

Cathedral Schools Trust Premium Partners Newsletter

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Recent Premium Partner Events

CV Workshop

[IntoUniversity](#), a Bristol charity, which provides local centres to encourage students to achieve, were welcomed to BCCS to deliver a CV workshop. Despite an after-school slot twenty-five students attended the interactive session and were offered advice on what an effective CV looks like as well as tailoring CV's for specific jobs. Students were able to critically review each others CV's and get professional advice on how to improve their own CV to make it stand out. Students also had the benefit of hearing about an outstanding paid work experience opportunity within London's financial district—let's hope some of our students are successful!

Quotes from the event were — *'The presenters were really helpful, they went through my CV with me and have helped me expand it more to the field I want to go into'* - **BCCS student**;

'The best part for me was the personalised tips about how to improve my current CV, this gave me confidence to know what I should change' - **BCCS student**.

A big thank you to Ellie Turner & colleagues from [IntoUniversity](#) for giving up their time to run the event.



Business Breakfast

The January Premium Partners networking breakfast was once again well attended with thirty Sixth Form students and nineteen local employers/organisations in attendance. CST Pre-

mium Partners is continuing to build its programme and we value all the support local businesses and organisations give in regularly attending these events.

The theme of the breakfast this time was Creative Industries. Attendees heard an informative presentation from Fiona Francombe ([The Bottle Yard Studios](#)) about her own and typical experiences of working within this sector as well as some helpful hints for getting in to the industry. A variety of local employers & organisations from the creative sector were also present including Creative Youth Network, Icon Films, and Knowle West Media Centre amongst others.



During the presentation, and as a result of informal conversations between students and employers, a wide variety of information was shared allowing BCCS students an excellent opportunity to find out about job roles, skills & qualities needed within this sector— one or two entrepreneurial students, using newly acquired networking skills, even managed to secure work experience placements!



Quotes from the event were — *'I found this to be a really good networking opportunity, some great contacts made - plus the students were great and had many really engaging questions.'*— **Local employer**.

'The businesses were helpful in providing contacts, it's very difficult to get into the creative sector without connections so it was great to hear from those in the sector.' - **BCCS student**.

Enterprise Challenges

Across the past term Year 12 and 13 students have had the opportunity to take part in two external Enterprise Challenges.

The first, [The Business Retail Challenge](#), organised by Henley Business School, and delivered across three live webinars, required students to investigate the business Tesco. During the live webinars students were provided background information, current news stories as well as share prices and then set a task of devising a new strategy for Tesco's future direction.

Four teams entered the challenge with each working effectively to become.....

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.....knowledgeable about this sector and create presentations to explain innovative and purposeful strategies Tesco may adopt. Despite no BCCS teams reaching the finals students showed great enthusiasm, developing their soft skills alongside business acumen.



The second challenge was the [2018 BASE Competition](#) — the ICAEW's annual Business and Accounting competition for students in school or college.

Students started the challenge by completing an online assessment which offered an insight into the roles and tasks completed by accountants before being divided into teams for a business scenario challenge. Students had to collaborate with team mates, most of whom were unfamiliar, to complete the task as set by the ICAEW. The challenge gave students a real taste of team-working as well as developing an understanding of careers in accountancy.



Pathway CTM-Bristol Skills Day

Pathway CTM (Careers, Training & Mentoring) is an employability programme used at BCCS to help Sixth Formers make the best choices after

finishing school. Pathway CTM offers personalised careers information by sending direct information about Apprenticeships, school leavers courses, WEX opportunities and other employer events in the local area that are tailored to student preferences. All Sixth Form students have been given the chance to sign up to the programme and can still do so at the Pathway CTM [website](#).

As part of the Pathway CTM programme BCCS students were invited to attend a Bristol Skills day during the February half term. This free event was held at Clifton College School and was supported by a number of large employers including **Sky, BBC, NHS, BT & IBM** amongst many others. Those attending the event took part in focused workshops around Social Media Influence, Interview Styles, Psychometrics as well as having an opportunity to speak with ambassadors across these organisations. The workshops were developed by industry experts and addressed the main barriers to employment, faced by Sixth Formers.



West of England Mentoring

BCCS students have begun their involvement in the West of England mentoring programme. The WEM programme is a group mentoring programme where mentors support and advise students as they work through a range of activities within small groups. BCCS has been partnered with local company, Foot Anstey, who support the programme by providing adult mentors.

west of england MENTORING

Fifteen students across Years 9 and 10 have now attended three sessions, out of a programme of six, covering key employability/inter-personal skills including communication and self-confidence. So far students have relished this unique opportunity. The offices at Foot Anstey (like something out of the Apprentice!) continue to amaze both students and staff every visit and the complimentary drinks/snacks always add to the allure!



It has been a delight to see BCCS students, placed outside of their comfort zone, engage so actively with adults in an unfamiliar setting. Students have been a credit to themselves and the school and are valuing the input of the mentors. I look forward to the remaining sessions and to students evaluation of the overall programme.

Quotes to date regarding the WEM programme have been— *'wow & wow — is this really where someone works!'*— **Yr 9 BCCS student.**

I wasn't sure what to expect but that was really fun and the mentors are cool'. **Yr 10 BCCS student**

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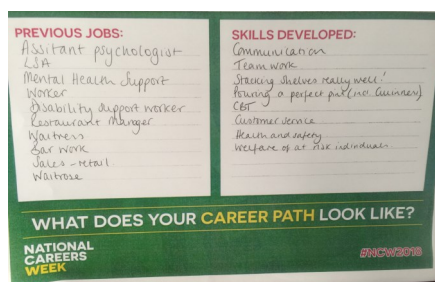
'It's been an exciting challenge for us at Foot Anstey as this is our first year of the WEM programme. We are really enjoying being involved with BCCS students who have been enthusiastic, engaged and inquisitive throughout.'
Foot Anstey employee.



National Careers Week

The week of 5th-9th March 2018 was **National Careers Week** — a national event aimed at increasing the awareness of future careers amongst young people. As part of this week a variety of events and information was made available to BCCS students to encourage thinking beyond the now and to consideration of future career options - these events included:

- A CV workshop hosted by staff from Barclays Bank
- A careers workshop hosted by the Foreign Office
- A whole school assembly as well as webinars direct from Lloyds Bank and Class Careers about Apprenticeship schemes
- Tutor led activities & discussions regarding careers paths and careers information — teachers even contributed by displaying door signs detailing career paths to date!



Students were also given access to the National Careers Week magazine as well as a number of links to useful careers websites offering a magnitude of helpful careers advice/support.



The week was well received with over 86% of students stating involvement in two or more of the weeks activities. However feedback from students suggested that more careers information would be valued.

As part of the CST Premium Partnership scheme BCCS is establishing relationship with local organisations such as Bristol City Council Works, Business West and the Careers and Enterprise Company to develop its careers programme. As these strategic partnerships are built we look forward to being able to offer a more comprehensive careers provision to better meet the needs of all our students.



Code Club

Code Club is an extra curricular activity led by IT teacher, Mr Perryman, which allows students to develop coding skills alongside IT professionals from the world of work.

Code Cub meet on Wednesdays, after school, filling up and transforming the upstairs Parsonage computer room into a frenzy of high-energy coding, discussing programming features as well as design aesthetics. So far students have been learning the rudiments using Scratch and Microbits, with a number of proficient programmers beginning to develop their skills in Python - it is clear that some current Code Club members are destined to be the software developers of tomorrow!

Over the last three weeks club members have been creating a 'Tech Toy' for a national competition, resulting in some very interesting ideas - watch this space for details of our entries! This term students will be working towards creating their own website using HTML and CSS.



Code club is run with the support of staff from Lloyds Banking Group. The club is extremely lucky to have established a partnership with our close neighbours and benefits from input of IT experts within Lloyds who attend each week on a voluntary basis.

Any students interested in joining Code Club should speak with **Mr Perryman** directly.

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Please contact Paul Mann, Director of CST Premium Partners, if you would like further information about any of the opportunities in the newsletter—0117 353 5000 (ext 5020), email; premiumpartners@cathedralschoolstrust.org

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Upcoming Premium Partner Events/Opportunities

Lawyers in Schools

Local Law firm CMS are partnering with BCCS to offer an insight into the law profession as part of the [Lawyers in Schools](#) programme. Staff at CMS will be visiting the school to provide a variety of sessions over a six week period covering topics such as Youth Justice, Human Rights, Discrimination, Social Media & Law amongst others. The sessions will run **3.30-4.30pm on Thursdays** and are due to start on **26th April**. In order to be involved students must commit to attending all six sessions. If you are interested in this opportunity please sign up [here](#) (Yrs 11 -13 only) .

Right4me

In order to support students in making the right choice of University course the 2018 'right4me' webinars series is starting soon. Right4me is a series of subject specific webinars for current Year 12/13 students who have an idea about what degree course they are interested in but would like to talk to different universities in order to make informed comparisons. The first event is scheduled to start on **19th April** with this session looking at Archaeology. Please sign up for these events using this [link](#) (click on the different tabs for future right4me events).

right4me

Business Networking Breakfast

The next CST Premium Partners Business Networking Breakfast takes place on **Tuesday 8th May**. The event will offer an opportunity to meet our outstanding young people and network

with local employers. The theme of this event is **Apprenticeships** and will allow an opportunity to share the benefits of apprenticeship schemes with our students as well as promoting current/future apprenticeship programmes. If you would like to attend the networking breakfast or require further information about this event please contact **Paul Mann**, director of CST Premium Partners.

**Call to Action – can you
support the CST Premium
Partners scheme?**

Workplace Experiences

Are you a local employer/organisation able to offer an experience of the workplace for BCCS students? The Gatsby report suggests that every student should have first-hand experiences of the workplace through work visits, work shadowing and work experience so they can explore career opportunities fully. BCCS have a number of outstanding Year 11/Post 16 students who are actively seeking out interesting work place experience opportunities across a number of careers/professions. If you are a business owner/decision maker and able to offer such an opportunity we would like to hear from you.



Business in the Curriculum

There is no doubt that students feel more engaged in their learning when

they perceive the relevance of what they are studying to their own and other peoples lives. CST Premium Partners are looking to identify local businesses/organisations that would be interested in forming a strategic alliance to design, create and implement problem-based challenges that can be embedded into our curriculum. We have a number of departments eager to work with real businesses in strengthening the delivery of their curriculum. If you would like to find out more about how your business could support our curriculum please get in touch.

And Finally

CST Premium Partners has now gone live on twitter [@CSTPremPartners](#) — please do follow us for updates on CST Premium Partners events and careers information.



Don't forget the **CST Premium Partners Student Bulletin** is sent out fortnightly to inform students about local careers opportunities — students please keep an eye on your inbox as many exciting opportunities are on offer!



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Premium Partners Scheme information



What is Cathedral Schools Trust Premium Partners?

At Cathedral Schools Trust, we firmly believe that Partnership is the way forward, whether it is with other schools, the community, or local businesses. In January 2017 the CST Premium Partners scheme was born, with the aim of developing a programme that would not only encourage the corporate world and education to forge strong and long-lasting ties, but also offer companies involved a platform on which to advertise their business as well as

providing opportunities to network and become an integral part of the school.

We often hear business leaders claim that young people are not prepared for the work place and that schools are not equipping them with the skills they desperately need. We believe that schools can not be expected to address this alone and that businesses have a vital role to play in the education of young people in the UK.

We believe that schools and businesses need to work hand in hand to:

- Offer the best opportunities for our students
- Ensure businesses get the employees needed
- Enrich the curriculum
- Inspire
- Raise aspirations
- Ensure communities thrive

Cathedral School Trust Premium Partners provides a way to do this successfully.

With our belief that schools should provide a 'Whole Education' for their students, the Premium Partners scheme provides an invaluable way for students to gain employability skills, high quality work experience and careers advice. We are continuously looking at ways to improve the scheme and develop our partnerships with local employers.

If you would like to find out more about the CST Premium Partners scheme, or to get involved, please go to the website — www.cathedraltrust-premium-partners.co.uk, or contact **Paul Mann, Director of the scheme**, on 0117 353 5000 (ext 5020), email; premiumpartners@cathedralschoolstrust.org

CST Premium Partners



Partnernews - an opportunity to hear in more detail from our Level 1-3 Partners and learn about their organisation and ambitions.



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Pearce Electrical Services is one of Bristol's major electrical contractors. They work with a wide-ranging client base from the Ministry of Defence to single site domestic residences.

Dedicated electrical training booth

Pearce Electrical Services are keen to promote the electrical industry as a rewarding career to the next generation of "bright sparks" at Bristol Cathedral Choir School.

Pearce Electrical Services support the school by giving students the opportunity to learn electrical basics in a dedicated electrical training booth. It's also provides an opportunity for pupils to develop their "softer skills" around communication, attitude and work ethic in a real-world environment.

Electric dreams

Managing director and founder Rich Pearce explains how he started in the electrical industry:

"My route into the industry was through global pharmaceutical company Astra Zeneca. Training as an electrical engineer with them exposed me to all kinds of complex electrical challenges and working in hazardous environments. This skill set was what sparked me into starting my business that could cater to a far wider range of electrical services than a standard electrician."

Helping pupils develop skills and their parents with electrical work.

Pearce Electrical's large facility in Brislington provides the resources to custom build kit for large commercial work, the space to invest in staff training, and the flexibility to give back to the community.

For pupils interested in finding out about the skills developed as an electrician, contact Mr Mann at BCCS. There may also be the opportunity to carry out the skills part of your Duke of Edinburgh Award. For parents searching for a commercial or domestic electrician, look no further than Bristol Cathedral Choir School partner Pearce Electrical Services.

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