



6-12th February is **National Apprenticeships Week!**

Apprenticeships are available for pupils after Year 11, and involve work-based learning; paid employment with a company whilst training towards accredited qualifications that are related to the job role. Apprenticeships can present an exciting alternative to full-time college or university study, with some apprenticeships being available right up to degree or postgraduate level.

Y11 pupils have recently attended a workshop with an external visitor from the apprenticeships sector to register for vacancies and found out more about the expectations of an apprentice.

Apprenticeships can be highly competitive, so we strongly advice gaining additional support whilst seeking vacancies. Please see Ms Farooq for further guidance.

The week also presents a fantastic opportunity for both pupils and parents <u>in all year groups</u> to explore apprenticeship options Post-16. We have collated various resources and virtual events that both pupils and parents can access:

Apprenticeship Overview Video – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCNHUAe869s

A concise YouTube video presentation providing an overview of apprenticeships, delivered by Matt Leigh from GMPLN one of our apprenticeship partners in Greater Manchester

Amazing Apprenticeships – Parent Zone

https://amazingapprenticeships.com/parent-zone

A wealth of resources on this website for parents wanting to know more about apprenticeships – including both reading material and podcasts. A great starting point on this website is the <u>Support for Parents & Carers Page</u>.

Year 11 pupils considering an apprenticeship after finishing school?

Details of virtual apprenticeships can be found in tutor slides each week, these show local apprenticeship vacancies for Y11 pupils to consider. This is updated on a weekly basis.

(Please check vacancies carefully for details of job duties, location and entry requirements before applying! Ms Fraooq is available in school to support with applications — pupils should request an appointment in school if required).

Pupils and parents/carers may also find it beneficial to attend the below events with one of our key local partner agencies, <u>Apprenticeships at Salford City College</u>, who can support Y11 pupils in searching and applying for apprenticeship vacancies.

Please see details below of their open event on Wednesday 8th February, 5-7pm AND the Y11 "Meet The Employer" Event taking place during the half term break on Wednesday 22nd February, 10am – 2pm.

Further details are available on the Salford City College website.





For any further support regarding apprenticeships, please contact Ms Farooq, the school careers adviser — halima.farooq@consilium-at.com