

# CAREERS Newsletter

January 2022



## UPCOMING OPEN EVENTS

**Yeovil College** - [Apprenticeship & Careers Fair](https://www.yeovil.ac.uk/events/yeovil-college-apprenticeship-job-fair-2022/) on Wednesday 9th February. Register your place at:- <https://www.yeovil.ac.uk/events/yeovil-college-apprenticeship-job-fair-2022/>

**Strode College** - Open Evening on Thursday 10th February, 6:00-8:30pm. Sign up at:- <https://www.strode-college.ac.uk/college-info/calendar-and-term-dates/events/open-evening-9/?dt=1644516000>

**Huish Sixth** - Open Evening on Thursday 3rd February, 5:00-7:30pm. Sign up at:- [www.huishepiscopi.net](http://www.huishepiscopi.net)

**Exeter College** - Open Evening on Wednesday 2 March, 4:30-7:30pm. More information at:- <https://exe-coll.ac.uk/open-events/>

## NHS CADET SCHEME

The Academy at Yeovil District Hospital are pleased to announce that they will be hosting a 2022 - 2023 NHS Cadet Scheme in partnership with St John Ambulance. This new initiative, designed for young people aged 14 to 18, offers health awareness sessions, leadership courses and communication skills along with an insight into volunteering in the NHS, specifically to those who may not have previously accessed such opportunities.

Further information can be found in the attached newsletter, including the criteria for applicants. Recruitment will be opening shortly for this year's scheme so please read the information if you are interested in applying and visit:- (<https://www.sja.org.uk/get-involved/young-people/nhs-cadets/>).

We look forward to seeing lots of you signing up :)

## ASSEMBLIES

During the Autumn Term, we welcomed a variety of post 16+ establishments who came in and spoke to our Key Stage 4 students about life after secondary school. They showcased what they have to offer and invited students to attend their open events. Year 11 are now completing applications and attending interviews in order to secure their places.

Last week our Year 11 assembly focused on exams and the preparation for those, plus the upcoming Interview Day - more details below. We will also be joined by NCS in February. The National Citizen Service is a fantastic programme to get involved in once school has finished so the team will be encouraging our students to sign up.

## STRODE COLLEGE TASTER DAY

On Wednesday 1st December, we had the pleasure of taking 45 Year 11 students to Strode College for the day. Those students who are interested in Strode as a post 16 destination had the opportunity to find out more about the courses they offer and experience what it will be like to study there. Applications can now be made for September 2022 via their website.

## ARMY ACTIVITY DAY

We welcomed the Army Outreach Team to Westfield Academy on Monday 13th December for a morning of activities with both Year 10 and 11. Students got stuck in with the Army Outreach Team and had a taste of Army teamwork, to gain problem solving skills and boost their confidence in trying new things. They also had the opportunity to talk to the team and ask them questions to find out more about Army Careers. We hope to invite them back again over the next academic year.



Westfield Academy

Seeing the qualities in every child



Scholarship - Teamwork - Resilience  
Integrity - Versatility - Empathy

# WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

A reminder that Year 10 need to submit their Work Experience paperwork to the Careers Team, once they have secured a placement.

Our dates are from Monday 28th March - Friday 1st April.

Advice and guidance has been the theme during our Wider Curriculum time last term and students have been practising how to contact Employers. Well done to those students who have obtained a placement already - we have booked over 110 students so far!

This term will focus on getting ready for the week, with students looking at what they need to wear, the timings of their week out and what to expect. They will each be given a Work Experience booklet to complete and then this is taken with them to their placement, to share with their Employer and keep track of what they do each day. We are currently busy organising the staff visits for that week and are very much looking forward to seeing the students in action and finding out how the week is progressing.

## INTERVIEW PRACTICE DAY

On Tuesday 8th February, we have a team of volunteers coming in from the Wildcat Department at Leonardo, to host a Mock Interview Day for our Year 11 cohort.

This scheme gives our young people the opportunity to develop and demonstrate their potential, as well as experience a formal interview process. Students will follow a brief, answer questions and be expected to look smart! We will be very pleased to welcome the volunteer team back again after it being postponed for several years. Past students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and said it boosted their confidence. We are planning the Year 10 day for the Spring.

## NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE

NCS is designed for 16 and 17 year olds and provides many opportunities to get involved with your local community, take part in residential, group work, make new friends and gain new skills. They encourage school leavers to sign up and take part. You can find programmes locally or nationally. Students can hear more during the assembly in February. Visit <https://wearencs.com/> for more information.

# TALENT ACADEMIES

It has been great to see our Year 10 students sign up for the various Somerset TalentEd Academies. These have been created to provide students, who have a real interest in specific industry sectors, the opportunity to engage with Employers, Businesses and Companies in our region. This is in order to improve work chances and gain new skills.

This term, we have had the following categories:

- 1) Engineering and Manufacturing
- 2) Environment, Plants and Animals
- 3) Digital

Our next dates and industries are:

- Catering, Hospitality and Tourism week - 24th Jan
- Construction week - 31st Jan
- Creative week - 7th Feb
- Early Years week - 14th Feb
- Enterprise and retail week - 28th March
- Food production week - 4th April
- Hair and beauty week - 25th April
- Science and technology week - 3rd May

Students are invited to a 3 step process which involves video input and a quiz to find out more about the selected industry, then a live link with an Employer will be step 2, followed by a face to face offsite visit to a place of interest and relevance. Students will be encouraged to sign up and join during assemblies and Wider Curriculum time in school. Find out more and register at

<https://www.somerset-ebp.co.uk/talented>

## STUDY SUPPORT

- **KS4 Art & Photography Students Support** - Thursdays 3:15pm to 4:15pm (Art Classrooms)
- **Year 10** - Tuesday (Room L3), Wednesday (Room U34) 3:10pm to 4:10pm
- **Year 11** - Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday (Room M28) 3:10pm to 4:15pm
- **Year 11 Literature Revision** - Tuesday (Room M39) 3:15pm to 4:00pm

## Additional Notes...

**Students** - please also see our in house briefing systems, Google Classrooms and visit our notice boards in school for more information. *Relevant information will be coming home to parents/carers and all messages are advertised within the Careers Department.*





# HuishSixth

## OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb

17:00 - 19.30

Sept 2022 applications deadline Feb 28th | Apply now: [www.huishepiscopi.net](http://www.huishepiscopi.net)

## Huish Sixth Welcomes YR11 Students To Our Open Evening

Students will be able to visit all subject areas and take part in various activities to get a flavour of what each subject entails. Teachers will be on-hand to answer any questions that students and parents might have. YR12 and 13 students will be available to explain what subjects are like to study and why Huish Sixth is such a great place to learn.

There will also be refreshments including a taster menu and drinks from the Huish Sixth cafe.

### Reasons to pick HuishSixth

- Excellent post 18 destinations including many Russell Group universities
- YR12 Welcome pack includes brand new Chromebook, stationery set and canvas tote bag
- Excellent University links including HE+ (Cambridge) and Exeter University outreach programme
- Small class sizes-usually no more than 10 students
- Discounted gym membership

We ask that all visitors wear face coverings for the duration of their visit, unless exempt.



HAPPINESS | ENDEAVOUR | ACHIEVEMENT





**Reach your potential with NHS Cadets and learn the skills you need to support vital healthcare teams across the country.**

NHS Cadets is a new scheme created by St John Ambulance in partnership with the NHS, providing opportunities to explore skills, knowledge and volunteering roles within healthcare. It is aimed at young people aged 14 to 18 who are from communities currently under-represented within the NHS and St John Ambulance.

The programme offers young people health awareness sessions, courses to develop their leadership and communication skills and an insight or experience in volunteering within the NHS.

It is a free programme, consisting of weekly, 2-hour sessions for 11 months. Cadets will be supported throughout their volunteering journey by our NHS Cadets Team.

### Who can get involved?

The initiative is seeking young people who might not have previously considered volunteering in healthcare. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Young people living with learning difficulties and / or disabilities (we will need to discuss if we have the support network to help you participate)
- Young people in the care system, or recent care leavers
- Refugees or Asylum Seekers
- Young Carers
- Homeless young people
- Those not in education, employment or training, or those with school results lower than you hoped/need
- Those living with mental health concerns (same principle as anyone with a learning difficulty or disability)
- Those who identify as being part of the LGBTQI+ community (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer intersex+)
- Those coming from low-income families /young people in receipt of free school meals
- Young people from ethnic minority communities

### How do I get involved?

New groups will be opening during 2022, and by 2023 we expect 10,000 young people will have enrolled as an NHS Cadet.

With the ongoing pandemic it is likely that some programmes will continue to be delivered virtually, with a look to face-to-face sessions in the near future. Please ensure that you will be able to travel to the delivery location, as well as access Microsoft Teams.

For further information please visit [sja.org.uk/nhscadets](https://sja.org.uk/nhscadets).

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# APPRENTICESHIP

# AND CAREERS FAIR

WEDNESDAY 9 FEBRUARY | 5PM - 8PM

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