



3rd February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is the first of our monthly newsletters for students and parents with the latest **careers information**. The bulletins will include information about what's happening in school, news from local colleges and sixth forms and local apprenticeship vacancies that students may be interested in applying for.

Miss Ashworth is the school's career advisor, and if you would like to contact her with any questions about careers provision or for advice then please email her at g.ashworth@stjamesheadle.co.uk.

What's been happening:

- 4th February: year 9 options evening
- 8th-12th February: Manchester College live sessions
- 8th - 14th of February: National Apprenticeship Week

Important notices

- KS4 Options deadline is the 22nd of February

What's included in this month's bulletin:

- Latest information on local college deadlines for year 11
- Careers events for parents and students
- Information about T-Levels
- Apprenticeship vacancies for 2021 school leavers

Latest on local college deadlines:

Cheadle & Marple College

Deadline for applications for the 2021 entrance has been extended - applications submitted at any time will still be considered.

The Manchester College

Applications to The Manchester College for 2021 remain open and you can apply at any time.

St Ambrose College

The deadline for applications to St Ambrose College is the 12th of February.

Stockport College

Applications to Stockport College for 2021 remain open and you can apply at any time.



Careers events for parents & pupils

InvestIN Work Experience talks for parents

InvestIN are offering free "Success Beyond School" events for this term - they are interactive 'Live Online' seminars designed to help parents supercharge their children's career potential.

Session 1: breaking into careers in medicine, dentistry and veterinary science (Wednesday 24th February, 7pm)

Click here to register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eA0GrVgcTrah0akcGbPpbw

Session 2: helping your child to build networks (Wednesday 3rd March 7pm)

Click here to register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eYf3fbSdQm2Ouyyi_h6qCQ

National Apprenticeship Week events:

Monday 8th February

Demystifying Apprenticeships & How They Help Young People Get Ahead (3-4pm: for parents)

Register by clicking:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nawgm-demystifying-apprenticeships-how-they-help-young-people-get-ahead-tickets-138281996173>

Careers with TRU West - Railway infrastructure company (4-5pm for parents and students)

Click the link to join the session: <https://teams.microsoft.com/dl/launcher>

Wednesday 10th February

Live virtual Q&A with Salford City College (3:30-4:30 for parents and students)

For more information & to register click here:

<https://www.salfordcc.ac.uk/apprenticeships-salford-city-college/national-apprenticeship-week-2021-live-qa-session/>

Thursday 11th February

Virtual Apprenticeship Open Evening with Alliance Learning (4pm, 5pm or 6pm time slots for students and parents)

For more information and to register click here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-apprenticeship-open-evening-tickets-128637481169>



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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

For the full programme of Greater Manchester events for National Apprenticeship Week 2021 please [click here](#).

There are lots of other events taking place, but many of these are between 9am-3pm, so if parents are interested they may attend. These other sessions include ones on apprenticeships in specific industries that students may want to consider a career in.

T-Levels: What are they?

T-Levels are a new option for school leavers introduced for the first time in 2020. They are 2 year courses equivalent to 3 A levels. The courses are written alongside employers to make sure you get the right skills needed to get a good job after you finish.

80% of time is spent studying whilst 20% will be part of an industry placement with an employer. The difference between T-Levels and apprenticeships is that you spend more time studying and you don't get paid for doing T-Levels.

Local providers offering T-Levels for September 2021 entry and the courses on offer are below:

- [The Manchester College](#)
- [Trafford College](#)

In time, students will be able to take a T Level in the following subject areas:

accounting, agriculture, land management and production, animal care and management, building services engineering for construction, catering, craft and design, design and development for engineering and manufacturing, design, surveying and planning for construction, digital business services, digital production, design and development, digital support and services, education and childcare, finance, hair, beauty and aesthetics, health, healthcare science, human resources, legal, maintenance, installation and repair for engineering and manufacturing, management and administration, engineering, manufacturing, processing and control, media, broadcast and production, onsite construction, science.



Latest apprenticeship vacancies for 2021 school leavers

Softcat: E-Business Apprenticeship

- Qualification: Business Level 3
- Location: Manchester
- Start Date: August 2021
- Closing Date: 28th February
- Length: 18 months
- Entry Requirements: 5 GCSEs grade 5+
- Apply: <https://jobs.softcat.com/vacancy/ebusiness-apprentice/oAwrefwv/>
- **SoftCat rated the top apprenticeship provider in 2020**

SoftCat: International Support Apprenticeship

- Qualification: Level 3
- Location: Manchester
- Start Date: August 2021
- Closing Date: 28th February
- Length: 18 months
- Entry Requirements: 5 GCSEs grade 5+
- Apply: <https://jobs.softcat.com/vacancy/international-support-apprentice/oJlqefwP/>
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Royal Horticultural Society Apprenticeship

- Qualification: Horticulture and Landscape Operative Level 2
- Location: Manchester
- Start Date: August 2021
- Closing Date: 1st March
- Length: 24 months
- Entry Requirements: 5 GCSEs grade 4+
- Apply: <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/reference/1000009058>



Barclays Apprenticeship Scheme

- Qualification: Foundation Level 2
- Location: Manchester
- Start Date & closing date not announced
- Length: Up to 2 years
- Entry Requirements: 5 GCSEs grade 5+ (inc eng & maths)
- Apply: Applications are not currently open for this apprenticeship, but you can register your interest for this scheme or read more about it.
- <https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/jobs/3589/barclays/register-your-interest-foundation-level-2-apprenticeship>

AstraZeneca: Engineering Apprenticeship

- Qualification: Level 3 Diploma in Engineering and then a HNC Level 4 in engineering
- Location: Macclesfield
- Start Date: September 2021
- Closing Date: 19th March
- Length: 4 years
- Entry Requirements: 5 GCSEs grade 4+ Grade 6 in maths
- Apply: <https://careers.astrazeneca.com/job/macclesfield/multi-skilled-engineering-apprenticeship/7684/18467276>

Busy Bees Childcare Apprenticeship

- Qualification: Early Years Practitioner Level 2
- Location: Cheadle Hulme
- Start Date: 1st September 2021
- Closing Date: 30th June 2021
- Length: 16 months
- Entry Requirements: n/a
- Apply: <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-569220>

BT Customer Service Associate Apprenticeship

- Qualification: Customer Service Associate Level 2
- Location: Manchester
- Start Date: 1st September
- Closing Date: 31st March
- Length: 18 months
- Entry Requirements: n/a



- Apply: <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-568596>

Proseal Engineering Apprenticeship

- Qualification: Maintenance and operations engineering technician Level 3
- Location: Macclesfield
- Start Date: 13th September
- Closing Date: 31st May
- Length: 4 years
- Entry Requirements: 5 GCSEs grade 5+
- Apply: <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/reference/100000882>
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Alstom Traincare: Maintenance Apprenticeship

- Qualification: Level 3 Rail Engineering Technician
- Location: Manchester
- Start Date: 6th September
- Closing Date: 26th February
- Length: 3 years
- Entry Requirements: five GCSEs grade 5+
- Apply: <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/reference/1679018>

Corra Linn: Apprentice Dental Nurse

- Qualification: Dental Nurse level 3
- Location: Stockport
- Start Date: 29th July
- Closing Date: 29th July
- Length: 18 months
- Entry Requirements: Maths & English grade 4 and above
- Apply: <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/reference/1659755>

You can speak to Miss Ashworth, the school careers advisor, if you would like any help or support in filling in apprenticeship applications, writing CVs or interview preparation

Yours faithfully,

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