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RC COLLEGE**

Careers Information, Advice and Guidance

Year II

2023 - 2024

Preparing for life beyond Year 11

We're going to look at some of the options you have when you leave Blessed Trinity. Legally, you must be in some education or training for two years, so it's important that you choose the right thing – we want you to really enjoy your course or apprenticeship!

Usually in Year 11, we go through the following steps:

IAG Interviews	These individual interviews will still happen in the autumn term. They are an opportunity to have individual support, advice and guidance around choosing your post-16 route. These will happen with Hart.
Mock Interviews	This event is planned to take place on Thursday 5 October 2023 – more information regarding this will follow.
Careers Fair	This is planned to take place on Monday 6 November 2023 – more information regarding this will follow.
Open Events	Please see the table within this booklet for all planned events.
Application Sessions	You will be supported to make applications for Colleges, Sixth Forms and training providers.
CV Workshops	You will be supported to make sure your CV is as good as it can be before you have to send it as part of an application for an apprenticeship.
Provider Drop-Ins	Colleges and Training Providers will be in school at break and lunchtime to discuss your options. Dates and times to follow.

What Post-16 Options are available?

Providers: You have a choice of three main types of post-16 provider:

- **Sixth Forms** only offer A Levels. They are often more 'school-like', smaller and provide more structure.
- **Colleges** can offer A Levels, T Levels, Vocational/Technical courses and Apprenticeships but all are different. It is important to check that the place you want to go offers the course you want! They tend to be larger, but offer you more independence.
- **Training Providers** only offer Apprenticeships.

Courses: There are four main types of course you can choose from after Year 11. You will only choose one, though it is always sensible to think about your 'back-up' option too.

- A Levels
- T Levels
- Vocational / Technical
- Apprenticeship

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A Levels

- Can be studied in either sixth form or college.
- You choose 3-4 subjects, which tend to be more 'traditional'.
- They are mainly theory-based, have less practical work and are assessed by exam at the end of the second year.
- They are a good way to keep studying more than one subject.
- You have to be prepared to work hard independently to keep up with the workload.
- A Level subjects include:

Ancient History	Dance	Film Studies	Media Studies
Art & Design	Drama	French	Physics
Biology	DT	Geography	Politics
Business Studies	Economics	Geology	Psychology
Chemistry	English Language	German	Religion & philosophy
Classical Civilisation	English Literature	History	Spanish
Computer Science	English Combined L&L	Law	Sociology
Criminology	Environmental Science	Maths / Further Maths	Sport Science & PE

T Levels are new!

- They are only currently available at Nelson & Colne College. There is a limited subject range.
- You choose 1 main subject, but can often specialise in year 2.
- 80% time in college, 20% on work placement.
- They are assessed by exam, coursework and practical.
- They have been developed with employers to help you be productive in the workplace and learn relevant skills.
- At the moment, there is only a choice of 2 subjects, but more may be available from 2021:
Digital (Design & Production) // Education & Childcare

Vocational/ Technical

- You choose 1 subject, which leads into a work area.
- They are assessed mainly by ongoing coursework, with some exams and some practical work.
- They are done in a college.
- There is often an element of work placement to help you put your skills into practice.

Examples of these courses are:

Agriculture	Computer Science	Hair & Beauty	Music
Animal Management	Construction	Health & Social Care	Performing Arts
Applied Science	Education & Early Years	Horticulture & Groundskeeping	Public Services
Art & Fashion	Engineering	Media Production	Sport
Business	Farriery	Motorsports	Travel & Tourism
Catering & Hospitality	Furniture	Motor Vehicle	

Apprenticeship

- You choose 1 subject.
- You go to work – **a real job** – for 80% of your time. Off the job training is 20%. This often (but not always) means 4 days in work, 1 day in college.
- You are paid! But you don't get school holidays
- They are done with an employer in conjunction with a college or training provider.
- The application process is more difficult as you will also have interviews with employers.
- They are a brilliant option if you are sure about the industry you want to work in - they are not a good option if you aren't certain!

Remember: things may be difficult for employers this year so there may not be as many vacancies as normal.

Apprenticeship opportunities can be found in:

Accountancy	Catering & Hospitality	Hair & Barbering	Marketing & Media
Agriculture	Childcare	Health & Social Care	Motor Vehicle
Animal Studies	Construction	IT	Retail & Sales
Beauty Therapy	Contact Centre / Customer Service	Horticulture & Groundskeeping	Science
Business Administration	Engineering	Manufacturing	Sport & Fitness

How do you progress?

- You can progress to university after any Level 3 course. Different universities have different entry requirements, so it's important to check details with ucas.com (*search undergraduate courses*)
- You can progress to Higher or Degree Apprenticeships after any Level 3 course. On a degree apprenticeship, your employer pays your university tuition fees!
- You can go directly into work when you have completed 2 years of study.
- If you start on a lower level of course, you can keep working up until you complete Level 3.
- It would be a good idea to continue to complete Level 3 as this will help you in a competitive employment market.

In summary:

GCSEs which can lead to:			
<p>A Levels</p> <p>3-4 subjects Theory-based Mostly exams</p> <p>Sixth Form or College</p>	<p>T Levels</p> <p>1 subject Mix of exam, coursework and work placement 20% work-based</p> <p>College</p>	<p>Vocational</p> <p>1 subject More practical work Mostly coursework</p> <p>College</p>	<p>Apprenticeship</p> <p>1 subject Paid work 80% work, 20% training Coursework & practical work Employer with College or Training Provider</p>
<i>Which could all lead to:</i>			
<p>University Degree</p>	<p>Apprenticeship Higher or Degree</p>	<p>Employment</p>	

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Your GCSE grades may affect which courses you can apply for. We want you to continue to work as hard as you can so that you get the best possible grades you can. It basically means you can start at a higher level before you progress into your adult life. Remember, though, there are different levels of many courses, so there is an option to suit every one.

Levels	Course Type & Entry Criteria			
4+	Degree / Foundation Degree / Higher & Degree Apprenticeship <i>Full Level 3 Qualification required</i>			
3 (2 years) <i>You will generally need at least GCSE grade 4 in English & Maths</i>	A Levels <i>At least 5 x GCSE grade 5s (6+ needed for certain subjects)</i>	T Levels <i>At least 5 x GCSE grade 4s</i>	Vocational <i>At least 5 x GCSE grade 4/5s</i>	Advanced Apprenticeship <i>At least 5 x GCSE grade 4/5s</i>
2 (1 year)	-	T Level Transition <i>At least 2 x GCSE grade 4s</i>	Vocational <i>At least 2 x GCSE grade 4/5s</i>	Intermediate Apprenticeship <i>At least 2x GCSE grade 4/5s</i>
1 (1 year)	-	-	Vocational <i>At least 2 x grade 2/3s</i>	Traineeship

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO MAKE ANY FINAL DECISIONS YET!

Take the time now to think about:

- What type of course might suit you best
- Where you might like to study
- What your back-up option might be

Remember:

You will be invited for a Careers Interview with Mrs Hart in the Autumn Term.

If you're unsure about your options, how to choose a college or course or anything about your future speak to Mrs Hart!

Email: khart@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk

Lots more information and links to all local colleges, sixth forms and training providers are available at <https://www.btrcc.lancs.sch.uk/>

Career Action Plan

Where are you now?	Where do you want to get to?	How will you achieve this and when will you achieve this by?

Useful Websites

National Careers Service <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

The National Careers Service has lots of useful information for you to look at and research your career ideas further. There is a dedicated section for schools. The job profiles provide information on every known career available to date.

Apprenticeships <https://www.getingofar.gov.uk/>

The apprenticeship website provides the latest news and information on apprenticeships and schemes, including types of apprenticeships, apprentice employers and tips on how to apply for vacancies.

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

This site advertises all current apprenticeships; pupils can register and apply for actual apprenticeship vacancies in their area.

Career Ideas

Start www.lancashire.startprofile.com

Start is a new careers platform that we will be using in school this year. You will be given time during form to look at this.

Xello

Log into XELLO via the school intranet.

Career ideas www.icould.com

icould is a small, dynamic charity, providing career inspiration and information for young people. We show what is possible in work and offer different ways to think about careers through free access to over 1000 personal video stories, detailed job information, plus practical tips, insight and advice.

Course Ideas www.bestcourse4me.com

This site helps users to explore career and study options. It shows the link between what you study, what you earn and the jobs you can get.

Career Ideas www.plotr.co.uk

Whether you've got a career in mind or you haven't got a clue, Plotr can help you discover your future and guide you to careers you could be great at.

Volunteering Opportunities

Volunteering www.do-it.org.uk

The UK's national volunteering database, do-it.org makes it easy for anyone to volunteer in their community. Explore volunteering opportunities here.

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Volunteering in hospitals

www.nhs.uk/careers/working-in-the-nhs/joining-the-nhs/volunteering-in-the-nhs/
www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/volunteers

This site provides further information on how to get involved as a volunteer within a hospital. This is important if you are looking to progress into a medical related career.

St Johns Ambulance Volunteering - www.sja.org.uk/sja/young-people.aspx

Volunteering opportunities with St Johns Ambulance.

Higher Education

UCAS www.ucas.com

This site provides useful information on options post 16 and post 18. You can research degree courses here and entry requirements.

What to do with degree subjects www.prospects.ac.uk

Provides information on where your degree might take you and the career opportunities.

Higher Education Information - <http://university.which.co.uk/>

Information about university including options and finance along with lots more information.

See the school website and intranet for more useful links.

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Career Checklist

Autumn Term 2023

	Tick
If you haven't visit XELLO and find out about the careers that interest you! Research and check all the entry requirements.	
Pick up a prospectus from school and read through your course options.	
Attend all the open events at the colleges that interest you.	
Consider signing up for one of the Year 11 Taster Programmes offered at local colleges	
Attend your careers guidance interview in school to look at your options and gain further advice and help about the future. You can prepare for this interview by registering with kudos and answering all the questions. You can also complete the Action Plan in this booklet prior to your interview – make a note of any questions that you would like to ask.	
If you're thinking about university after college then research the courses and check the entry requirements. www.ucas.com	
If you are considering an apprenticeship then visit www.apprenticeships.org.uk and register to apply for vacancies.	
Check application deadlines – there may be some this term!	
If you still don't have a firm career idea then think about how you can keep your future options open	
Continue to work on your CV and Personal Statement. You started this during the summer term of Year 10.	
If you are ready start to complete your college applications and pass to Mrs Hart	

Spring Term 2024

Have a backup plan - it's okay to apply for more than one college! If you are considering an apprenticeship – always apply for full time college as a backup as well	
Prepare for any interviews that you might have arranged	
If you are still unsure – don't panic! Speak to Mrs Hart your Careers Adviser in school	
If you are considering an apprenticeship then this term is key for applications – check closing dates for some organisations and start to apply for others	

Summer Term 2024

If you are still unsure about your plans speak to Mrs Hart	
Make sure you confirm your acceptance of any places that are offered to you	
Think about work experience and voluntary work during the summer holidays Visit www.do-it.org for local volunteering opportunities	
Join NCS The Challenge over the summer visit www.ncsnorthwest.co.uk for more information	

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Sixth Form/ College/ Training Provider	Course types available	Date	Time
Accrington & Rossendale College https://www.accross.ac.uk/	T Level Vocational Apprenticeship	Tues 3 October Weds 8 November	5.30-7.30pm
Accrington Academy 6 th Form https://accrington-academy.org/sixthform/	A Levels Vocational	Weds 20 September	6pm-8pm
Blackburn College https://www.blackburn.ac.uk/	A Levels T Level Vocational Apprenticeship	Tues 26 September Weds 4 October Sat 18 November	4.30-8.30pm 4.30-8.30pm 10am-1pm
Burnley College https://www.burnley.ac.uk/	A Levels T Level Vocational Apprenticeship	Weds 20 September Tues 3 October Thurs 12 October Thurs 2 November Tues 21 November Thurs 14 December Tues 12 March 2024	5.30-8.30pm
Myerscough College (Multiple sites) https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/	Technical Apprenticeship	Sat 7 October Sat 18 November Sat 3 February 2024 Sat 16 March 2024	10am-12.30pm
Nelson & Colne College https://www.nelson.ac.uk/	A Levels T Level Vocational Apprenticeship	Weds 11 October Thurs 16 November Tues 20 February	5.30-7.30pm
Alder Grange Sixth Form https://aldergrange.com/ag6-home/	A Levels only	TBC	TBC
BRGS Sixth Form https://www.brgs.org.uk/sixth-form	A Levels only	Tues 14 November	6-8pm
CRGS Sixth Form http://www.crgs.org.uk/	A Levels only	Weds 1 November	TBC
St Christopher's Sixth Form https://www.st-christophers.org/sixth	A Levels only	Weds 18 October	5.30-7.
Training 2000 https://www.training2000.co.uk/	Apprenticeship only	Sat 4 November (Victoria Mill, Burnley) Weds 31 January 2024 (Blackburn) Thurs 1 February 2024 (Blackburn)	10am-2pm 4.30-7.30pm 4.30-7.30pm
North Lancs Training Group https://www.nltg.co.uk/	Apprenticeship only	<i>Please contact NLTG individually as they do not typically hold a general Open Event.</i>	

Training providers and employers offering Apprenticeships and Traineeships in addition to those listed above

BAE Systems - <https://www.baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/apprenticeships>
(applications open November 2023 – February 2024)

British Army – www.army.mod.uk

Calico – Tel 01282 686420 www.calico.org.uk

Just Childcare – Tel 0161 320 2750 – www.justchildcare.co.uk

LCC Employment Support Team - 01772 530505 www.lancashire.gov.uk/apprenticeships.aspx

North Lancs Training Group – 0800 7312455 www.nltg.co.uk

Remit - www.remit.co.uk

Royal Air Force - www.raf.mod.uk

Royal Navy - www.royalnavy.mod.uk

Training 2000 Ltd - Tel 08456042000 www.t2k.org.uk

You can find an overview of all the apprenticeships available across Lancashire here:

Lancashire WBL Forum <https://www.lancsforum.co.uk/apprenticeships/>

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