



Careers Café...

In this section of the newsletter, we bring students, parents and carers information on careers and the world of work.

Year 11 Careers Event - Post 16 Taster Day

On Thursday 16th January, Year 11 were involved in a taster day to explore their next steps post GCSE. Students were involved in either Sixth Form or College and Apprenticeship activities throughout the day.

James Brooklyn from ASK Apprenticeships delivered a talk and workshops on searching and applying for apprenticeships. Representatives from Crawley College offered taster activities from courses such as Public Services, Health and Beauty, Engineering, Motor Vehicle and Fabrication and Welding. Mr Harman planned and delivered sessions to support students in success in interviews.

The Sixth Form team arranged A Level taster lessons across the full breadth of courses available at Hazelwick, and students also experienced time in the 6th form Common room and Octagon (dedicated 6th Form supervised study room).

The feedback from students has been really positive, and we hope to run an even better event next year. A huge thank you to all the staff and external presenters that were involved in this excellent opportunity for our students.





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West Sussex, Brighton & Hove Careers Hub are delighted to confirm that the What Next Sussex free, online broadcast is back for 2025 with lots of new content and expert advice and guidance to support learners to take their next steps post-16.

What Next Sussex 2025 will be taking place on Thursday, 22nd May with a broadcast available between 18:00-19:00pm for students and their parents/carers/families.

This is a valuable opportunity for Year 10/11 students to meet employers, chat with careers experts and colleges, sixth forms, universities, and training and apprenticeship providers.

This event is targeted at Year 10/11 students but students in Year 12 will also find it beneficial. To accompany this event, we are delighted to share the NEW What Next? In West Sussex, Brighton & Hove LMI resource. This is available here:

What Next? - West Sussex, Brighton & Hove | PDF to Flipbook.

This guide provides impartial key information to support with post-16 transition into education, employment, and training.

Gas, Plumbing and Electrical Industry Apprenticeship Webinars

As part of National Apprenticeship Week in early February, Steve Willis will be hosting some webinars about the apprenticeships that they are currently offering this year!

These webinars are primarily targeted at Year 10 and 11 students who are beginning to think about what they would like to do after their GCSE's.

If there are any students that may be interested in pursuing a career in the gas, plumbing or electrical industry, then the Apprenticeship Webinar is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about their apprenticeship program and the industry.

Please note – the plumbing apprenticeship is only available at the Burgess Hill Centre.

The apprenticeship webinar will help give learners an overview of the course content and what they can expect if they choose to start an apprenticeship with Steve Willis in 2025!

Students, parents, or carers that are interested in attending, should complete the form by clicking the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/JbXsUQ63wk>

Wakehurst Work Experience Opportunities

Wakehurst is now offering work experience in the following teams: Horticulture, Marketing and Communications, Millenium Seed Bank, Visitors Centre, and the Learning Programme Team.

These placements are a week long and are a wonderful opportunity for students to get experience of what it is like to work in a botanical garden, home to the most important conservation project in the world, the Millennium Seedbank.



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These placements will be suitable for students aged 14-18 who have an interest in plant biology, gardening and horticulture, practical working, conservation and nature, marketing and social media, retail, public engagement, and teaching. The placements will provide an understanding of working in a botanical garden from a horticultural, science, educational and business perspective.

If students are interested in applying for any of the placements, they should complete the application form by the 1st March 2025 by clicking on the link below.

[Wakehurst Work Experience 2025 Application form](#)

Successful applicants will be invited for an informal interview in March, with placements confirmed by April.

A contribution to travel expenses during the placement will be offered to all successful applicants, however, please ask students to consider how they will travel to and from Wakehurst throughout their placement.

Further details on the placements available are available in the notice on Satchelone: [Satchel One | Learning platform](#) and at this link: [Wakehurst One Week Work Experience | Kew](#)

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