

# Careers Bulletin

## Information, Education and Guidance



March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the March bulletin which is aimed at **Year 10 and 11**. In this bulletin you will find information about apprenticeships and upcoming events in the summer term. This month's bulletin is to reiterate that all **Year 11's** should have applied to a College by now. That also includes those pupils who plan to have an apprenticeship. The College place should be the back-up plan if an apprenticeship doesn't happen. Finding an apprenticeship in the current situation isn't as easy as it sounds. In fact, it is the harder option for pupils as opposed to applying to a College to study a course.

Apprenticeships that are available, often begin to be advertised from now onwards. It is vital that all pupils wanting an apprenticeship actively go in search of one using the resources available on our website or through the links in this bulletin. Pupils will also need to go through the process of applying and a possible interview before receiving a written confirmation. A verbal agreement at this stage is not a guarantee.

Congratulations to Year 10 who have just returned from their Work Experience. Pupils in **Year 10** who are starting to think about their future options for next year should act on the advice given in this bulletin for next year to avoid missing out on post-16 opportunities. There is a huge amount of information out there but hopefully through this bulletin I can signpost parents, carers and pupils towards the relevant sources of information, that are at a national and also at a local level.

**See the links below for further apprenticeship information.**

Find out more around apprenticeships.

Most sites will have video presentations from students on a course or from apprenticeship providers. **What are the options for Year 10 and 11 students?**

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/>

Find out what an apprenticeship is all about. Is it the type of 16-18 course you would consider? It still does involve some time at College.

On the next page is a **Higher Education Road Map**- it indicates the types of course available to you. You will see your options after GCSE's, (Level 2) course moving towards (Level 3) courses at FE Colleges.

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The websites below will all provide you with information and guidance on apprenticeships. If you go direct to the Testwood School, students' website it will provide you with direct links to the two apprenticeships sites. Spend some time finding out about your options with an apprenticeship. Is it the right option at this stage?

<https://www.testwoodschool.co.uk/students/apprenticeships/>



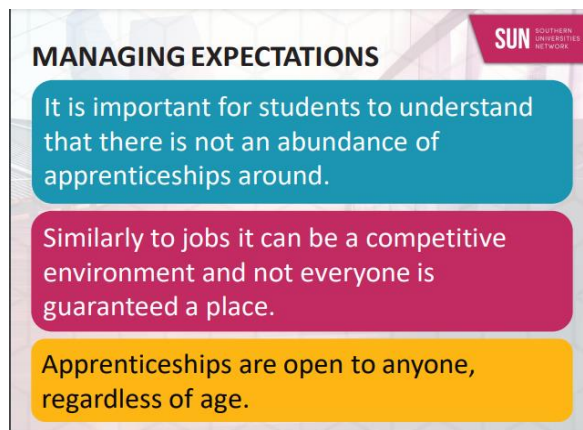
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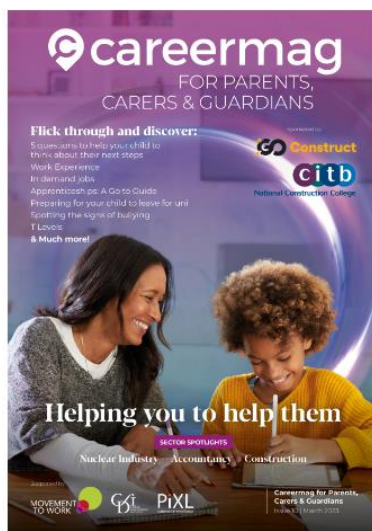
## Engineering Apprenticeships Vacancy Bulletin

Both the employer and the vacancy are clickable links to external websites if you are viewing online.

*Vacancies live as at 27 March 2023*

[www.setatraining.co.uk/apprenticeships/current\\_vacancies](http://www.setatraining.co.uk/apprenticeships/current_vacancies)

**42 Engineering Apprenticeship vacancies that are live.**



We recognise that Parents and Guardians can have a huge influence on a young person's next steps. When asked by their teenager 'What should I do next?' many parents can feel overwhelmed. So much has changed since they left school/college, which is why Careermag for Parents, Carers and Guardians aims to inform parents so their young people can feel supported - whether they'd like to go to University, do an Apprenticeship, Work Experience or T Levels.

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<https://careermapping.co.uk/track/click?u=ad6ea66c62b50396e776ca853&id=4f190e84cc&e=9bfb8883cf>

### **Year 10's completed in the Spring term**

Year 10 PSHE-Careers Modules:  
Use of the Start online careers platform.

Modules are on: Careers-post-16 choices, Apprenticeships, 6<sup>th</sup> Form/College, Post-16 'What's right for me? Jobs and work preparation. Followed by a week' work experience.

## Connect with your career potential



Careers and education pathways

Year 10 Careers Trip to the Get Inspired Event:  
up-to 60 pupils will be invited to attend this event on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023



An opportunity for pupils to ask questions, meet employers and employees from industry. To find out what certain careers offer. Further information to follow after Easter. Letters will be issued to pupils with those returning the earliest will secure their place.

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Taking place across the SUN region, the events will provide students with the opportunity to gain a hands-on, interactive experience with local employers for the day.

Employers will task the students with a practical brief, reflecting the work within their businesses and the opportunities available to young people.

This will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June and a group of pupils will be invited to apply for 15 places from 9.30-2.30pm at Richard Taunton's College. Again those replying the earliest will secure their place on the Career experience.

I hope that this edition of the bulletin has enabled all its readers to be more aware of apprenticeships and what they can offer, while also highlighting the need be sure it is the right pathway for your child. As you can see we are continually trying to ensure that Testwood pupils' have a variety of career information and guidance but are also informed so that they can make informed decisions on their future.

Remember that many Colleges host Open Events during the summer term.

Check each College website for up-to date information on dates, times and how to register.

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