



Careers Newsletter – October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am the Careers Leader here at Priory Belvoir and I co-ordinate the careers education within the Academy. This is the first in a series termly careers newsletters that will be sent home to all parents/carers, to keep you updated on the careers education programme and careers events here at Belvoir. All students will take part in a careers assembly next week with the focus on 'aiming high'.

Post-16:

Year 11 students are currently preparing for life after Belvoir! Year 10 and 11 students and their parents were able to speak to many of our local post 16 providers at our KS4 Information Evening on Thursday 7th October. Providers available included Toothill, MV16, Priory Ruskin, Nottingham College, DBC training (apprenticeships), Grantham College, Brooksby Melton College, Leicester University and National Citizenship Service (NCS). Rachel Reynolds, our independent Careers Advisor was also available to support students and parents. This gave students the opportunity to explore their post-16 choices which include A-levels, T-Levels, vocational qualifications such as BTEC and apprenticeships. *It would be much appreciated if you could feedback to me, your thoughts on the event – a Forms questionnaire will be e mailed out next week.*

All Year 11 students are in the process of having a 40 minute 1:1 career guidance interview with our careers advisor, who offers them impartial advice and guide them through any difficulties they might be facing. This is done on a RAG (red amber green) system based on previous information gained from the students, tutors and HoY. *If you/they feel that they need a meeting more urgently and have not yet had one, please advise them to speak to/ e mail their tutor or Mrs Suschitzky (Careers Leader).*

Year 11 will be having a 1:1 mock interview with local employers in January, students will prepare for the interview in advance in their PD lessons. This will then provide them with valuable feedback on their CV's as well as their interview technique, which will better prepare our students for life after Belvoir.

In addition to this support, it is crucial that your child visits prospective colleges during open events which will be happening over the coming weeks/months. Dates for open events can be found on the relevant website and will also be updated on the school website [Belvoir - A Priory Academy - Post-16 Information \(belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk\)](http://belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk). **Some colleges require you to register online before attending so please check in advance.** Many schools/colleges' application processes are now open, with the majority of deadlines at the end of January 2022, so please encourage your child to begin actively preparing themselves for this next step. If support is needed, please contact me.

NCS (National Citizenship Service) will give Year 11 an assembly in January, they offer programmes designed specifically for 16-17 year olds to help give them a clearer idea of what they want from their future. Watch this space for more information in the new year...

If your child is interested in joining an Apprenticeship Scheme, here are 10 reasons why apprenticeships are a great way to kick start a career [10 reasons YOU should do an Apprenticeship – Remit Training](#): Some links below may also be useful, however please bear in mind that the majority of apprenticeship vacancies are released around April, so it is always best to apply to college as a back up!

nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk

All young people are required to remain in education or education based training/employment until the age of 18. This is a government policy and must be adhered to. For more information and guidance please use our career website or get in touch with our careers team for personalised support.

Open days for some of the local Post-16 providers (please check the websites for more details of times/courses/registration etc.):

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| Confetti Institute of Creative Technologies | 9/10/21 | Open Days - Confetti Institute of Creative Technologies | 10am - 3pm |
| Nottingham College | 12, 13 and 14/10/21 | Open Evenings Nottingham College | 5pm - 7pm |
| Brooksby Melton College - Melton Campus | 30/10/21 | College Taster Day & Open Day – Melton Campus - Brooksby Melton College | 9am - 1pm |
| Toot Hill Sixth Form | 4/11/21 | More details to follow | |
| Priory Ruskin Academy | 18/11/21 | More details to follow | |
| Grantham College | 18/11/21 | Grantham College | 5pm - 8pm |
| Lincoln College - Lincoln campus | 19/10/21 20/11/21 25/1/22 19/3/22 11/5/22 25/6/22 | Open Days, Lincoln College | 4.30pm - 8pm OR 10am - 2pm (please check on college website which times apply to each date) |
| Lincoln College - Newark Campus | 11/11/21 23/2/22 28/4/22 11/6/22 | Open Days, Lincoln College | 4.30pm - 7pm EXCEPT 11/6/22, which is 10am - 1pm |
| Nottingham College | 9, 10, 16, 17 and 18/11/21 | Open Evenings Nottingham College | 5pm - 7pm |

Year 11 will have the opportunity to attend a Careers Fair (at school) during National Careers Week in early March and talk to local post 16 providers and employers.

Year 10:

Hopefully any Year 10 students and parents that attended the KS4 information evening, found it an informative introduction to thinking about post-16 options. *It would be much appreciated if you could feedback to me, your thoughts on the event – a Forms questionnaire will be e mailed out next week.*

Year 10 students will complete a module on 'careers' as part of their weekly Personal Development lessons.

Year 10 students are also welcome to contact our careers advisor for one to one support if they require it. Please advise them to speak to the Careers Leader to arrange an appointment. Please bear in mind that this will only happen in the Summer term when all Year 11 students have been seen by Rachel Reynolds.

Year 10 will have the opportunity to attend a Careers Fair (at school) during National Careers Week in early March and talk to local post 16 providers and employers.

Year 9:

Year 9 study 'careers' as part of their DT/PD/Food rotation, they learn about what skills and qualities they possess and how this relates to employer demand and LMI (labour market information). Students also start to use the careers platform 'Start Profile' to explore a range of careers and career related information. Students will also start to think about what post 16 options are available to them, and get some hints and tips on writing CV's and interview techniques.

Year 9 Options Evening will take place in February, students and parents will be able to discuss the GCSE course content with their teachers. Rachel Reynolds will be available for additional support and advice.

Year 9 will have the opportunity to attend a Careers Fair (at school) during National Careers Week in early March, part of this will include a drop down day on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) careers.

Year 7 and Year 8:

Both year groups study 'careers' as part of their DT/PD/Food rotation, the focus being how the subjects they study can lead to jobs. Other topics covered include personal skills and qualities, different jobs, sectors and industries over the coming year, career stereotypes, LMI, selling yourself in your personal statement and Start Profile questionnaires linked to goals, skills and interests.

Year 7 & 8 will have the opportunity to attend a Careers Fair (at school) during National Careers Week in early March.

Useful website for all year groups:

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/> [Start – Careers Information \(startprofile.com\)](http://startprofile.com) (free to register)

[Careers - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](http://sharepoint.com)

[Belvoir - A Priory Academy - Careers \(belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk\)](http://belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk)

***If you have any questions regarding careers, please do not hesitate to contact me
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We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in preparing our students for their future career journeys.

Kind Regards, Mrs Suschwitzky – Careers Leader.