



## Careers Bulletin – Apprenticeship focus

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](mailto:rachel.martin@clf.uk) for any inquiries or in her office in green in E114b. Students please note the change of office space.
- ★ 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.
- ★ Year 11 career advice available every lunch and break time with Miss Martin
- ★ 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/>
- ★ Students should check their emails regularly for messages from Miss Martin.

**Meet the Parents Evening** on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Miss Martin will be available to talk to students and parents during the evening after your appointment with your child's tutor. If you have any concerns about post 16 options please come ask any questions.

### 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. The school will also be offering small group sessions for specific needs. 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.

### Next 'pop up'

Boomsatsuma – Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> October at lunch time

## 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. There will be an assembly and two workshops in term 2. Students need to look out for the dates when these are confirmed and **sign up!**

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](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 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.

<b>Term 1 &amp; 2 Open evenings Post 16</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Notes</b>
15th October	SGS College	10:00-13:00	All sites
13th October	Weston College	17:00-19:00	All Campuses
18th October	City Of Bristol College	17:00-19:00	A level only College Green
19th October	Bath College	17:00-20:00	City Centre campus- check website
19th October	CLF Post-16	16:30 - 19:30	John Cabot Academy
20th October	Downend & Mangotsfield Sixth Form	18:00-20:00	Booking required
20th October	St Mary Redcliffe	18:00-20:15	Application deadline is noon Thurs 1st Dec 2022
20th October	North Bristol Post 16	18:30	Cotham
24th October	Access Creative	6pm	
PRE RECORD	Gordano sixth form	N/A	Pre record on website
PRE RECORD	Clevedon Sixth form	N/A	Pre record on website
<b>TERM 2 EVENTS</b>			
1st November	Abbeywood Community school	17:30-19:30	Booking required
2nd November	Bradley Stoke Community School	17:30-19:30	Booking required
3rd November	Bristol Cathedral Choir School	16:15-20:00	Booking required - closing date noon 6th Jan 2023
3rd November	Winterbourne Academy	17:30-19:30	Booking required
5th November	Bath College	10:00-13:00	Somer Valley campus- check website
7th November	St Mary Redcliffe	18:00-20:15	Application deadline is noon Thurs 1st Dec 2022
9th November	Churchill Academy	18:00-20:00	Churchill Academy- Booking required

16th November	Bristol City community trust	18:30	Booking required
16th November	St Brendans	17:00 - 20:00	St Brendans- booking required
16th November	St Katherines Sixth Form	tbc	Check website
16th November	City Of Bristol College	17:00-20:00	All sites
17th November	Backwell Sixth form	tbc	Backwell School- check website
24th November	Nailsea Sixth form	tbc	Check website
24th November	City Of Bristol College	17:00-19:00	A level only College Green
26th November	SGS College	10:00-13:00	All sites
26th November	Access Creative	From 6pm	
3rd December	Bath College	10:00-13:00	City Centre Campus- Check website
5th December	Bristol City community trust	18:30	Booking required
5th December	Boomsatsuma - Games, VR & VFX	18:30	Leadworks- booking required
6th December	Boomsatsuma - Photography	18:30	Leadworks- booking required
6th December	Boomsatsuma - Creative Digital	18:30	Leadworks- booking required
7th December	Boomsatsuma - Sports media	18:30	Ashton Gate Stadium- booking required
8th December	Boomsatsuma - Film & Tv	18:30	Bottleyard studio- booking required

This list was correct on 1/10/22 – please check websites for updates and changes and for how to book.



# College and Sixth Forms in Bristol



A good place to start your research is accessing the Bristol  
Post 16 Directory 2023 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.

<b><u>CLF Post 16</u></b>	<a href="http://www.post16.clf.uk/find-courses-apply/apply/">www.post16.clf.uk/find-courses-apply/apply/-</a>
<b><u>St Brendan's Sixth Form College</u></b>	<a href="https://www.stbrn.ac.uk/">https://www.stbrn.ac.uk/</a>
<b><u>City of Bristol College</u></b>	<a href="https://www.cityofbristol.ac.uk/events/digital-open-event">https://www.cityofbristol.ac.uk/events/digital-open-event</a> Campuses: College Green, Ashley Down, Parkway, Hengrove
<b><u>South Gloucestershire and Stroud College</u></b>	<a href="https://www.sgscol.ac.uk/events/open-events">https://www.sgscol.ac.uk/events/open-events</a> Campuses: Filton, Stroud, Stoke Gifford,
<b><u>Bristol Cathedral Choir School</u></b>	<a href="https://bccs.bristol.sch.uk/sixth-form/">https://bccs.bristol.sch.uk/sixth-form/</a>
<b><u>North Bristol Post 16 Centre</u></b>	<a href="http://www.nbp16c.org.uk/">http://www.nbp16c.org.uk/</a>
<b><u>St Mary Redcliffe Sixth Form</u></b>	<a href="https://www.smrt.bristol.sch.uk/index.php/sixth-form">https://www.smrt.bristol.sch.uk/index.php/sixth-form</a>
<b><u>V6 - Cotham</u></b>	<a href="http://www.v6bristol.org/">http://www.v6bristol.org/</a>
<b><u>St Bede's Catholic College</u></b>	<a href="https://www.stbedesc.org/">https://www.stbedesc.org/</a>
<b><u>Ashton Park 6th Form</u></b>	<a href="https://www.ashtonpark.net/Sixth-Form/">https://www.ashtonpark.net/Sixth-Form/</a>
<b><u>Specialist Post 16 Providers</u></b>	
<b><u>BTE Academy</u></b>	Specialise in Technology and Engineering <a href="https://www.bteacademy.co.uk/">https://www.bteacademy.co.uk/</a>

<b><u>Bristol School of Art (Clifton), Clifton, Berkeley Bridgwater and Taunton College</u></b>	<a href="https://www.btc.ac.uk/events/january-virtual-showcase/">https://www.btc.ac.uk/events/january-virtual-showcase/</a> Campuses: Bridgwater, Taunton, Cannington (land-based courses)
<b><u>Access Creative College</u></b>	<a href="https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/open-events/">https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/open-events/</a>
<b><u>Boomsatsuma</u></b>	Specialise in creative courses <a href="https://www.boomsatsuma.education/collegeopendays">https://www.boomsatsuma.education/collegeopendays</a>
<b><u>Digitech Studio School</u></b>	Specialises in technology <a href="https://digitechstudioschool.co.uk/">https://digitechstudioschool.co.uk/</a>
<b><u>Bristol City Robins Foundation</u></b>	Specialises in Sport / Football <a href="https://www.bcfc.co.uk/robins-foundation/education/education-open-evening/">https://www.bcfc.co.uk/robins-foundation/education/education-open-evening/</a> Campuses: Ashton Gate, City Academy, Merchants Academy
<b><u>Western College</u></b>	<a href="https://weston.ac.uk/event/open-evening-school-leavers">https://weston.ac.uk/event/open-evening-school-leavers</a> Campuses: Knightstone, Loxton, South West Skills
<b><u>Bath College</u></b>	<a href="https://www.bathcollege.ac.uk/">https://www.bathcollege.ac.uk/</a>