

BCCS Careers Bulletin 2020/21 ed1

Want to know about useful Careers opportunities, open days and inspirational events coming up? Read on!

BCCS Futures Events/Opportunities

BCCS Futures Careers Programme - As a result of Coronavirus it is no longer possible to deliver the full BCCS 'Futures' Careers programme whilst meeting current government health & safety protocols for social distancing. Some aspects of the programme, listed below, have been temporarily suspended. These activities/events will be reviewed in light of any developments with Coronavirus and where possible alternatives, virtual or face to face, will look to be arranged.

Futures Careers events/activities suspended 2020/21:

- Employer/STEAM encounters prior to Jan 2021
- Post 16 Apprenticeship Roadshow
- Post 16 UCAS convention
- Careers Fair (face to face)
- Yr 11 FE/HE/External Providers Event
- University visits prior to Jan 2021
- West of England Mentoring (supported by Just Eat)
- Experience of Work (WEX) Years 10 and 12 students may still complete WEX under parental responsibility
- Take your child to work day Years 7-9 students may still participate under parental responsibility

An overview 'Roadmap' document summarising the key careers activities/learning which would normally be delivered as part of the 'Futures' Careers programme can be found on the Futures careers webpage <u>here</u>.

Careers Personal Guidance – Personal Guidance meetings will commence on **Tuesday 10th November**. All Year 11 students will be offered a meeting with our Level 6 qualified Careers Advisors, Ms Jenkinson. Students will have an opportunity to discuss future careers, local labour market information and next steps. The schedule of meetings as well as support resources will be available from Tutors after half term. Post 16 students will be offered meetings with Ms Jenkinson in January on completion of the Year 11 sessions.

Envision Mentoring – I am delighted to announce that we have secured a nine week mentoring programme through the support of Envision. Up to 13 Year 10 students will be invited to take part in the mentoring programme focussed on communication, team-working and determination. Students will receive seven face to face skills development and two virtual mentoring sessions from local employers, Hargreaves Lansdown. The programme will start in November.

Yr 10/11 West of England Career Inspiration Show, Like to Be, 25th Nov – This is a virtual careers event hosted on the LikeToBe digital platform. The event includes career insightful talks, chats with employers, webinars, competitions, and work experience opportunities in different themed zones across the event (e.g. STEM, Creative Industries, Entrepreneurship, Health and Social Care etc.). The event will run from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm. IN ORDER TO ATTEND THIS EVENT STUDENTS MUST CREATE A PROFILE ON THE LIKE TO BE PLATFORM. Full details of the event as well as how to create a Like To Be Profile can be found <u>here</u>.

UCAS Draft Clinic, week commencing 9th Nov, 4–5.30pm – The final Yr 13 UCAS draft clinic will take place during this week. Please ensure you have updated your Personal Statement based on feedback from the first clinic and shared this with your Post 16 Tutor.

Careerpilot/Grofar – If not already done so ALL BCCS students must ensure they have registered themselves with two online resources to be used at BCCS as part of the 'Futures' Careers programme:

- 1. <u>GroFar</u> a personalised careers and work readiness passport.
- 2. Careerpilot Southwest award winning careers information and tools website

Website/Twitter – Please do follow the schools Careers/Employability twitter feed <u>@CSTPremPartners</u> alongside the <u>'Futures'</u> careers dedicated webpage to keep up to date with Careers/Employability within the school.

Local Events/Opportunities

Robins Foundation – view the Robins Foundation 2021/22 Education prospectus <u>here</u> to see the qualifications on offer as well as upcoming virtual open events.

Boomsatsuma (creative & arts training provider) – Boomsatsuma offer a range of creative courses including Creative & Digital Media, Sports Media, Film & TV, Games VR & VFX, Dance and Professional Acting – view the current prospectus <u>here</u> to see details of the qualifications on offer as well as virtual open events.

Bristol Aerospace Volunteer – interested in being a student volunteer at the Aerospace Bristol? For full information on the role and to apply please look <u>here</u>.

Virtual WEX

Law/Politics – are you looking for work experience with high-profile figures from the world of law, politics and international development. Would you like to work with MPs, United Nations staff, top criminal barristers, 'Magic Circle' corporate lawyers, Foreign & Commonwealth Office staff and many more. All programmes relating to law and politics are listed on the link below. Students can choose between 5-day Half Term Internships and Weekend Programmes. Register here.

Speakers for Schools Virtual WEX – the Speakers for Schools Experience Programme offers access to a wide range of WEX opportunities across a number of industries – have a look at all opportunities <u>here</u>.

InvestIN - amazing WEX/internship opportunities from a vast array of sectors - look <u>here</u> for more information.

SectorSpotlight Sessions – over 100+ video clips from employees across a wide array of job roles and industries – have a watch <u>here</u>.

Veterinary Medicine Work Experience - The COVID-19 pandemic means that many potential vet students cannot undertake animal handling work experience. UK vet schools which require work experience have agreed to accept completion of a <u>Virtual Work Experience and Exploring the Veterinary Profession</u> online course in place of in-person work experience.

Work Ready Skills Virtual Experience (Forage) – Forage are offering a range of free virtual experiences which are designed to arm you specifically with the work-readiness skills that will help you to navigate these challenging times, and empower you to thrive as you seek and secure work experience and apprenticeships. Sign up <u>here</u>.

STEM Events/Opportunities

Project Inspiration - a series of projects set by local STEM Ambassadors to engage KS4/KS5 students with real life projects that can be registered for CREST awards. The project ideas relate to either the Ambassadors work or the covid pandemic problems. The <u>videos</u> and further information can be found <u>here</u>.

TE Robotics Challenge – student teams can apply to be part of exciting robotics challenges. Teamwork, robots, design, discovery, fun and loads of LEGO are all part of the mix, as are real-world challenges. From speed racing to humanitarian aid, students can demonstrate their skills through a digital portfolio celebrated at digital events held around the country. All kit (including EV3's) and training is provided free – register interest <u>here</u>.

First Lego League - The 2020-21 RePLAYSM season, themed around play and being active, is here! The challenge will see teams working towards a regional event or for the first time ever an *in-school event* where students will be assessed on each of the four parts of FIRST[®] LEGO[®] League Challenge. <u>See here for information and registration</u>.

Climate Detectives - Teams of students, are called to make a difference by identifying a climate problem, investigating it by using available Earth Observation data or taking measurements on the ground, and then proposing a way to help reduce the problem. Problems to be identified and proposed by 24 Nov and completed by May 2021. Find out more <u>here</u>.

Somerset Careers Fair, 10th November, 8.30am to 7pm - Talk live to an exhibitor via a secure chat facility and get advice and real time answers to your questions. In addition there will be a number of webinars taking place covering key topics. The event is open to students and parents – look <u>here</u> for more information and to sign up.

Renishaw Virtual Careers Fair – Find out about Renishaw as a business and get the opportunity to speak with employees to find out whether Engineering is for you – sign up <u>here.</u>

Virtual STEM Question Time Panel, Johnson&Johnson - Find the first panel video recording below with a diverse range of speakers from J&J's sales, finance, and labs teams and clinical specialists. Gain valuable insight into their job roles, career journeys, work experience and more! Find out more <u>here</u>.

The Big Bang – lots of amazing resources, webinars and competitions to get involved in – take a look here

Bristol University Science speaker programme - These virtual science talks will give an insight into the range of exciting research taking place right now, some of it Covid-19 related, allowing students an opportunity to question a world renowned academic. To register interest, <u>complete this form</u> or email <u>outreach-fls@bristol.ac.uk</u>.

Other Careers Events/Opportunities

Young Professionals Conference, 12th Nov – A full days programme offering the opportunity to hear from a number of large employers including PwC, GSK, EY, IBM, HSBC, Vodaphone, Capgemini and BP amongst others. There will also be sessions dedicated to recruitment (psychometric testing, digital interviews, recruitment process, hints & tips and more!). All students participating will receive a certificate. Register here to attend (NB unique code is the school postcode BS15TS).

RAF Virtual Event - As part of the National RAF Careers campaign the "Access All Areas" experience is a **FREE** Virtual Tour & Interactive event being held over 4 dates. The events provide an insight into many



Roles /Career Opportunities & will also incorporate a "Live" opportunity to speak to Serving Personnel online who are actually performing those Roles today in the RAF. Look <u>here</u> to sign up.

Fidelity Finance Student Challenge - Year 12-13s can win 1 of 30 spaces to pitch their idea to finance experts at an exciting event. Students are challenged to put a pitch together on making learning about money exciting for young people! Everything needed to take part is on the online platform. Entry deadline is **Friday 18th December**. For more information see our <u>Guide</u>.

WorldSkills UK Spotlight Talks. **26-28 November** - <u>Spotlight Talks</u> will feature 30-minute bitesize sessions including presentations and live Q&As helping young people turn their career aspirations into opportunities. Speakers already confirmed include: Nadiya Hussain from The Great British Bake Off, Roma Agrawal, an engineer for The Shard, London, Youtuber Grant Hinds, with many more to follow.

BASE Competition - A national competition that invites 16-17 year olds across the UK to take on the role of ICAEW Chartered Accountants and compete in team challenges. It's aligned with curriculum requirements for Business Studies, Economics and Maths, and allows students to demonstrate skills in a wider business context. To take part register <u>here</u> and gather a team!

Free online babysitting course – Norland are delighted to offer their certificated babysitting course for those who would benefit from the opportunity to learn new skills. The course is designed specifically for teenagers and young people. Find out more and register <u>here</u>.

FutreChef - The FutureChef Programme helps to build students culinary skills. Students will be awarded with certificates and special prizes along the way. With the online competition culminating in a "live" National Final in 2021. For more information and to register go <u>here</u>.

Oxford Climate Club, Sustainability Career talks - Oxford Climate Club are putting on online events every Tuesday at 4pm (term time only) for students, with advice from people working in jobs related to climate/sustainability. From architects to engineers, designers to fashion buyers - every career considers sustainability. But what skills do you need, what courses can you take, what paths can you follow? Come and meet people working in a range of jobs which just happen to involve doing something good for the planet, and it's human inhabitants. Find out how speakers made it to where they are now, and ask them advice about your own journey. For more information & to sign up look here.

Speakers For Schools – have chance to watch some amazing talks given by employees from a wide range of careers about their roles, experiences and steps into their chosen professions – some amazing topics and talks are available <u>here</u>.

PRIME (Law WEX) – PRIME is an alliance of law firms across the UK, committed to improving access to the legal profession through work experience. So if you want to work in law, you can come from any background at all. Any culture. Any social group. If you've got the right attitude, you can become a great lawyer. It all starts here, with legal work experience from PRIME. Apply <u>here</u>

ReImagine Law Podcast Series - A podcast about legal education to help navigate an increasingly complex set of career path choices, and build the mind-set of being a life-long learner! Hear from people who work in the legal sector about the different roles and routes in, from apprentices, graduates and even a judge, plus learn about the value of work experience. Listen <u>here</u>.

How to become a lawyer - Discover how to begin a career in the legal sector and the skills you need to be a top lawyer with the <u>FutureLearn Free online course</u>.

Medic Mentor Free WEX, **21**st **Nov** – Medic Mentor we have partnered with University Hospital Birmingham NHS Trust at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham to bring students the only free, live interactive virtual work experience in the UK run by doctors which is compiled with the medical school's council. Students can register on the following <u>link</u>. Medic Mentor Conferences - Get into Veterinary - Saturday 21st November (Exclusive talk from Channel 5's Yorkshire Vet), Get into Dentistry - Sunday 29th November. Please note there is funding available to support FREE attendance at these events - see the poster here for more information.

MedApply - One-to-one online tuition and carefully curated, comprehensive courses covering all aspects of the medicine and dentistry application process to help secure your place at medical or dental school. Look <u>here</u> for more details.

UCAT Handbook – If you are considering a career in Medicine then this is a fantastic resource that tells you everything you need to know about the UCAT including assessment methods and example questions. Find out more <u>here</u>.

Observe GP - a platform to support virtual WEX for GP's - find out more here.

Careers in Healthcare – Considering a career within the Health sector? Have a look at the RUH Bath NHS Careers resource area <u>here.</u>

Apprenticeship Opportunities & Vacancies

What are Apprenticeships – information for both students/parents about what an Apprenticeship is and how to find them is available <u>here</u>.

Construction Apprenticeships, Onsite Bristol, 30th Nov – <u>Onsite Bristol</u> will be hosting a webinar/Q&A session for anyone considering a career in construction, Eventbrite sign up will be released soon. For more information about Construction Apprenticeships please watch the following <u>video clip.</u>

Pathway CTM Apprenticeships – want to find out about local and national Apprenticeship employer events – watch this short <u>video</u> to see how the programme can support you or sign up to the CTM Pathway Planner programme <u>here</u> to keep up to date.

RPC - Team of the Year' at the Legal Business Awards 2020, are hosting a Virtual Bristol Apprenticeship Information Evening on Thursday 12th November (6-7.30pm). The event is open to Year 12-13 students and their Parents/Guardians. Come and learn about Paralegal and Solicitor apprenticeships in a leading sector, including insights on how to do well in the recruitment process and networking / Q&A with RPC apprentices. Sign up <u>here.</u>

Smith & Williamson, Financial Services Degree Apprenticeships – Smith and Williamson are offering an exciting route into a qualified financial career as part of their exclusive trainee programme. Roles are located in London, Bristol, Southampton, Birmingham, Salisbury and Guildford. Assessment centres take place in November. For more information and the online application forms please see <u>here</u> (for the BOS role) and <u>here</u> (for the ABS role).

Burges Salmon Apprenticeship Virtual Open Evening, 3 November 5.30pm – The event is open to students and parents. Although we will be recruiting for students who are due to finish their A-levels in this academic year, the event is open to all and may be helpful to students thinking about their A-level choices, or what to do next. To attend sign up on the BS website <u>here</u>.

Burges Salmon Level 3 Paralegal Apprenticeship – The programme is suitable for students who are due to finish their A-levels this academic year and initially lasts for 2 years but offers the opportunity to continue on to qualify as a solicitor without going to university or completing the traditional training contract. Our website contains more information about the programme <u>here</u>.

Morrisons - Applications for Morrisons' Degree Apprenticeship Schemes are now open with opportunities in Retail, Manufacturing, Logistics and Corporate. A brand-new Level 4 apprenticeship in Finance has also been launched. Find out more on how and where to apply by clicking <u>here</u>.

UK Intelligence Agency – Software Apprenticeships are now available to protect the UK from a range of threats. We offer individuals with a passion for tech the chance to work with advanced software – earning while they learn. To find out more and apply look <u>here</u>.

Specsavers - Specsavers are currently advertising 61 live apprenticeship vacancies across the country, including roles as Optical Assistants and Technicians and Customer Services. Find out what it's like to work with Specsavers <u>here</u>, and start <u>applying</u> for a role today.

KPMG - Audit (Higher) Apprenticeship, apprentices will gain a breadth of experience in Audit; including technical skills and a broad commercial understanding of different industry sectors. Those on the programme will also be supported in their study towards professional qualifications and accreditations such as a Level 7 ACA or CA – fully funded by KPMG. <u>KPMG360° Digital Software Engineering (Degree)</u> Apprenticeship combines academic study with varied work experience within Software Engineering teams across KPMG. Apprentices will study towards a fully funded BSc (Hons) degree in Digital and Technology Solutions with Queen Mary University of London – giving them the best of both university life and work experience.

KFC – A number of KFC Apprenticeships are available in different roles across the UL – for a full list of roles and available positions please look <u>here</u>.

ApprenticeNation – Students can join Apprentice Nation for an exclusive livestream concert, featuring performances from top UK music artists. Afterwards, students can take part in the Six Keys to Success, a free webinar series, which provides them with work ready skills to shape their future. To take part register <u>here</u>.

Useful Apprenticeship Resources

- Degree Apprenticeships at Leading Universities A guide to completing a degree apprenticeship with leading universities can be found <u>here.</u>
- Apprenticeship Talks on Spotify Listen to some excellent podcasts about Apprenticeships here.
- Interactive Apprenticeship Student Guide A self-directed learning activities to support an improved understanding of Apprenticeships, look <u>here</u>
- RateMyApprenticeship's list of Top 100 Employers 2020-21 can be found here
- *Higher Level Degree Apprenticeship* Listings can be found <u>Here</u> please take a look through all the vacancies which offer work based learning alongside a formal degree or qualification.
- Apprenticeships in your local area please visit the following <u>link</u>
- Apprenticeship updates/information sign up Here

T-levels – considering T-levels as an alternative to A-levels? Visit the dedicated T Level page on the Amazing Apprenticeships website to access a set of helpful T Level resources. Click <u>here</u> for more details.

UCAS/University

The Dyson Insitute - Dyson Institute of Engineering and Technology is unlike any other higher education institution. It's for those with a passion for solving problems and a fascination for how things work; people who'd rather get hands-on with real engineering challenges. To find out more about the BEng (Hons) Engineering degree apprenticeship at The Dyson Institute please look <u>here</u>.

HE Guidance, Parents' Guide to Higher Education with Aberystwyth, Nov 4th 7-8pm – find out more here.

Nottingham University Medicine/Veterinary Medicine – Nottingham University are offering a programme of sessions advising students interested in applying for Medicine or Veterinary Medicine. The sessions will introduce students to the application process for each subject, offer an insight into the course content at the University of Nottingham and give the opportunity to ask questions. Applying to Veterinary Medicine (with Q&A): Thursday 12 November 18:00 – 18:45 <u>Book a place on this webinar here</u> Applying to Medicine (with Q&A) Thursday 19 November 18:00 – 18:45 <u>Book a place on this webinar here</u>

University of Bristol Virtual Explore Events, Year 12 Explore, 17th-20th November 2020 – Bristol University are running a series of after school events for Year 12 students who are interested in studying various subjects at university. Click <u>here</u> for a short video with you Year 12 students to explain the events. Students can register their interest by completing this <u>form</u>.

Bristol University subject specific Virtual Resources for Year 12 – To access an easy to navigate library of subject specific resources, including pre-recorded lectures, lesson plans, podcasts and blogs <u>sign up</u> <u>following this link.</u>

Bristol University Aspiring Professionals Programme, Year 12 - Applications are now open for the Social Mobility Foundation's 2021 Aspiring Professionals Programme. This supports ambitious, high achieving young people from low-income backgrounds to access top universities and professional careers. The programme is free of charge and features university application support including free visits (when possible!), mentoring and internships with leading companies, and professional development and skills workshops. Click <u>here</u> for full details.

Reading Scholars - Applications for the prestigious University of Reading Scholars Program are now open. Reading Scholars aims to give current Year 12's a real taste of life as a university undergraduate, and provides practical support as participants begin their higher education application process. Students can apply for a place upon this program via the link <u>here</u>.

UCAS Virtual Exhibitions - The virtual exhibitions are designed for students to receive tailored information, advice and guidance, each event is subject specific so students will need to book the session relevant to them. To see the list of events and book the free exhibitions click <u>here</u>. **UniTaster Tuesdays** - UniTasterDays in collaboration with HELOA are delivering impartial university guidance webinars at 12pm and 2pm every Tuesday. They have one key aim - to support students considering university to make informed decisions. Featuring different subjects and universities each week these events provide a one-stop opportunity to ensure students are up to date with all aspects of university guidance. Event topics and the universities attending will change each week - but you can expect to hear from universities UK wide on topics including why higher education, student finance, choosing a course, UCAS, and a range of events introducing studying particular subject areas at university. For more information or to book onto one of the sessions click <u>here</u>.

OxbridgelQ – Interested in applying to Oxford or Cambridge? OxbridgelQ have produced a pack of novel interview questions **meticulously crafted by current Oxbridge students**, which will offer you the best possible preparation for the Oxbridge interview process. Click <u>here</u> for more details.

Oxford University - Student friendly guide on how to choose a college - click here

Thinking about a Gap Year – check out these <u>recommended companies</u> that can support you in making an effective year.



For the diary!

- What Career Live: 6 & 7th November, 10am to 3pm
- World Skills UK Live Online: 26 28th November, 10 am to 2pm
- National School and College Leaver Virtual Show, 1st December, 9.30 am to 4.30pm
- The Young Leaders Global Summit, 19th-23rd December

FE/HE Open Days

2020/21 Open Days/Events – A full list of FE open event for Bristol & surrounding areas can be found <u>here</u> – do look through this document carefully so you don't miss any dates and consider all options for your next steps.

BIMM Bristol Virtual Open Days Diploma (L3) Open Day, Saturday 28th November at 10.30am: book here



This editions Hot Job is **Paralegal**.

They carry out research, prepare legal documents and give legal advice to clients., This job is predicted to grow 5% nationally by 2023.

If this is something you might be interested in, you can find more information at <u>careerpilot.org.uk</u> and

see local job market information.

Careerpilot has information on over <u>800 jobs</u>. Each job profile explains entry requirements and regional employment. It's a one-stop website explaining all the choices, qualifications, and courses available to 13-19 year olds. There's also a <u>Parent Zone</u>, with information to help parents and carers support young people in making the right decisions about study and work.

KS3 Careers Resources

Engineering as a Career – ever considered becoming an engineer? Have a go at the Tomorrow Engineers <u>Big Quiz</u> (opens Tuesday 3rd Nov) and be in with a chance to win £1000 of STEM resources for the school!

Careerpilot – Have a look at the different activities/challenges/quizzes based on Year group, click <u>here</u> for more details

Step Ahead Workbooks - download and work through these great interactive workbooks

- <u>Step Ahead Student Workbook Ages 11-12</u>
- Step Ahead Student Workbook Ages 13-14

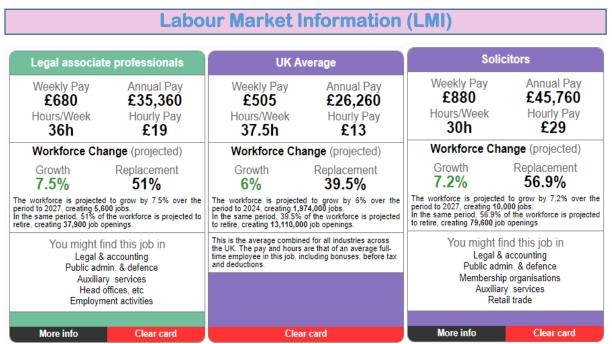


Skillsometer – Have a go at the skillsometer quiz to identify careers which may be of interest/suited to your skill set. Click on the Skillsometer below to have a go!

Realistic	Social	Realistic
Build kitchen cabinets	Give career guidance to people	Test the quality of parts before shipment
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BBC Bitesize Careers – Whether you're deciding what to study, taking your exams, planning a career, or just curious, the BBC Bitesize Careers area can explain the world of work, with advice from people who've found the right path for them. Click <u>here</u>.

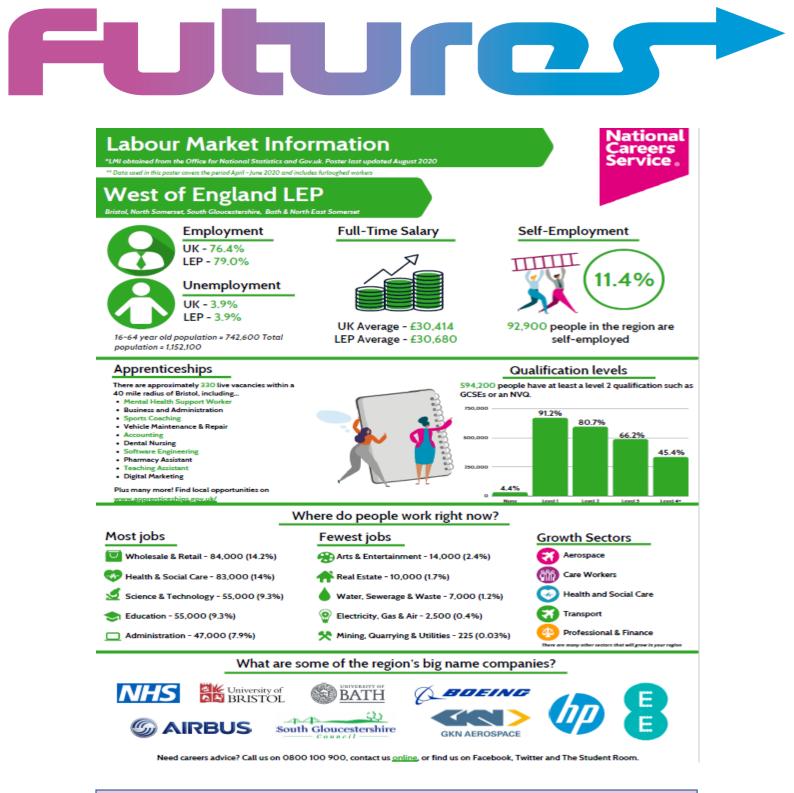
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If you would like to compare the Labour Market Information for up to three separate careers the Careerometer can be found <u>here.</u>





Websites to support next steps

Struggling to know where you go next? Have a look at these great websites which can direct you to some amazing resources and opportunities. Please also look at the Careers page on the BCCS School Website for additional information/support.

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National careers service

BCCS Futures Careers Team



Mr P Mann, BCCS Careers Lead - Responsible for the design and delivery of the BCCS 'Futures' Careers Programme to support whole school priorities. First point of contact for students, parents and carers.



Mrs L Parkinson, Careers Adviser – Responsible for providing impartial information, advice and guidance and supporting BCCS students to make realistic choices about their next steps including education, training and work.



Mrs R Keir, Experience of Work (WEX) Co-ordinator – Responsible for coordination of student WEX applications as well as completion of WEX health & safety protocols.

Please contact Mr Mann, Careers & Employability Lead – <u>pmann@bristocathedral.org.uk</u>, if you would like to find out more about any of these opportunities or if you are a local employer and would like to engage with the Cathedral Schools Trust to support the development of students employability skills.