

# CAREERS NEWS

A Post-16 dedicated newsletter brought to you by the Dormston Careers Team

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## Year 10 & 11

### InvestIN's Ultimate Careers Experience

**Date:** 23/03/2022 7pm – 8pm

**Type:** Virtual Webinar

Is your child looking for a 360-degree experience in their dream career? Join InvestIN for a look at what their students get up to on some of their most popular

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Summer Experiences. Under the guidance of top industry executives, your child steps into the shoes of a professional in London and gains the knowledge, experience, advantage, and network they need to take the next steps in their career journey

Join InvestIN for The Ultimate

Career Experience to answer all your burning questions, answered directly by their panel of experts.

To Register:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_tYQv\\_iRbqSxSILQaaboDwBg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tYQv_iRbqSxSILQaaboDwBg)

**Remember to double check dates, times and locations with activity providers or their websites!**

## Year 9, 10 & 11 Parents

### Black Country Careers Hub – Life after GCSE's

**Date:** 28/03/2022 5:30pm – 6:15pm

**Type:** Virtual Webinar

Parent Information Session Exploring post 16 options – Life after GCSE's.

- Helping to explore all post 16 option available to your child.
- Explore Sixth form route.
- Explore Further Education College route.
- Explore apprenticeships and Traineeships.

- The sessions will explain the differences between A levels, T Levels, Technical and vocational pathways.

The session is free. To request a link to the Teams Meeting, please email:

[vicky\\_o'connor@blackcountryconsortium.co.uk](mailto:vicky_o'connor@blackcountryconsortium.co.uk)

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## All Years

### International Women's Day

**Date:** Ongoing      **Type:** Website

Is your child unsure about what they want to do when they leave education? Get My First Job has launched a webpage which details different occupation categories and the jobs available within them. Each job lists details such as the average salary, hours and the day-to-day tasks normally carried out. They also list the different routes and qualifications needed to get into the industry.

To find out more go to

<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/> and select 'Occupation Categories' under Discover in the main menu.

**All Careers Newsletters can be found on our school website in the 'Newsletters' and 'Class of 2022 - Year 11 Letters/Important Information' sections.**

## Parents

### DID YOU KNOW?..

Halesowen College now offer a range of Level 4 and Level 5 Higher Education programs, including HNC's, HND's and Foundation Degrees?

You can access their dedicated webpage for Higher Education via the following link: <https://www.halesowen.ac.uk/study/course-category/higher-education/>

They also have a Higher Education prospectus that is available digitally and can be accessed

via <https://indd.adobe.com/view/0e2cb479-510c-4a6a-98a3-92802844fb8f> .

### InvestIN's Success Beyond School: Women In Business

**Date:** 09/03/2022 7pm – 8pm

**Type:** Virtual Webinar

To celebrate International Women's Day, we are breaking down barriers and busting common misconceptions about women in business and finance. We'll be sharing some top takeaways to help nurture your child's entrepreneurial spirit and provide them with the tools they need to be a successful businesswoman. In this event, we'll hear from professionals who are driving change in a typically male-dominated industry. Highlights include:

- The key skills required to pursue a career in business, entrepreneurship, and finance, including ways to build, develop, and present these skills to universities and employers.
- The importance of diversity in the workplace and how different perspectives are changing the industry.
- Top tips for your child to find their inner professional at an early age

To register:

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## Year 11



### Next Gen Makers – Apprenticeship Finder

The Next Gen Makers Apprenticeship Finder Web Form has now gone **live** and is ready for your students who are interested in a career in Engineering to complete by following the link below.

<https://www.nextgenmakers.co.uk/apprenticeship-finder/>

## What University? & What Career? Live

**Date:** 05/03/2022 10am – 4pm

**Type:** In-person event, NEC

This **FREE** event is an unmissable opportunity for your students to chat to representatives from leading universities and employers including the NHS, University of Exeter, J.P. Morgan, University of Birmingham, Aon and Access Creative College. There will also be careers advisors, CV specialists and employability skills workshops. To book your slot, go to:

[https://eventdata.uk/Forms/Form.aspx?FormRef=WUC32Visitor&utm\\_source=Venture%20Marketing%20Group&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=12973362\\_WCSB22%3A%20Schools%20-%20Slots%20filling%20up%20%2808.02.22%29&utm\\_content=BOOK%20NOW&dm\\_i=1RRK,7Q2B6,LOPCCH,VHGR4,1](https://eventdata.uk/Forms/Form.aspx?FormRef=WUC32Visitor&utm_source=Venture%20Marketing%20Group&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=12973362_WCSB22%3A%20Schools%20-%20Slots%20filling%20up%20%2808.02.22%29&utm_content=BOOK%20NOW&dm_i=1RRK,7Q2B6,LOPCCH,VHGR4,1)

## National Apprenticeship Week 07/02/2022 – 13/02/2022

### National Apprenticeship Week Top Tips:

1. Make sure you are applying for something you enjoy. Apprenticeships are real jobs with real responsibilities. You will have to juggle working and learning at the same time.
2. When searching for a vacancy, check general apprenticeship vacancy websites such as the Governments 'Find an Apprenticeship' website, but also specific company sites. Some institutions such as the Police will only advertise on their own website.
3. Don't focus on big companies. LOTS of small local companies have apprenticeships too. They can provide just as much support as a big company.
4. Research, Research, Research! Research the company you are applying to, it will make you stand out from the crowd.
5. Be prepared for the application process. They tend to be long processes with multiple interviews and assessment centers.

Remember, apprenticeships are worth the long processes. They are the best of both worlds. You will be able to study to a high level and gain experience, without incurring any student fees. You will also get a salary and all the benefits/perks a 'normal' employee would get (e.g. annual leave entitlement, sick pay, staff discounts etc).

### The BIG Assembly 2022!

The Big Assembly 2022 ran on 08/02/2022 and was a very informative session which shone the light on different types of apprenticeships. The session is currently available to watch on YouTube. It has a wealth of tips and advice for all students who are thinking of taking up an apprenticeship when they leave Year 11. You can watch the session recording here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wm6\\_5hiQaEg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wm6_5hiQaEg) . You will need to skip through the beginning of the video to **25 minutes 43 seconds** for the start of the assembly!

## National Careers Week 07/03/2022 – 13/03/2022



National Careers Week celebrates career guidance for young people, helping them to explore different career paths that may make sense for their interests. Better informed students result in better decision making. National Careers Week will be promoted during schools in assemblies and lessons. Relevant information will be dispersed to students, parents and carers nearer the time!

### STEM Careers Fairs brought to you by STEM Learning!

**Date:** Various (See website for details)

**Type:** Virtual

Aimed at 13 – 19 year olds, virtual careers fairs inspire and inform; supporting young people to be better prepared for future careers. Each 360 degrees online fair, delivered by STEM Learning and in partnership with AECOM, contains a selection of industry sectors with companies hosting virtual exhibition stands. Teachers and young people can explore presentations, information, discussion topics and career routes, helping to raise awareness of the many STEM led career opportunities available.

[https://www.stem.org.uk/stem-careers-fairs?utm\\_source=Adestra&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=&utm\\_content=STEM%20Virtual%20Careers%20Fairs&utm\\_campaign=NCW%202022%20-%20Secondary](https://www.stem.org.uk/stem-careers-fairs?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_term=&utm_content=STEM%20Virtual%20Careers%20Fairs&utm_campaign=NCW%202022%20-%20Secondary)

**Keep an eye out for PLC Careers Hub drop in sessions. Dates and times will be posted on the Atrium careers notice board. Form tutors will also be asked to let students know during morning registration.**

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