

## Lightcliffe Academy Careers Newsletter – June 2020

**The summer term is usually busy for the careers department as we are helping lots of Year 11 and 13 students with their next steps, but it is also a time for us to help students from other year groups. Due to Covid-19 we have changed the way we are working, and the purpose of this newsletter is to tell you a bit about how we can help.**

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### Careers for Year 7, 8, 9

If any students have any questions about their future, they can get in touch with either Liz or Lindsey via email or telephone. If any students would like to start researching their future career ideas and options, we would recommend they use these websites:

<https://ckcareersonline.org.uk/young-people/beginning-to-think-of-the-future>

<https://ckcareersonline.org.uk/young-people/choosing-your-options>

There are lots of websites, quizzes and games which can help students to explore their likes and dislikes, their personality, skills, qualities and how these relate to their future. Job Explorer Database (JED) is free, easy to use and is an excellent source of a wide range of careers information. To access JED use the link below and type in Lightcliffe Academy when prompted. There are many more online games/quizzes to try too:-

<https://ckcareersonline.org.uk/career-match-tools>

### Careers for Year 10

We usually start to see Year 10 students individually at this time of year but as we are not in school to do this we can carry out a careers interview by telephone. If you think your son or daughter may be interested, please get in touch so that we can arrange this at a mutually convenient time. We can be contacted via email or telephone – details at the bottom of this newsletter.

The telephone call would last no longer than 30 minutes and we can provide advice and guidance on post 16 options, career ideas and future plans, create an action plan to illustrate next steps, suggest further research or other activities. Having a telephone interview now could help to prepare your son/daughter for the decisions they will be making in the Autumn Term but if they would rather wait until they return to school they could start their research now using the websites below or try the career matching tools mentioned above:-

<https://ckcareersonline.org.uk/young-people/options-after-y11>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers>

They could also research what is available at local colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> forms and think about what subjects and qualifications they may want to study. Some local colleges may be offering online taster days in the summer – we will send out more information when we receive updates.

### Year 11 students

Year 11 students should now have offers of learning from the colleges/6<sup>th</sup> forms they have applied to, if they have not yet received any offers please get in touch with the college/6<sup>th</sup> form or Liz/Lindsey. Some colleges have set

summer preparation work for the Year 11 students to get them ready for study in September – please check the college/6<sup>th</sup> form website for more information. We will be available for help on GCSE results day (20<sup>th</sup> August 2020) but if anyone has any queries in the meantime please get in touch.

### Year 11's looking for apprenticeships?

With the challenges we are facing due to Covid-19, it is even more important to have a back-up plan. We would still recommend the usual job search activities, for further help please get in touch:-

- **Search and apply for vacancies on** [www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship) and <https://recruitline.ckcareersonline.org.uk/>
- **Create a CV and cover letter** and send to companies to enquire about possible vacancies – more information on how to write a CV here [https://ckcareersonline.org.uk/assets/docs/professionals/careers\\_resources\\_for\\_students/ZW3\\_1\\_5\\_.pdf](https://ckcareersonline.org.uk/assets/docs/professionals/careers_resources_for_students/ZW3_1_5_.pdf)
- **Register with Training Providers**
- **Have a back up plan** - it is important students apply to college for a course as a back-up plan to ensure they have options if they cannot secure an apprenticeship by the end of the summer. **Most colleges such as Calderdale College, Bradford College and Kirklees College are still taking applications through their websites.**

### Year 12

Now is the ideal time to start planning next steps for after Year 13, so whether your son or daughter wants to go to university or wants to apply for jobs/apprenticeships we can offer help and advice. Many universities would

usually be holding open days now, and many are offering virtual open events and webinars as an alternative – please check these links for further information:

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/virtual-and-digital?keywords=>

<https://ukuniversitysearch.vfairs.com/>

<https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/blog/post/webinar-wednesdays>

[https://www.opendays.com/?utm\\_source=Heads+of+6th&utm\\_campaign=2e925df7e4-UCAS+process+registration+2021&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_36c44588b4-2e925df7e4-116068323](https://www.opendays.com/?utm_source=Heads+of+6th&utm_campaign=2e925df7e4-UCAS+process+registration+2021&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_36c44588b4-2e925df7e4-116068323)

Here are the links for universities in West Yorkshire holding online open days:-

<https://www.hud.ac.uk/open-days/undergraduate/>

[https://your.bradford.ac.uk/form/virtual\\_open\\_day?event\\_id=212](https://your.bradford.ac.uk/form/virtual_open_day?event_id=212)

<https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/assets/virtualopen/day/index.html?#contents>

[https://www.leeds.ac.uk/homepage/59/undergraduate\\_open\\_days](https://www.leeds.ac.uk/homepage/59/undergraduate_open_days)

These websites have some useful links for options after Year 13, but if anyone wants to have a chat they can get in contact using the details at the bottom of this newsletter:-

<https://ckcareersonline.org.uk/young-people/year-12-two-year-courses-level-3>

[www.discoveruni.gov.uk](http://www.discoveruni.gov.uk)

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

For students who are interested in apprenticeships/employment rather than full-time university:-

<https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2020/05/Parent-Pack-May-2020.pdf>

### Year 13

We will be available for help on A level results day (13<sup>th</sup> August 2020). We have been contacting all Year 13 students who are looking for employment or apprenticeships. If any students who have applied for university need any help, please ask them to get in touch. For information on replying to university offers: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/replying-your-ucas-undergraduate-offers>

### Links for extra information

In Year 11 and interested in becoming an army officer? From September you can apply for scholarships here:-

[https://apply.army.mod.uk/how-to-join/entryoptions/officer-scholarship?cid=jobb1127854102&utm\\_medium=JobBoard&utm\\_source=RegularOfficer&utm\\_campaign=TheScholarShipHub&utm\\_content=OnlineArticle&utm\\_term=33AOSSBlogPost&dclid=CPq0vKyp1OkCFcQS0wodPS8Eqw](https://apply.army.mod.uk/how-to-join/entryoptions/officer-scholarship?cid=jobb1127854102&utm_medium=JobBoard&utm_source=RegularOfficer&utm_campaign=TheScholarShipHub&utm_content=OnlineArticle&utm_term=33AOSSBlogPost&dclid=CPq0vKyp1OkCFcQS0wodPS8Eqw)

Bradford University are holding webinars on a wide range of topics, from student finance to what does a physiotherapist do:-

<https://www.bradford.ac.uk/webinars/>

For some ideas on how to fill the time during the next few months:-

[https://ckcareersonline.org.uk/assets/docs/professionals/News\\_for\\_students\\_and\\_parents/Making\\_the\\_most\\_of\\_your\\_free\\_time\\_CK\\_002.pdf](https://ckcareersonline.org.uk/assets/docs/professionals/News_for_students_and_parents/Making_the_most_of_your_free_time_CK_002.pdf)

Amazing Apprenticeships have lots of resources, videos and information on all levels of apprenticeships:-

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

The Way Up game looks at important life decisions such as A levels, apprenticeships and

university courses to simulate the occupations available:-

[www.thewayup.co.uk](http://www.thewayup.co.uk)

Chat newsletter:-

[https://ckcareersonline.org.uk/assets/docs/Chat/Chat\\_Issue\\_1.pdf](https://ckcareersonline.org.uk/assets/docs/Chat/Chat_Issue_1.pdf)

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