

Careers Newsletter

Term 5, 2025-26



Welcome to the Pathways Learning Centre Newsletter - published every term.

It aims to support you and your parents/guardians, when thinking about your future. It includes information about what you can do after Year 11, as well as what you can do whilst at Pathways Learning Centre.

All students can meet with careers staff for individual advice about options and career choices.

We can also support with:

- applying for college
- finding work experience
- writing CVs
- interview preparation
- apprenticeship searches
- and much more

We are keen to include parents and carers in the transition from Pathways Learning Centre and are happy to be in contact by email or phone.



Job Sector of the Term: Renewable Energy

What is it?

Renewable energy means making power from natural sources like the sun ☀️, wind 🌬️ and water 💧.

Jobs you could do:

-  Fixing and installing solar panels
-  Working on wind turbines
-  Helping protect the environment
-  Studying energy and how we use it

Why it's great:

- Helps the planet
- Lots of new jobs being created
- You can learn on the job or go to college

You can find out more about Renewable Energy Job Roles here:

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/job-sectors/new-energy>





Labour Market Information (LMI)

What does this mean?

It tells us what jobs are popular and what skills employers want.

Right now in the UK:

-  Healthcare jobs are growing
-  Tech and computer jobs are in demand
-  Green jobs are increasing

Top skills employers like:

Talking and listening 
Teamwork 
Problem solving 

Top tip:

Keep learning new skills—you don't have to know everything now!



Jargon Buster (Tricky Words Made Easy!)

Apprenticeship

 A job where you earn money AND learn

CV

 One or Two pages about you (your skills and experience)

Employability Skills

 Skills that help you get a job (like teamwork)



Did You Know?

Fun facts about jobs in the UK:

-  1 in 8 people work in health and care jobs
-  You can do an apprenticeship instead of going to university
-  Most people will have different jobs in their life
-  Being kind and a good teammate really matters
-  There are over 1,500 types of apprenticeships!



Post 16 Providers



In South Glos, Bristol and the surrounding area, there are a great selection of **Post 16 Providers** that offer everything from **A Levels** and **Apprenticeships** to **BTECs** and **T Levels**. They also have foundation courses which are designed for students who may need extra support to help with issues such as anxiety or learning support.

You may be keen to move on to a **College** or **Sixth Form Centre**, or you may prefer a smaller environment that specialise in a specific vocational area such as Media or Sports.

Post 16 providers offer Open Days which are available throughout the academic year. These are aimed for Year 11 students to visit with parents, carers, friends or whoever you would find it useful to go with.

There are less available in Terms 5 and 6 but during this time of year they are generally quieter and providers would be more than happy to meet Year 10 students – and younger if super keen! They usually need to be booked in advance, so please check the provider websites first.

At these events you can find out more about the courses, meet the tutors, have a look around and get a general feel of a place that could be where you decide to go in Year 12.



Upcoming Open Events

Click on the links below if you want to find out more and to register

30th April:

SGS College Open Event from 5:30pm to 8pm

<https://www.sgscol.ac.uk/events/open-days>

13th June:

City of Bristol College Open Event from 10am to 1pm

<https://www.cityofbristol.ac.uk/events/>



Work Experience

Work Experience is a great way to find out more about areas of work you are interested in, which could lead to further opportunities when you leave school.



It can be difficult for our students to leave their comfort zone and try something different, but it can also be life changing.



The government's ambition is to guarantee **2 weeks' worth of work experience for every secondary school student**. We at Pathways are delighted to have been chosen as one of the Alternative Provisions in the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) area, to pilot the **Equalex** framework. This is a framework set up with the learning outcome to support high quality, meaningful work experiences.

So, to support such work experiences we need to be in partnership with local employers and training providers, so they can meet our students and offer work related activities – and that's what we're doing!

This year several students have done, or are doing work experience placements, in various job roles, such as **Animal care, Bricklayer, Chef, Hospital worker, Mechanic, Nursery worker, Teaching assistant.**

Families and friends have a big impact in our ability to find suitable places, so if you know of anyone that may be willing to offer work experience to your student or others, please let us know!

This is what one student said about their recent experience:

"The bants in that van! I could do that for the rest of my life"

If you or your family know anyone that may be able to offer you something, please let us know so we can contact them to arrange.

We hope you have found this careers newsletter useful. Feedback is always appreciated!

If you or your parents/guardians have any questions, then please get in touch.



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