towards ideas based on what you like and dislike. You can also use the program to discover more about college courses, degree programmes, Apprenticeships and the New T-levels!

Packed with information on what employers are looking for, what you can earn and what qualifications you'll need, KUDOS is your passport to exploring your future.

Start with answering all the questions in the 3 sections labelled My Future, My Skills, My Personality. Once you have done this you will be matched to a variety of roles and industries and you can then start exploring them in further detail

HAVE FUN!

Year 8 will be starting to use this programme in the summer during their IT lessons.



KUDOS – LOG IN AND EXPLORE

<https://kudos.cascaid.co.uk/#/>

USERNAME – this is your full student email
PASSWORD - reset to "password" – please change this when you log in

T-levels Snapshot!

NEW T-LEVELS Launching September 2021

Technical levels are two-year courses that can be studied after GCSE's. They are an alternative study option to their existing qualifications such as A-levels and Apprenticeships. They will provide progression routes into skilled and technical employment, or onto higher/degree apprenticeships and university.

To find out more about these new two-year technical courses click here <https://www.southessex.ac.uk/t-levels>



Year 11 Next Steps

What are the options?

Did you know? It's not too late to apply!

6th Forms:

- Offering a range of A-level courses and some even offer BTEC programmes too.

College:

- USP in Benfleet – offers a range of A-level subjects and BTEC levels 1, 2 and 3
- SEC (South Essex College) offering Vocational and BTEC programmes of study at level 1,2 and 3

Intermediate or Advanced Apprenticeships:

- <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#>
- WORK, EARN, LEARN
- Job or work placement with an employer, qualifying for that job, role or trade usually including FE vocational/ technical college course/training
- Are you confident with working in a real-life adult environment or would the pace of a college course be better suited to you?

T-levels:

- Launching in September 2021, brand new 2-year technical courses running at South Essex College
- Combining classroom study with on the job training and industry placements.
- Level 3 study

Life Skills:

- Now accepting applications for September 2021
- Courses include Functional skills English and Maths
- Paid travel expenses
- Work experience opportunity
- info@learnaliving.co.uk



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