



Year 11 Careers Bulletin

Welcome to the City Academy's Careers Bulletin. This is a place where parents and students can access support, resources, information and apprenticeship vacancies.

Support at City Academy

- ★ Individual guidance and support with Miss Martin, the Career and Aspirations Coordinator, email rachel.martin@clf.uk for any inquiries or in her office in green in E114b.
- ★ There is a Careers Corner in the library for up-to-date information and Post 16 prospectuses and apprenticeship opportunities. There are career notice boards at the top of white and outside the careers office in Green in E114b. This is where students can find open evenings and workshops dates and times.
- ★ Career Pilot is a fantastic resource for all year groups and parents and can be used to gain knowledge on jobs, labour market information, how each subject links to careers and much more. Use this link <https://careerpilot.org.uk/> to create your own profile in the student zone and this will stay with you throughout your education. There is also a parent zone as well with helpful videos and lots information about courses and local further education providers.
- ★ City Academy website has useful links <https://cityacademybristol.clf.uk/careers-education/>
- ★ Students should check their emails regularly for messages from Miss Martin.

At the Year 11 parents evening on Thursday 7th December there will be some colleges and sixth forms at City Academy offering post 16 support.

Year 11 Post 16 Pathways

This is an exciting time for year 11 students where they have control about where they want to study and what course they want to do. It can be overwhelming though, and it can be difficult to know where to start. A great place to start is the Bristol Post 16 Course Directory 2023 <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/files/documents/4992-bristol-post-16-directory-2023/file>, this lists all the educational providers in Bristol and all the courses available. Worth a look!

Throughout term 1 and 2 Colleges and Sixth Forms are being invited into school during assembly to talk to students about what they have to offer. At school will also be offering small group sessions with educational providers to support applications. Students need to look out for the workshops advertised on the Careers Office Window that interest them and sign up.

Sixth Form and College lunch time 'pop ups'

'Pop ups' from Sixth forms and colleges are a great way to speak to a representative and ask any questions you might have. They bring with them prospectuses and open day information. Students need to look out for them by the venue.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are a good alternative for students who do not want to study an academic subject. What draws people to apprenticeships is that you can 'earn while you learn'. A good place to start looking for one is on the below websites. It takes time to find the perfect one.

Top tips –

- ★ Sign up and set up an alert on the government website so they send you new vacancies which come up <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- ★ If a student is predicted 5 GCSEs at 5 and above you are looking at a level 3 apprenticeship to do next. This can vary for different sectors.
- ★ Be patient
- ★ You might have to apply for 10 vacancies before you are successful

We are working with Western Training Provider who deliver the ASK programme this year to support students in finding and applying for apprenticeships. The first apprenticeship workshop is on Friday 24th November 2023 during extended tutor time. Sign up at the careers office or students can ask their tutor to email Miss Martin.

This is a link to the ASK apprenticeship programme newsletter - <https://mailchi.mp/amazingapprenticeships/ask2021-1646605?e=2d56b50bc4>

Useful websites to find **apprenticeship vacancies**:

- ★ <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/faa> or go to @amazingappsuk on social media. This is a fantastic website with lots of information for any questions you might have, and it lists vacancies available. It's also a fantastic parent resource.
- ★ <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- ★ <https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/careers/current-opportunities/apprenticeships> - healthcare vacancies
- ★ <https://careermap.co.uk/> - https://careermap.co.uk/careermag-parents/?utm_source=Parents6-email&utm_medium=Social%20Media&utm_campaign=Parents6-email An e-magazine for parents about how they can support their young person.

WHY CHOOSE AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Apprenticeships have become increasingly more popular over the past five years, even more so now. There is a wide range of different and diverse roles you can pursue through an apprenticeship, be that in engineering, health and social care, business or even science.

BENEFITS OF AN APPRENTICESHIP

- ★ Earn while you learn
- ★ High quality training
- ★ You can still get a degree
- ★ Gain hands on experience in your chosen career and much more!

APPRENTICESHIP MYTHS

"Apprenticeships are for those who do not perform academically."

FALSE - they are a fantastic opportunity for all kinds of people looking to expand their knowledge and upgrade their skill sets, by getting stuck right into a job.

"Apprenticeships are only for manual trade jobs."

FALSE - This is not entirely true, although there may be a wide range of apprenticeships in construction, engineering, IT services, which are very hands-on, there are also a vast choice of vocational trades such as law, fashion, media.

"Apprentices have no scope for progression."

FALSE - Approximately 65% of apprentices are hired on a permanent basis by their current employer after their programme has finished and a third who remain in the same company receive a promotion in their first year.

"Apprenticeships are only for entry level or low level workers."

FALSE - Whilst there are apprenticeships at lower levels, there are also a wide range of higher level and degree level apprenticeships. There is something for everyone.

"University graduates earn more than apprentices."

FALSE - There is a common misconception among young people (and parents) that university will set them up to earn more in the future. By the time a graduate has just qualified, an apprentice will have completed their End Point Assessment and will already have a year or two experience in the industry putting them ahead of fellow university graduates.

Open Days and Evenings

There are several open evenings and days in the coming months. This is a great way to experience a College or Sixth Form. You may need to book an appointment for these sessions.

POST 16 PROVIDER	DATE	TIME	NOTES
Bath College - Somer Valley Campus	Weds 8th Nov	4pm -7pm	
St Mary Redcliffe	Wednesday 8 November 2023	6:30-8:15pm	See website
Ashton Part P16	Thursday 9th Nov, 2023		
Robins Foundation	Monday 13th Nov. 2023	18:30	Register place online
Weston College	Weds 15th Nov	5pm - 7pm	Book online
St Brendans	Thurs 16th Nov	Starting at 5pm	Book via website
SGS College	Sat 18th Nov	10am - 1pm	Book via website
Circomedia	Sat 4th Nov		
City of Bristol College	Thurs 23rd Nov	5pm - 7.30pm	Book online
Bristol Rovers Community Trust	Thursday 23rd Nov, 2023	19:00	Register place online
Bath College - City Campus	Sat 25th Nov	10am - 1pm	
Access Creative College	Sat 2nd Dec	11am - 2 pm	Register online
Boomsatsuma	Week of 4th Dec	Various	Book online
Robins Foundation	Monday 4th Dec, 2023	18:30	Online Q&A session, register online

Please check websites for updates and changes and for how to book.

Applications are OPEN

To apply, visit the website of the college or sixth form you would like to go to in September and look for the 'apply here' button. If students need help with this they can contact Miss Martin at rachel.martin:@clf.uk or visit the careers office in green in E114b at break or lunch time.

DEADLINES for some applications

St Mary Redcliffe - Monday 11th December at 9am

North Bristol Post 16 - Friday 1st December

Bristol Cathedral School - Friday 5th January



College and Sixth Forms in Bristol



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A good place to start your research is accessing the Bristol
Post 16 Directory 2024 at

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/files/documents/4992-bristol-post-16-directory-2023/file>.

This is a useful website for ALL the information you need to find a course and college which
is right for you.

<u>CLF Post 16</u>	www.post16.clf.uk/find-courses-apply/apply/-
<u>St Brendan's Sixth Form College</u>	https://www.stbrn.ac.uk/
<u>City of Bristol College</u>	https://www.cityofbristol.ac.uk/events/digital-open-event- Campuses: College Green, Ashley Down, Parkway, Hengrove
<u>South Gloucestershire and Stroud College</u>	https://www.sgscol.ac.uk/events/open-events Campuses: Filton, Stroud, Stoke Gifford,
<u>Bristol Cathedral Choir School</u>	https://bccs.bristol.sch.uk/sixth-form/
<u>North Bristol Post 16 Centre</u>	http://www.nbp16c.org.uk/
<u>St Mary Redcliffe Sixth Form</u>	https://www.smrt.bristol.sch.uk/index.php/sixth-form
<u>V6 - Cotham</u>	http://www.v6bristol.org/
<u>St Bede's Catholic College</u>	https://www.stbedesccl.org/

<u>Ashton Park 6th Form</u>	https://www.ashtonpark.net/Sixth-Form/
<u>Specialist Post 16 Providers</u>	
<u>BTE Academy</u>	Specialise in Technology and Engineering https://www.bteacademy.co.uk/
<u>Bristol School of Art (Clifton), Clifton, Berkeley Bridgwater and Taunton College</u>	https://www.btc.ac.uk/events/january-virtual-showcase/ Campuses: Bridgwater, Taunton, Cannington (land-based courses)
<u>Access Creative College</u>	https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/open-events/
<u>Boomsatsuma</u>	Specialise in creative courses https://www.boomsatsuma.education/collegeopendays
<u>Digitech Studio School</u>	Specialises in technology https://digitechstudioschool.co.uk/
<u>Bristol City Robins Foundation</u>	Specialises in Sport / Football https://www.bcfco.uk/robins-foundation/education/education-open-evening/ Campuses: Ashton Gate, City Academy, Merchants Academy
<u>Western College</u>	https://weston.ac.uk/event/open-evening-school-leavers Campuses: Knightstone, Loxton, South West Skills
<u>Bath College</u>	https://www.bathcollege.ac.uk/