



St. Anne's Catholic High School

Careers Newsletter

July 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to the summer edition of the St. Anne's Careers Newsletter. This is the last edition for this academic year, and I hope you have found the newsletters both useful and informative. If you have any requests for information you would like to see in the newsletters, please let me know and I will aim to include this in future issues.

I would like to wish you an enjoyable and relaxing Summer and hopefully we get some more sunshine.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Lee, Careers Leader

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Exam Results Days 2025

Year 11 and 13 students have worked extremely hard up to and during the exam period. They are now having a well-deserved break for the summer, and we look forward to welcoming many of our Year 11 students into our Sixth Form in September.

Important Dates for Your Diary

A-Level Results Day Thursday 14th August 2025

BTEC Results Day Thursday 14th August 2025

GCSE Results Day: Thursday 21st August 2025

Year 12 Induction Day: Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Waiting for exam results can be a stressful time. With this in mind, I have listed some resources that you may find helpful during this time:

Parents' Guide GCSE Results Day

Parents' Guide to A level Results Day

Youth Employment Results Info for Parents/Carers

National Careers Service Guide to Exam Results

BBC Bitesize – Everything You Need to Know



Clearing and Results Day Resources

With Results Day and Clearing fast approaching, here are three really handy resources to help you feel ready and confident.

Uni Guide Podcast: Clearing Specials - The latest Uni Guide Podcast episode is a Clearing special and features guests from the University of Southampton and the University of Staffordshire. You can also check out last year's episode, number 32, which included the UK's first mock Clearing calls. Listen on all the main streaming platforms or directly **HERE**.

Clearing Prep Sheet - Have your key info ready (grades, UCAS ID) and call yourself unless you've nominated someone. Our crib sheet makes it easy, with extra tips too! Download it on the **Clearing Resources page** (see Tip 2).

Clearing Events - Many universities run Clearing visit days, and Saturday 16th August will be especially busy. For example, both the University of Staffordshire and the University of Southampton have Clearing Open Days that day. You can browse all upcoming events on the event search. Places can fill up fast, it's best to use Open Days on the 16th to confirm choices rather than make them for the first time.

• • • • • **Five Top Tips for Clearing** • • • • •

Spotlight on...

University of Oxford



Oxford students come from all over the world and from all kinds of backgrounds and this is one of the best things about being a student here. However, as you would expect from somewhere offering a world-class education, the academic standards are very high and the workload more demanding than at some other universities.

Is Oxford right for you?

If you study here, you will receive a great education - something which lasts a lifetime. Beyond that, the extraordinary range of opportunities allows you to determine your student life at Oxford - it really can be what you want it to be.

There is no typical Oxford student, and no single Oxford experience. At the end of their time here, we want our graduates to have the self-belief to be whoever they want to be, and to feel confident and excited about their future.

More information here:
www.ox.ac.uk/admissions



Solicitors' Practice Areas



Read the Full Interview with Francis Ho

CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING
– Charles Russell Speechlys LLP

FRANCIS HO

“When I see completed shopping centres or newly constructed electrifying diesel berths at a container port, I feel a sense of pride knowing I contributed to its construction. The tangible outcomes of my work are incredibly rewarding.”



LAW – Morgan, Lewis and Bockius UK LLP



Read the Full Interview with Alasdair Johnston

ALASDAIR JOHNSTON

“Our job is to manage the process of taking [companies] through whatever dispute resolution service they’re using, be it the courts, arbitration, mediation, or negotiation, to try and get the outcome they want.”



BARRISTER – Selbourne Chambers



Read the Full Interview with Sarah Walker

SARAH WALKER

“We sit at a unique cross-section within the commercial chancery world. There’s more opportunity to do commercial work than a lot of pure chancery sets but we also have far more junior advocacy opportunities than many pure commercial sets.”

The World of Work



Top Employers 2025

Some of the top-ranked UK employers in 2025, according to **Great Place to Work**, include Hilton, Admiral, Aviva, Baringa, and Kids Planet Day Nurseries. These companies consistently receive high marks for their employee experience, culture, and benefits.

Here's a more detailed look at their survey:

Hilton - a hospitality company recognised for its strong employee focus and generous benefits.

Admiral - a financial services company known for its positive culture and commitment to employee development.

Aviva - a financial services and insurance provider praised for its flexible working arrangements, generous benefits and employee engagement programmes.

Baringa - a professional services company known for its supportive work environment and opportunities for growth.

Kids Planet Day Nurseries - an education and training organisation recognised for its employee-centric approach and positive work culture.

Deloitte - a company that focuses on employee wellbeing and development, including initiatives like wellbeing subsidies and a strong sense of belonging.

ServiceNow - an IT company known for its innovative approach to work and its commitment to employee development.

Booking.com - a leisure company praised for its employee-centric culture and commitment to innovation.

These companies all demonstrate a strong commitment to creating positive and supportive work environments, recognising the importance of employee wellbeing, diversity and inclusion, and career development.



Top Apprenticeships 2025

In 2025, some of the top apprenticeship sectors in the UK include Engineering, IT, Banking and Finance, and Law. Within these sectors, specific roles like Software Development, Data Analysis, and various engineering specialities are popular.

Several major companies like Babcock, Barclays, BBC, and BP also offer apprenticeships, providing opportunities in diverse areas.

Top Apprenticeship Sectors:

- **Engineering**
Offers a wide range of opportunities, from aerospace to automotive and construction, with various companies like Airbus, BAE Systems, and Rolls-Royce offering apprenticeships.
- **Information Technology**
With the rapid advance of technology, IT apprenticeships are in high demand, with Software Development and Data Analysis roles being popular.
- **Banking and Finance**
Apprenticeships in this sector can lead to careers in banking, financial analysis, and related fields.
- **Law**
Law apprenticeships provide opportunities to gain practical experience and qualifications in various legal areas.
- **Transport and Logistics**
This sector is experiencing growth and offers opportunities for apprentices in various roles, **according to Prospects.ac.uk.**
- **Digital**
Apprenticeships in digital media and related fields are becoming increasingly popular, **says Best Apprenticeship.**



Labour Market Information

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Early estimates for May 2025 indicate that median monthly pay increased by 5.8% compared with May 2024. Annual growth in median pay in May 2025 was highest in the accommodation and food service activities sector, with an increase of 7.5%, and lowest in the finance and insurance sector, with an increase of 3.5%.

Office for National Statistics June 2025 Bulletin
www.ons.gov.uk

In the UK labour market, the human health and social work sector experienced the largest growth in jobs and vacancies in 2025, with a 3.3% increase in workforce jobs from March 2024 to March 2025. This sector also saw the largest volume increase in workforce jobs, rising by 76,000 (1.5%) since December 2024.

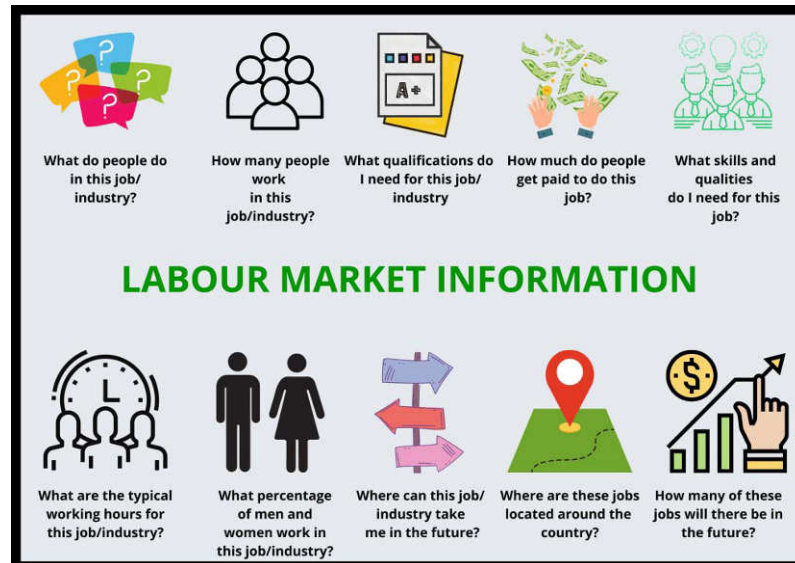
Key Growth Areas in 2025:

- **Human Health and Social Work** - This sector saw the most significant growth in both jobs and vacancies, with a 3.3% increase in workforce jobs from March 2024 to March 2025 and a 1.5% increase in workforce jobs from December 2024.
- **Construction** - Construction experienced a notable increase in vacancies, rising by 6,000 according to the **Office for National Statistics**.
- **Technology and Digital Transformation** - The technology sector, particularly in areas like AI, cybersecurity, and data analytics, is experiencing significant growth with increased demand for skilled professionals in IT and digital transformation.
- **Professional and Scientific Activities** - This sector is one of the two industry sectors where latest vacancies estimates are currently highest above their pre-coronavirus levels.

Factors Influencing Growth:

- **Demographic Trends** - an ageing population and greater healthcare needs are leading to growth in the **human health and social work sector**.
- **Technological Advancements** - Advancements in technology, particularly in fields like AI, cybersecurity, and data analytics, are driving growth in the technology sector.

- **Digital Transformation** - Businesses are increasingly relying on digital platforms, leading to a higher demand for skilled professionals in IT and digital transformation.
- **Sustainability Focus** - Growing awareness of sustainability and the need for environmentally friendly practices are also driving growth in certain sector.



JOB OF THE Week!

Cyber Security Analysts help to protect an organisation by employing a range of technologies and processes to prevent, detect and manage cyber threats. More info here:

www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/



Employability Skills

Employability Skills - Are They Important?



Yes, employability skills are very important in 2025, and even more so in the future. They are the skills employers look for in potential employees, beyond just technical expertise, and are crucial for both job acquisition and success in the workplace.

Why are Employability Skills Important?

- **Employer Expectations** - Employers value skills like communication, teamwork, problem-solving, adaptability, and digital literacy. These skills help individuals navigate the complexities of various industries and contribute effectively in a variety of work settings.
- **Job Market Competitiveness** - In a competitive job market, possessing strong employability skills can help individuals stand out from other candidates. These skills demonstrate the ability to collaborate, handle challenges, and contribute to a positive work environment.
- **Personal & Professional Growth** - Employability skills are not just about job success; they also foster personal and professional development. They help individuals adapt to changing circumstances, manage time effectively, and handle challenges with resilience.
- **Future of Work** - The job market is constantly evolving, and the skills needed to succeed are also changing. Employability skills, such as adaptability and lifelong learning, are crucial for navigating this

dynamic landscape and staying relevant in the workforce.

Examples of Important Employability Skills:

- **Communication** - Effectively conveying information, both written and verbal.
- **Teamwork** - Collaborating effectively with colleagues and contributing to a cohesive work environment.
- **Problem-solving** - Identifying, analysing, and finding solutions to challenges.
- **Adaptability** - Being able to adjust to new situations and technologies.
- **Resilience** - Recovering from setbacks and persevering in the face of challenges.
- **Digital Literacy** - Proficiency in using technology and digital tools.
- **Critical Thinking** - Analysing information and making informed decisions.
- **Leadership** - Inspiring and motivating others.
- **Self-management** - Organizing time, tasks, and personal resources.



In conclusion, employability skills are essential for navigating the modern workplace and achieving long-term career success. They are the foundation for effective collaboration, problem-solving, and adaptability, all of which are crucial for thriving in the future of work.

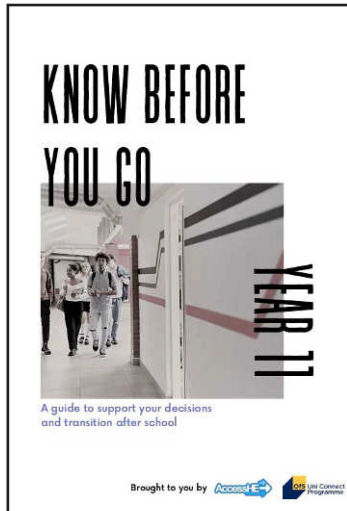
Opportunities and Resources

Digital Resources

Know Before You Go Guide

A guide to support students' decisions and transitions after school. We have two guides one for Y11s and Y13s. The guide covers post-school options, study skills, and first-hand tips from employers on what they're looking for when recruiting.

[View here!](#)



NATIONAL SATURDAY CLUB

Young people across the country are spending Saturday mornings at their local university, college or museum discovering subjects they love. Saturday Clubs are open to 13–16-year-olds of all abilities and are free to attend. Students can find their local club using the Find a Club map.

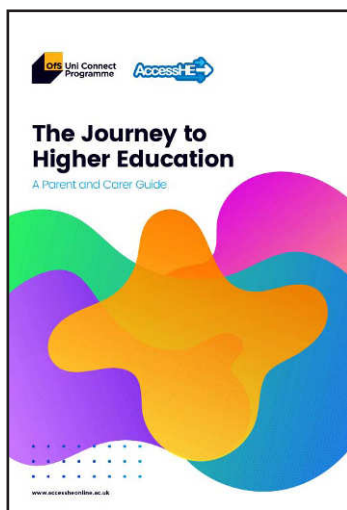
[Map - National Saturday Club](#)

The Journey to Higher Education

A guide aimed at parents and carers to inform them about all aspects of higher education study.

It will support parents and carers with the basic 'need-to-knows' about higher education.

[View here!](#)



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As a parent or carer, you want to be able to guide and advise your child towards the best opportunity for them. So, where do you start?

There are many options available including apprenticeships, T Levels and HTQs. Being open-minded about the range of opportunities and equipping yourself with knowledge and information is the best way to build your confidence, and ultimately to support your child to make the best decision for them. Through their **Parent & Carer Zone**, **Amazing Apprenticeships** aim to help you to explore the options available.

Choices Magazine

Our monthly **Choices** magazine features information and resources to help you to support and guide your child with apprenticeship and technical education decisions.

[Subscribe here](#) to get future editions of **Choices** magazine sent directly to your inbox.

[Explore Now](#)

The July edition of **Choices** has just been released and [can be downloaded here](#).



Opportunities and Resources

Summer Series at the University of Leicester



We are excited to announce that the University of Leicester will be running a Summer Series of webinars - three weeks of free webinars for Year 12 students, to help them prepare for their future and to see if Higher Education is their route of choice. The talks during this series will be delivered by industry experts, including award winning GP Dr Dominique Thompson, and Ahmar Ehsan from the Student Loans Company.

These talks will offer an insight into a variety of topics, including student life, how to choose a course and university, student finance, the UCAS process, careers in STEM and wellbeing support.

If you would like to attend any of these webinars, sign up here: <https://data.heat.ac.uk/event/apply/le/university-of-leicester-summer-series> – we will be emailing out the webinar video links closer to the time.

Experience Life at JLP



Whether just starting your career or looking to change your career direction, everyone is welcome at John Lewis Partnership. Our virtual work experience gives you a taste of just a few of the careers available across the Partnership.

Our organisation is a complex puzzle of amazing people, with incredible skills all pulling together to achieve the JLP vision. It's time to experience that for yourself!

Choose a programme here:
JLP - Virtual Work Experience

Careerpilot

Careerpilot is an award-winning, free online careers website for students and parents, designed by qualified career advisers and teachers. It is designed to guide young people (ages 11-19) in the UK through their career and study options. It provides resources and tools for exploring different career paths, finding relevant courses, and planning for future education and work. Essentially, it helps students navigate the three key stages of career decision-making: understanding themselves, exploring options, and planning their next steps.

All Year 8 and 9 students have now had a careers lesson around Careerpilot. This included signing up for their own accounts and completing tasks on the platform that are relevant for their age group. Students can continue to use all the valuable resources, information and guidance on the platform throughout their time at school and beyond.

Access Careerpilot Parent Zone for FREE



**Find the answers to frequently asked questions
you may have about:**

- Choices at 14, 16 and 18
- Further Education
- Apprenticeships
- Higher Education at College or University
- Student Finance, Funding and Support

Use the QR code above to access the Parent Zone on Careerpilot.

Opportunities and Resources



Springpod partners with universities and employers to create interactive, experiential learning programmes which empower the next generation and enable them to take their future into their own hands by giving them equal access to opportunity.

From university course tasters to work experience, Springpod's programmes enable young people to explore, interact and learn about university and the world of work before they apply.

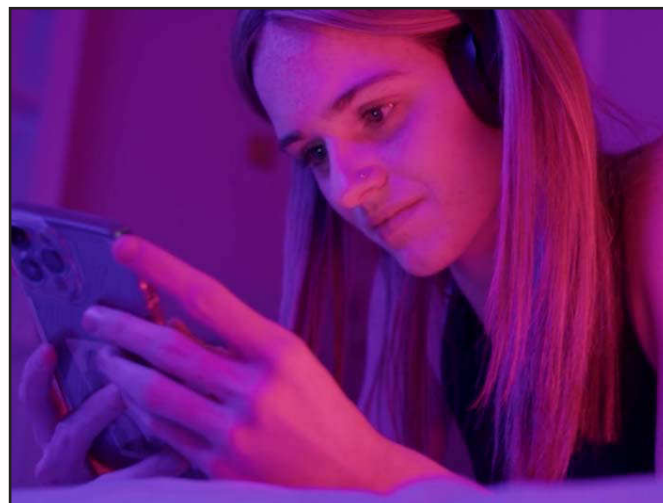
Students have access to the following:

- **Subject Spotlights**

Interactive university course tasters which feature real-life lectures, seminars and academics, giving prospective students the opportunity to experience a variety of degree subjects that they may be considering studying. Subject Spotlights are around 30-40 minutes long and can be completed on-demand around a student's schedule.

- **Virtual Work Experiences**

Immersive and informative virtual work experiences with leading employers such as the National Health Service, Barclays, and Airbus. These incorporate real workplace activities – from observing a live surgery to designing a lunar landing module – and the chance to speak with, and hear from, industry professionals. Virtual Work Experiences vary in length, from 6-10 hours, and students can pause and come back to the programme at any time. The in-depth experiences are recognised by employers, and students receive a completion certificate at the end of the programme.

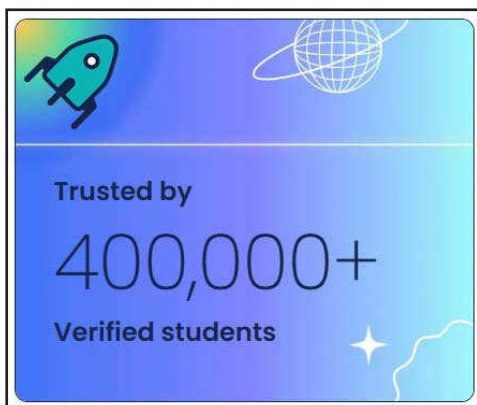


- **Virtual Work Experience** helps young people understand industries and organisations, thanks to programmes led by industry experts from the world's leading employers. These programmes give students a taste of what a career would look like, as well as giving them invaluable experience to include in their personal statements, CVs and apprenticeship applications.

As well as giving an insight into studying at university, the practical, task-based learning programmes help to boost employability skills and better prepare students for work. Students receive certificates of completion from universities and employers which they can evidence on their personal statements.

All students in Year 10 completed a virtual work experience day on Springpod in March. They should already have their accounts set up. All other students can sign up to Springpod for free using the following link:

<https://space.springpod.com/sign-up>



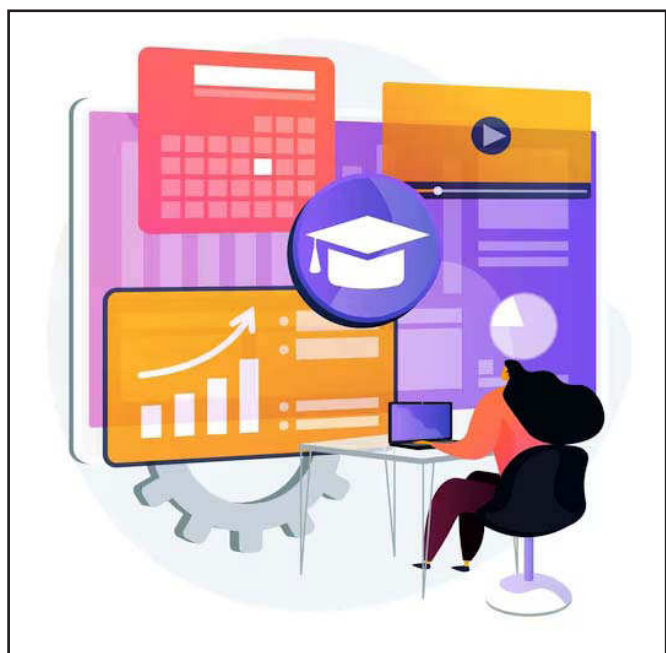
Sixth Form Activities



We are delighted that Year 12 had the opportunity to take part in a week long Work Experience from Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July.

Students completed their Work Experience placements in a variety of different employment sectors. We very much look forward to hearing about their experiences, some of which we will share with you in the next **Careers Newsletter**.

Work Experience offers numerous benefits for students, including opportunities to explore career interests, develop essential skills, build a strong CV, and make valuable connections. It provides practical insights into the working world, allowing students to test potential career paths and gain a competitive edge in future job or university applications.

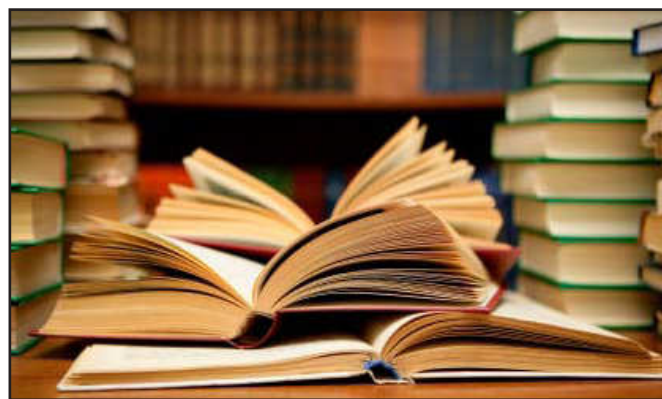


Masterclasses

Sixth Form students have taken part in the following masterclasses this term:

- **Introduction to UCAS.**
- **UCAS Research**
Students registered on the UCAS hub and researched courses, apprenticeships and universities.
- **The Money Charity: Money Workshop**
My Money; Jobs, Apprenticeships and University Learning Aims; Understand how Student Finance, apprenticeships and getting a job works and the financial implications; Know the cost of living independently and how to budget for doing so; Discuss some money saving tips.
- **Personal Statement Building.**
- **Personal Statement Writing.**

Reading Scholars Programme



A group of Year 12 students took part in the Reading University Scholars Programme in July.

The Reading Scholars programme aims to give Year 12 students a real taste of life as a university undergraduate and provides practical support as participants begin their higher education application process. Featuring input from leading academics and current undergraduate mentors, the programme will challenge participants academically and enhance current studies.

Careers Activities Summer Term

Young Enterprise – Employability Masterclass

As part of the Year 9 induction days to the Palmers Green Campus, Year 9 had the opportunity to take part in an employability masterclass facilitated by Young Enterprise.

Employability Masterclass helps students to understand the skills and qualities that are required to be successful in the workplace and build awareness of how to present the very best version of themselves throughout an application process.

Learning Outcomes

- Understand the skills necessary to make a successful transition to the next stage of life and meet employer expectations.
- Know how to showcase skills to employers.
- Understand the different types of CVs and cover letters.
- Be aware of how digital footprints, including social media profiles, might affect employability.
- Understand tips and tricks that will help in an interview.
- Be aware of a range of approaches to job hunting to understand the job market and secure a role.
- Access and use information about the labour market to inform career decisions and understand which jobs offer long term prospects, including STEM related opportunities.
- Set SMART goals and plan next steps to achieve these goals.

Careerpilot Lesson

All Year 8 and Year 9 students had a careers lesson focusing on Careerpilot, as mentioned earlier in this newsletter. This award-winning, free online careers website for students and parents will be of great use to them in their forthcoming school years and beyond.



Year 10 Work Shadow Day

All students in Year 10 had the opportunity to take part in a Work Shadow Day on Friday 20th June.

A Year 10 work shadowing day provides numerous benefits for students, including gaining insights into the world of work, developing practical and social skills, and exploring potential career paths. It also helps boost confidence and encourages students to appreciate the relevance of their classroom learning.

Raising Aspirations

Exposure to different careers and the opportunities available can inspire students to aim higher and set ambitious goals for their future.

Making Connections

Students can see how their current studies relate to future career paths and how the skills they are learning in school can be applied in the workplace.

Preparation for Future Opportunities

Work shadowing can be a valuable stepping stone to future work experience placements, apprenticeships, or further education.

Student Feedback from the Day:

“It gave me an insight into teaching.”

“I was able to learn CPR.”

“It gave me an insight into the field of Law.”

