



4th February 2022

Re: National Apprenticeship Week 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

This week is National Apprenticeship Week where across the country schools, employers and colleges are sharing information and getting people talking about apprenticeships. We wanted to share some of that information with you at home and let you know what has been going on in school to support students and raise awareness of apprenticeship opportunities.

The theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2022 is 'build the future'; reflecting on how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career, and businesses to develop a talented workforce that is equipped with future-ready skills.

In school, already this year, we have been supporting our Year 11 students in particular to access information and support around applying to apprenticeships. They have had an assembly from the ASK National Apprenticeship Programme and a number of interested students have taken part in sessions around how they can send off their applications. Year 11 are also being regularly updated by Miss Ashworth about the current apprenticeship vacancies available to them.

This week in school form tutors will be having conversations with students about apprenticeships and will be demystifying some of the myths and misconceptions about them as well. We have informative videos about apprenticeships to show to KS3 as well as real-life apprentice stories that we will be sharing with KS4.

Below you will find some additional information and events that may be of interest to you around apprenticeships.

The Future of Work and Learning for Young People – online event for Parents/Carers

Join GM Higher in discussion with Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge (ASK) talking about job roles and skills that are in demand across Greater Manchester, as well as a specific look at study options after GCSEs.

These events will take place via Zoom.



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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

8 February 2022, 6pm – 6.45pm, book your place: [mmu-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUqdOqhQD0jHtK-t25Yb-RrhX-UsNvWvA](https://mmu-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/9125Yb-RrhX-UsNvWvA) 3

10 February 2022, 6pm – 6.45pm, book your place: [mmu-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcqduqvrT8vHtzvcmBwiPZ8PVREMF2tGmF](https://mmu-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/91JcqduqvrT8vHtzvcmBwiPZ8PVREMF2tGmF)

Click [here](#) to access the 'Amazing Apprenticeships' Parents and Carers pack to support young people when applying for apprenticeships.

There is an online careers fair happening all week called the 'Festival of Apprenticeships' and you can access this by [clicking here](#).

Information on **Civil Service Apprenticeships** information sessions taking place can be found [here](#).

For information on local apprenticeship opportunities and guidance you can visit the [Stockport Jobs Match](#)

As always, thank you so much for your engagement with our school careers programme. If you have any questions at all about apprenticeships or even just more generally about the careers programme in school please feel free to get in touch with me.

Yours faithfully,

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