

# Coombe Dean Careers Newsletter

It has been a busy term for our students with many of Years 11 & 13 making applications and attending interviews ready for September, Year 10 & 12 confirming their Work Experience placements and the whole school participating in a



Mrs. Cooper: Careers Mentor

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## Careers Support in School January-March 2023

**Applied Learning Day - Wednesday, 15th March—See full details on following page**

### Careers Lessons

Students in Years 7-11 will have a portion of their Life Skills lessons focusing on Careers every year. This term Years 9 have had dedicated Careers lessons with a focus on making GCSE Option Choices.

Students in Years 12 & 13 have tutor sessions delivered every week with a Careers focus. This Term they have been looking at the following:

Year 12 - Transferable Skills

Year 13 - CV Writing

### Year 11 & 13 Next Steps Support

Year 11 & 13 have a wide range of support in place in order to ensure that they are ready to move onto something appropriate to each individual student at the end of this academic year. It is important that each student has the opportunity to explore a range of options in order that they are able to make choices about what is best for them. This term they have had the following:

Year 13 UCAS Application/Personal Statement/Interview Support: Delivered by Mrs. Koehler-Lewis, Mrs. Osborn, NSWU, South Wales University

Year 11 Next Steps Assembly

Year 13 Exeter University Workshop on Finance, Budgeting & Accommodation

Year 11 & 13 NSSW Key Student Support: Delivered by Mr. Green

Year 11 & 13 CSW Careers Advisor Appointments

Year 13 NSSW Apprenticeship Interview Support Sessions

# Applied Learning Morning

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March students across all year groups were given the opportunity to engage in learning outside of their usual curriculum.

## Post 16

Students engaged in sessions planned in response to their feedback on what topics they would like to cover. Sessions focussed on thinking about their future lives, finance and preparation for exams. Sessions were led by both school staff and the organisation 'Resilient Me'.



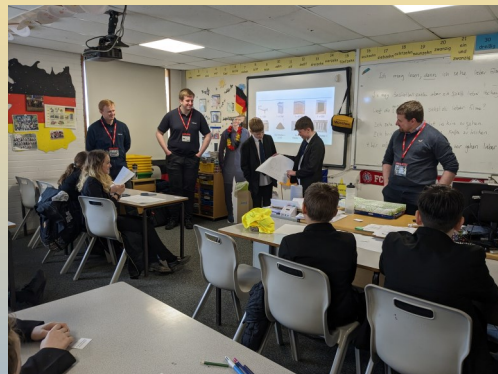
## Year 11

Students visited Plymouth University where they took a tour of the campus and learned about what it was like to be a student. As part of our careers programme we ensure that all students have had the opportunity to visit a University before they move on to Post 16. Students are taught in school about some of the opportunities available to them if they want to aspire to higher education, but this provides them a first-hand experience which we hope will inspire many to consider this route for their future.



## Years 7-10

Students participated in a careers focused morning, with all students attending workshops with two different employers or training providers. With 17 different employers and training providers volunteering their time to work with our students, there was a great feeling of community within the school. Employers fed back that students were engaging well with the workshops and asking really interesting questions. Several students reported that they were now considering different future careers because of a workshop that they attended.



Coombe Dean is very grateful to all the employers and training providers who gave up their time to benefit our students and look forward to working with them again in the future.

**Employers & training providers who delivered sessions include:** Mark Mears (Sports Therapist), Afsha Musa (Dentist), Gemma Maynard (Ports & Marine Engineer), Ryan Jackson (Hugs Childrens' Cancer Charity), Wolferstans Solicitors, Babcock, NHS, Skills Group, Army, Anita Pascoe (Occupational Therapist), Tom Palmer (Ocean City Media), Go South West, Sam Pearce (IT), Paul Nethercott (Griffiths - Civil Engineer), Achievement Training, Next Steps South West

# Trips & Workshops

Providing a variety of Careers focused trips and workshops enables us to ensure that students are experiencing a wide variety of opportunities to support them in considering options for their future. This term we have provided the following:

## **Year 11 Trip to Plymouth University Science & Engineering Showcase**

We were delighted to be able to offer students in Year 11 the opportunity to attend the Science & Engineering Showcase at Plymouth University on Friday, 20th January.

Students in Year 11 are currently thinking about what they will go on to study after they finish their GCSEs, and this was offered to support those students who had expressed an interest in studying Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) subjects in the future. We hope that this experience will encourage students to further consider careers in STEM areas and increase their knowledge of the wide variety of opportunities available to them.

From robotics to chemistry and marine life to computing, interactive displays demonstrated how staff, students, researchers, partners and professionals are collaborating to impact everyday lives. Our students were great at getting involved and used this as an opportunity to ask all their questions about university and STEM opportunities.



## **Years 9-12 Oxford University Workshops**

Students achieving exceptionally high academic standards across years 9-12 were invited to take part in workshops being delivered by the outreach team from Exeter College, Oxford. These were very well attended sessions and students gained a greater insight into what university life is like and specifically what Oxford has to offer to students.

## **Years 12 & 13 Trip to Cardiff University**

Students were given the opportunity to travel to Cardiff University to gain an insight into what university has to offer. They engaged in lectures and a tour of the campus with student ambassadors who were able to offer their insights into university life.

Students were then given free time to explore the city to provide them with an opportunity to see what a Capital City university has to offer in terms of local facilities and location.





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## Year 11 Construction Open Site Visits

Students in Year 11 considering an apprenticeship in the construction industry as their next step, were given the opportunity to visit either Boringdon Spa Hotel or Sherford construction sites.

They were given tours of the sites and learned about what employers were looking for in their apprenticeship applications. Several of our students initiated conversations with employers and are now using these contacts to support their apprenticeship applications.



## Year 12 UCAS Discovery Exhibition 2023 Trip

Year 12 students are now starting to think about what they plan to do once they finish 6th Form. Students will move onto university, apprenticeships and employment in September 2024 and will be supported to consider all of their options in order to identify the best pathway for them.

UCAS Discovery exhibitions bring together the experts to help students shortlist their options, all under one roof. Year 12 students were given the opportunity to:

- meet over 100 unis, colleges, and apprenticeship employers face-to-face
- find out about different options and pathways
- listen to live expert talks
- get the latest advice and information on different career choices.



# Apprenticeships

## Open for Application for July-September 2023 Start

For those who are considering moving on to an apprenticeship in September, please look at the Find and Apprenticeship website as there are already some available to apply for:

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

### Level 2 & 3 Apprenticeships

Year 11 will usually be looking to move onto a Level 3 apprenticeship, but some may consider Level 2 if the apprenticeship is only available in a specific specialism at this starter level or they do not achieve grades needed for the Level 3 entry requirements. Here are a few that are available to apply for now:

#### **Tops Day Nurseries—Level 2 Childcare Apprenticeship - £7503.60**

<https://topsdaynurseries.eyrecruit.co.uk/?source=FAA>

#### **SOUTHWEST FISH PRODUCERS ORGANISATION - Level 2 Fisher - £10,982.40**

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000138155>

#### **Barratt Homes - Level 2 Bricklayer - £11,197**

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000145762>

#### **Rittal—Level 2 Lean Manufacturing Operative - £15,600**

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000143837>

#### **Royal Air Force - Level 2 & 3 Apprenticeships (Various) - £19,100**

<https://recruitment.raf.mod.uk/roles-in-the-raf>

#### **Reliance Worldwide Corporation Ltd - Level 3 Advanced Engineering Apprenticeship - £14,448**

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000147382>

#### **HYMEC PRECISION ENGINEERING LIMITED - Level 3 CNC Machinist - £12,480**

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000146665>

#### **JOHNSON CONTROLS LIMITED—Level 3 Apprentice Fire and Security Engineer -64 - £12,000**

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000140812>

#### **SPHERE SOLUTIONS LTD - Level 3 Business Administrator—£13,500**

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000140705>

#### **Rittal - Level 3 Maintenance Engineering - £15,600**

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000143954>

#### **Mercedes-Benz - Level 3 Light Vehicle (Van) Technician—£10,982.40**

<https://mercedes-benztraining.co.uk/mercedes-benz-academy-programme.aspx>

# Apprenticeships

## Level 4 and above Apprenticeships

Year 13 will usually be looking to move onto a Level 4 or degree apprenticeship, but some may consider Level 3 if they do not achieve grades needed for the Level 4 entry requirements. Here are a few that are available to apply for now:

**RITTAL-C S M LIMITED - Level 4 Design & Production Engineer Apprentice - £22,678**

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000144100>

**Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs - Level 4 Assistant Commercial Officer, Commercial Procurement and Supply £23,324 (EXETER)**

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000144991>

**Met Office - Level 4 Project Management - £18,389 (EXETER)**

<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/search/details/224641/2/higher-apprenticeship/project-management/exeter/project-management-apprentice>

**Rittal - Level 4 Industrial Engineering - £22,678**

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000143955>

**Babcock International - Level 4 Procurement & Supply Chain - £18,809**

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000140003>

**AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES UK LIMITED - Level 5 Mineral Products Management - £20,000**

<https://careers.aggregate.com/early-careers/>

**Devon County Council—Level 6 (Degree) Children’s Social Work—£22,369 (EXETER)**

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000144830>







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14th & 15th April, 10am - 2pm

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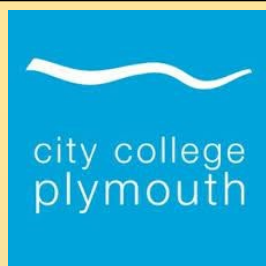
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## Apprenticeships Open Evening—19 April @ 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

<https://www.cityplym.ac.uk/event/apr19/>

We invite you to our Apprenticeships Open Evening on Wednesday 19 April, 4.30pm – 6.30pm.

Open to school-leavers, adults and employers, this is your opportunity to ask any vital questions you might have about this earn-while-you-learn route.

As we approach the summer holidays, employers know this the time when school, college and university-leavers are starting to finalise their future plans, with many already securing their Apprenticeships for the summer. Don't be one of the ones left behind.

Get the answers you need to make any final decisions whilst getting your name at the top of the list with our extensive network of employer partners.

This event will also feature some local employers, offering the perfect opportunity to begin networking and finding out about the companies you might one day wish to join.

**College Open Day-13 May @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm** - <https://www.cityplym.ac.uk/event/may13/>

September seems like such a long way off, but it will be here before you know it! If you have yet to apply for your place at City College, our open day is a great way to learn how we can support you with your career ambitions.

By choosing City College for your future not only are you choosing the College for skills, but you are choosing a provider that cares about your health and wellbeing. We want to make sure there are no barriers to your success so we have support teams on hand to help with mental health, to support healthy lifestyles, to offer advice over funding and finances, and we try to make coming to College as easy as possible with things like free travel between the College and city centre, an onsite foodbank, free period products, a breakfast scheme, and more.

Whether you are aged 16 or 60, City College is open to all who are committed to acquiring new skills for employment, higher education, or even just for you. We have full and part-time study options, and our courses span entry level to full degrees. You can also speak to our Careers team if you have no idea what it is you want to do, and our Apprenticeships team will be also be available to talk you through our latest vacancies.