

Dear parents and carers

As always, we are working hard to ensure your children have the information, advice and guidance they need to secure a successful future. Our **careers adviser**, Carole Foster, offers one-to-one appointments, particularly for students in KS4 and KS5. Students can request an appointment via their tutor or via Ms Hutchinson.

We send out **weekly careers bulletins** to students in Y10-Y14 via Firefly. These are also always available on Firefly - <https://caludoncastle.fireflycloud.net/careers/newsletters> - and on the school website's [Careers News](#) page. Each bulletin contains a mixture of information from colleges, universities and employers as well as organisations such as Speakers for Schools and Coventry & Warwickshire Careers Hub. Opportunities have included talks, virtual work experience, direct recruitment for apprenticeships, college and university open days, and webinars. All opportunities are linked to directly from the bulletin.

CareerMap create a version of their **CareerMag** specifically for parents and carers. This can be seen online at <https://careermap.co.uk/careermag-parents-carers-guardians/>

Caludon careers events continue this term, with an online apprenticeship event, an online careers pathways event, as well as a second careers fair aimed at post-18 options.

Caludon Castle Post-16 Subject Evening and Careers Fair

On **Wednesday 15 February**, we will be holding our **post-16 subject evening** in school, from **3.15pm to 7.00pm**. Students and their parents and carers will be able to talk to teachers about their progress in each of their subjects. Alongside this, on the same evening, there will be a **careers fair**, with representatives from employers, colleges, training providers, recruitment agencies and universities. **Anyone from any year** is welcome to come in to school, between 4.00 and 6.30pm, to talk to the organisations represented. The following organisations will be present:





Caludon Apprenticeship Evening

On **Monday 6 February, from 6pm to 7pm**, there will be an **online event** focused on apprenticeships. A local apprenticeship provider and a representative of ASK, the Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge team, will each give a short talk including advice on applications.

This session will be on Zoom. You will need to register first as there is a limit on numbers. Please email sthutchinsons@caludoncastle.co.uk to register your interest, and you will be sent the Zoom link via email.

Careers Pathways: What's it like in ...?

On Monday 6 March, from 6pm to 7.30pm, there will be a second online event, this time looking at what's it like to pursue different pathways. We will hear from a recruitment company, members of Coventry University, Coventry College, our own sixth form, and apprentices. This session will also be on Zoom. You will need to register first as there is a limit on numbers. Please email sthutchinsons@caludoncastle.co.uk to register your interest, and you will be sent the Zoom link via email.

If you have other requests for support with careers information and guidance, please let us know, using the same email address as above.

We look forward to seeing some of you at our events this term.

Caludon Castle School Careers Team

Y10 VWEX

As in the last two years, we are hosting a virtual work experience day for year 10 students in the summer term. This will take place on Thursday 22 June, and will involve all year 10 students working with an employer or a self-employed person for the day, learning about careers and taking part in activities related to specific pathways.

For most students, they will begin the day by hearing directly from their guest about that person's (or team's) pathway into their chosen career, what their day-to-day work is like, and what other roles are available within their organisation or career sector. The students will then be set real-life tasks that are related to the industry sector but that can be completed within the school environment. School staff will be on hand to support them with this throughout the day. At the end of the day, each group of students will feed back to their guest, and be given some feedback themselves on how well they have done.

This day aims to broaden the students' horizons and give them an idea of what is available within specific industry sectors, as well as giving a taste of what specific careers might entail. We are very grateful to the representatives who give up their time to attend either online or in person.

If you or your company would like to support us this year with our virtual work experience day for year 10, please get in touch with [Ms Hutchinson](#).

National Apprenticeship Week

National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) takes place in the week of 6-10 February this year. Our own online event (see above) is part of this.

Leamington Spa College are getting in early with a Business and Professional Services evening on Wed 25 January, 5.30-7.30pm, focusing on careers in hospitality and catering, business, customer service, IT, dental nursing, and hair and beauty. This will include the opportunity to talk to employers who are looking for apprentices, take a tour of the learning facilities, and find out about apprenticeships and T levels. To book a place on this go to www.wcg.ac.uk/apprenticeships

Speakers for Schools, a national organisation bringing experts into state schools, are hosting a number of online events for NAW:

- **Harper Adams: 7th February** - Exploring [extended degrees and apprenticeship routes with Harper Adams University](#)
- **Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust: 8th February** - [Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust - 'What apprenticeship opportunities are there in the NHS?'](#)
- **Hinkley Point C: 9th February** '[Power your Potential](#)' - [point your career towards an apprenticeship that powers 6 million homes with low carbon electricity!](#)
- **Severn Trent: 7th March** [The Wonderful World of Water - Apprenticeship Opportunities with Severn Trent](#)
- **PA Consulting: 10th February** [In-person 'Meet the apprentice' - bringing ingenuity to life - Speakers for Schools](#)
- **NHS Improvement: 7th February** [NextGen Nurse: Find out about nursing apprenticeships and more - Speakers for Schools](#)
- **Siemens: 7th - 8th February** [Hear from Early Talent at Siemens Energy - How you can be part of changing the worlds energy systems](#)

The Cabinet Office Schools Outreach team are delivering a number of virtual 45-minute talks during National Apprenticeships Week (06- 10 Feb 23) to inform parents and students about Civil Service Apprenticeships and other career opportunities within the Civil Service.

Apprentices will talk to you about what it's like to be a Civil Servant Apprentice, the rewarding work that your son/daughter could do, what career opportunities there are for them, the range of benefits that there are and how to apply. The talks for parents and students are taking place at the following times, on Microsoft Teams:

- Tuesday 7 February (3:30 - 4:15 pm)
- Wednesday 8 February (12:30 - 1:15 pm)
- Wednesday 8 February (4:00 - 4:45 pm)
- Thursday 9 February (3:30 - 4:15 pm)

If you would like the link for any of these meetings or have any questions about these talks, you can email their team mailbox: schoolsoutreach.diversity@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Get the Jump

The National Careers Service has launched a new website. Help your child to make informed choices about their future with 'Get the Jump'.

For all young people, choosing what to do next can be daunting and many aren't aware of the different options open to them when leaving school or college.

The '[Get the Jump](#)' Skills for Life content hub on the National Careers Service website has been designed to help everyone to understand their post 16 and post 18 education and training choices.

Please visit the [website](#).

Where to find advice and guidance

There are so many useful-looking websites about careers, it can be difficult to know where to start. We have listed some of the most useful websites below.

Recruitment and other local opportunities:

Careers Hub Coventry & Warwickshire, on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/CareersHubCW>

I don't know what to do, I need some ideas:

Unifrog - www.unifrog.org

National Careers Service - <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Prospects - <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>

ICould, including the Buzz Quiz - <https://icould.com/>

Apprenticeships:

Amazing Apprenticeships - <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

Apprenticeships - <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#>

Find and apply for an apprenticeship - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Find an apprenticeship - <https://www.findapprenticeships.co.uk/>

Local Colleges:

Coventry College - <https://www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/>

Warwickshire College Group - <https://wcg.ac.uk/>

North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire College - <https://www.nwslc.ac.uk/>

BOA - <https://www.boa-academy.co.uk/>

University:

UCAS - <https://www.ucas.com/>

Discover Uni - <https://discoveruni.gov.uk/>
What Uni? - <https://www.whatuni.com/>
Unifrog - www.unifrog.org
Plan My Gap Year - <https://www.planmygapyear.co.uk/>
Apply to Uni - <https://www.applytouni.com/>
The Student Room - <https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/>