



# FEARNHILL SCHOOL

## Careerfile

Issue 8

4th November 2022

### Year 11 16+ Options

The Year 11 students have a lot of information being given to them at the moment and it can all feel very overwhelming. The important thing is for them to talk to me and their tutors or trusted member of staff if they have any concerns regarding their future choices or mental health.

### Elevate Sessions

The sessions kicked off this week and attendance has started on a high. Students need to take this opportunity to gain extra help and support with their studies in order to get the best grades they can in their GCSE's.

### GCSE Information & Guidance Evening

This event took place on Wednesday 2nd November and was well attended. We hope that all parents/carers and students who came along found it to be beneficial to them. Lots of information was covered including; student wellbeing, signs of stress and how to manage it and the importance of revision. Parental feedback from the afternoon can be found on page 4.

### Study Skills & Revision Techniques

Year 11 students were off timetable for the day on Thursday 3rd November to take part in some sessions to support them with their revision. Student feedback from the afternoon can be found on page 4.



### Important dates for your diary

#### Year 11 16+ Options Evening at Fearnhill

Wednesday 9th November  
6:00-7:30pm

A letter with full details has been sent out

#### Year 11 16+ Options Evening at Highfield

Thursday 17th November  
6:00-8:30pm

### Empowering Positive Change through Careers Education

#### Apprenticeship Talk

On Thursday 13th October 6th form students had a virtual talk on apprenticeships. More information and student feedback from the event can be found on page 3.

Look out every fortnight for  
new features -  
all things career related!



## Services for Young People

We are pleased to welcome Chris Aylward, a Services for Young People Advisor, to Fearnhill school on designated days during the Autumn term to meet with students and discuss their options, ideas and opportunities available to them after Year 11. We aim to get every Year 11 student booked in for an appointment with an advisor before the end of the academic year. Every student will then be followed-up by myself to check they are set for their next steps.

**Services for  
Young People**

It is essential that students do not miss their meeting as this wastes valuable time. Students are asked to make a note of the time, date and place of their meeting when Tutors announce them prior to the day. If students are unable to attend their appointment they are asked to swap with another student in their form group and inform myself or Ms Charter so that their slot can be re-scheduled. Reminder cards are issued to students via their Tutors on the morning of their meeting to ensure they don't forget!

A 'Drop-In' session is also offered at break and lunchtime whereby students can go along, without an appointment, to ask any questions they have re: their future.

Chris is covering for Jo Bains, our usual advisor, who is currently off recovering from an injury. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming her back in the Spring term fighting fit!

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## Special Mention - November

This young man deserves recognition for both his vision and planning for his future. Blake 11R plans to study A Levels here at Fearnhill and then take a GAP year to work at his father's security firm in South Africa. He then plans to join the army gaining more knowledge and skills in order to come back to the UK and start his own security business.

Blake's clear vision to what he wants to achieve in the future is commendable.

I can't wait to watch his plans come to fruition!



# Sixth Form Apprenticeships Talk

All students in Sixth Form attended a virtual talk about the world of apprenticeships on Thursday 13th October. There were talks from UCAS, PwC, Dyson, Lloyds Banking Group, Eversheds Sutherland, NHS and the Royal Navy, all discussing the availability of apprenticeships in their organisations and it really got our students thinking.

Degree apprenticeships are fantastic as you work and train within a specific sector of the organisation, get paid a brilliant starting salary and get the opportunity to do a degree alongside this.

Also lots of the best organisations for apprenticeships are in Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and London - ideal for our students at Fearnhill!

The link to the virtual talk is here, so please give it a watch and get inspired!

[Link for Degree Apprenticeships programme](#)

**Name:** Aimee **Form:** 13ADR

*I enjoyed hearing other peoples' positive experiences & how what they are doing now is going to hugely help them get to their future careers. I found it beneficial hearing how enthusiastic everyone was about their courses that they are taking but I couldn't connect to anyone's experience as I personally wasn't interested in that certain course.*

**Name:** Keira **Form:** 12ABN

*Being a student who knows what she wants to do, I found the talk not quite as helpful because none of the material corresponded to my own dreams of the future. However, I do know that many students have aspirations in those fields of work, so while not helpful to me, I'm sure it was to many others.*

**Name:** Lisa **Form:** 12HLR

*It was very informative & detailed on Apprenticeships: their benefits, how they function, comparisons to a 'normal' degree at university.*

**Name:** Amy **Form:** 13CMN

*I found it really helpful to see an alternative to university that will also give me the same qualifications in most cases. I'm looking to study Law & have now realise that certain law firms will put me through university which requires me to attend once or twice a week & the other days I will spend at a Law firm, gaining key experience that I can use once qualified & also puts me ahead of those without experience.*

**Name:** Vanessa **Form:** 12ABN

*It showed a different path to university & opened up more options that could have been more suitable for some, it was very informative.*

**Name:** Poppy **Form:** 13ADR

*It was interesting to see so many apprenticeships I didn't know were available, & so many that are close to home. It would have been good to hear feedback from people doing the apprenticeships, how they feel & how much they enjoyed it.*

**Name:** Ruben **Form:** 12HLR

*I personally found them to be helpful & beneficial towards my future career (architecture) as it gave me more options to look out for. As I can either go to university or do an apprenticeship. I have no ebi for it as I thought it went well.*

**Name:** Daniel **Form:** 13ADR

*It was laid out in a useful & easy to follow format allowing you to understand what each apprenticeship offered.*

**Name:** Harriet **Form:** 12ABN

*I liked the fact they had a Royal Navy apprentice have a live chat with the presenters. Jobs in the military are so rarely advertised in schools because it's stereotypically not a 'safe' job, so seeing some representation really helped me gauge an idea of what I could do within the military, even if I want to join the RAF & not the Royal Navy.*

**Name:** Chara **Form:** 12HLR

*I found the talk very eye-opening, it allowed me to realise the broad scope in possibilities beyond the simple plotted course of university life & the multiple opportunities.*

**Name:** Daniel **Form:** 12ABN

*It showcased a variety of degree apprenticeships I didn't know were out there. It showed there is another route than university if I wanted to which I didn't know I could do.*

**Name:** Ashleigh **Form:** 13ADR

*It was very informative & genuinely helped me understand better, such as how to apply as wasn't sure if via UCAS or the firm you're looking to work for. It would be helpful to have a list of the companies spoken about in the countdown with contact details, this way when doing further research it would be easy to find the companies applicable to you.*



## Year 11 Information & Guidance Evening Feedback

*"Mr Spencer is so motivating!"*



*"It was useful, the revision tips were great. Also good to know that they'll get support with ways to revise too."*

*"All very useful in my opinion, just hope the students take it on board!"*

*"Thank you to the staff who stayed at school into the evening for the information & guidance evening."*

*"A nice little taster into the 6th form, looking forward to more detailed information at the evening next week"*

*"I really liked Mr Marlow, I thought he was upbeat & encouraging. I would have loved a teacher like him when I was at school."*

*"Very informative, it helped me to understand the steps to help my daughter during this crucial time."*

*"Hopefully the students listened to the point about 'taking responsibility'."*



*"My daughter was very positive with Mr Spencer's ethos, he makes you feel so confident."*

*"A useful evening for parents to engage."*

*"My son knew this information already from PSHE lessons with Ms Balchin. Mr Marlow came across well with genuine enthusiasm for the 6th form."*

*"I thought it was really informative, for a first time parent of a GCSE student & not knowing anything about it... It reassured me that they have it under control."*

*"It could have just been limited it to helpful revision tips & the ways school is offering support."*

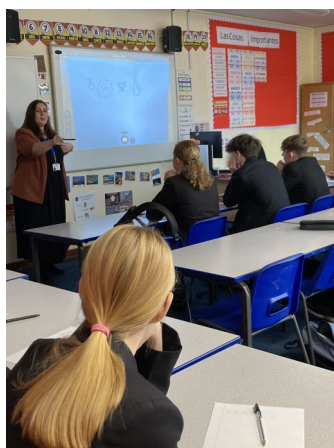
*"All in all, a very useful presentation."*

*"Very helpful, highlighted support on offer & highlighted the importance you place on student wellbeing."*

*"It was amazing. The way things were presented was very simple & organised."*

*"I know first-hand with my daughter how she was supported at GCSEs/A Levels, so wasn't worried but can imagine for first time GCSE parents it was reassuring."*

## Year 11 Study Skills Sessions Feedback



*"I found this revision task workshop somewhat useful."* Charlie 11Q

*"I found it really useful because before this I didn't really know how to revise well. i feel I now have a better understanding of what will work best for me to achieve the best grades I can."* Tia 11R

*"Mr Spencer's session was good today. I will put his revision techniques into practice. I also found Mrs Nunneley's session helpful."* Ruby 11U



*"I found it very informative and helpful as I now feel more confident with revising."*  
John 11R

*"It was alright, I feel like we needed more time practicing and getting to know the skill more though!"* Lola 11R

*"I thought it was really helpful as before I had no idea how to revise and now it has given us some sort of idea on where to begin."* Harry 11Q





# Rate My Apprenticeship

Apprenticeships are fantastic options for school leavers, but with hundreds to choose from, where do you start?

Our free virtual careers event is perfect for students in Years 10-13 (and their parents) who are considering their options post-school.

Throughout the evening we have current apprentices talking about their journey of discovering, applying for and gaining an apprenticeship. It's not to be missed—98% Of students who attended last year said they would attend in the future!

**REGISTER FOR FREE**

Why attend?

- Hear from 15 of the UK's Best Employers, including Deloitte, KPMG, Roche and PwC
- Listen to discussions with a panel of current apprentices about a life free of university debt, filled with incredible career prospects.
- Get to attend an exclusion CV and interview workshop with The University of Law
- Attendees receive a certificate of attendance for their record of achievements, CV or LinkedIn profile

Plus everyone who attends will get a £5 Deliveroo voucher!

**THE APPRENTICESHIP EVENT OF THE SEASON**  
**START YOUR CAREER**  
Tuesday 22nd November from 5pm

★ RATE MY APPRENTICESHIP



***"The event really helped me get a grasp on what doing an apprenticeship is like."***  
Previous attendee

***"I enjoyed chatting to real apprentices as we got to hear why and how they chose an apprenticeship."***  
Previous attendee

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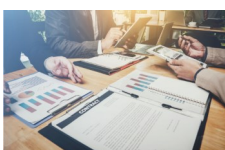
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**What's new? Community health & wellbeing worker**   **New apprenticeship vacancies**   **Maths apprenticeships**  
**Employer focus: BBC**   **Apprenticeship Guide**   **JTL encourages more women to join the sector**

## Key Word of the Fortnight

**PART-TIME JOB**



**WORKING OR INVOLVING FEWER  
HOURS THAN IS CONSIDERED  
NORMAL OR STANDARD.**

## Obscure / Obsolete Job Titles



**hobbler**

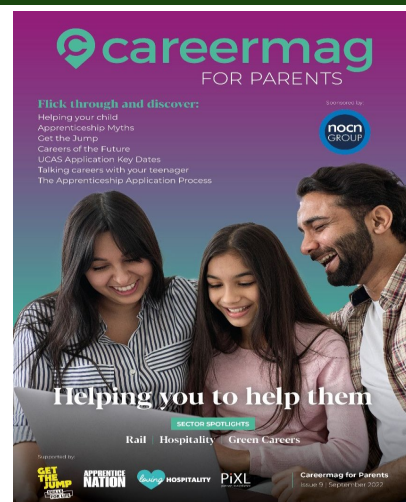
A person who tows boats on a canal or river

## Careermag

*'What should I do next?'*

Many parents get in touch with us asking for advice on how to respond to their child when they ask this question. What may seem like a daunting question to many parents, doesn't actually have to be. Careermag for Parents connects parents, guardians and carers with up to date labour market information. We explain the various qualification routes available and bust myths and misconceptions along the way. Grab a cuppa and sit down with your child, there are lots of opportunities to explore! Click here to read [Careermag for Parents](#)

This edition covers lots of tips for post 16 and 18 options, the UCAS application key dates, talking careers with your children and much more!



# Amazing Apprenticeships

"The Parent Perspective" is an exciting **podcast series for parents and carers**, helping them to support their children with careers advice and guidance.

## Episode 5: The Emotions – how to cope when things don't go your way

Rachel Burden is joined by Prue Day from Not Going to Uni, Dexter Hutchings from the Apprentice Voice, and Enda Egan, the head of young people's programmes at Mental Health UK to tackle the emotional side of making big decisions post-16.



## Episode 6: The Versatility – what can an apprenticeship, a traineeship or a degree lead to?

Rachel Burden talks to Jennifer Sullivan from Qube Learning, trainee Nazish Akhtar plus professional rugby players Sam Dugdale and Luke James about how an apprenticeship, a traineeship or a degree can support your child to achieve their dreams – or maybe give them a fall-back if things don't go to plan.

<a href="#"><u>Episode 1</u></a>		<a href="#"><u>Episode 2</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Episode 3</u></a>		<a href="#"><u>Episode 4</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Episode 5</u></a>		<a href="#"><u>Episode 6</u></a>

## VISUALISING YOUR FUTURE

If your child is unclear about their future, then this visualisation activity may help.

Firstly, find a big sheet of paper and focus on a date in the future (it could be 1 year from now, 2 years etc). Next, have a think about each of the following points...

### Describe your physical surroundings

Use as much detail as possible. Where do you live? Where are you working or studying? How does it look? What features does it have?

### Describe the people surrounding you

Who are they? Are they part of your work life or your personal life? How many people are there? What are their personalities like?

### What is the atmosphere like?

How does the atmosphere in your personal life differ from the work or study atmosphere? How do you contribute to those atmospheres?

### What are you most proud of?

What did you do?  
How did it make you feel?  
Would you do it again if you were given the opportunity?

### Do you have any regrets?

Why do you regret it?  
Did you learn anything from it?  
What would you do differently if given the chance?

### How do you like spending your free time?

Do you have any hobbies? Do they link to a particular career? Do you do them on your own or as part of a group? Are they indoor or outdoor activities?

Once your child has started to develop ideas about what they want their future to look like, encourage them to find imagery (pictures, quotes etc.) to represent these thoughts and create a 'vision board'. It can help to have a visualisation of how their future could look.

# External Opportunities

## North Herts College - Future Open Events 2022-23

Looking to start a course with us in the next academic year?

Our open events are a great way to find out all you need to know about studying at North Hertfordshire College, as well as a chance for you to see our fantastic facilities. You can hear from our tutors about the range of courses we offer, the skills you'll develop whilst studying with us, and the employment opportunities open to you on completion of the course. We'll also take you on a tour of the campus where you will study.

If you are interested in several subject areas and want to keep your options open, you're welcome to sign up for multiple presentations so you can find the information you need to make your decision.

**To book your ticket for our open events, simply click here:** <https://www.nhc.ac.uk/openevents/> you can also, sign up to our mailing list via the link to keep in touch and be amongst the first to know about these events.

### November 2022 open event dates:

Tuesday 15th November      Wednesday 16th November

### 2023 Dates:

Tuesday 28th February – Wednesday 1st March 2023

Tuesday 25th – Wednesday 26th April 2023

Tuesday 13th – Wednesday 14th June 2023

Please check back for further information on these events, including how they will be delivered and how to book.

If you can't make it to any of our open events but want to know more about what it's like to study at NHC, be sure to check out our [virtual campus tours](#) and get in touch either through [our online form](#), emailing us at [enquiries@nhc.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@nhc.ac.uk), or giving us a call on [01462 424242](tel:01462424242).

## Part-time adult courses also available

Did you know that NHC also offers a range of part-time adult courses? Whether you're looking to upskill, change your career, or explore a new hobby, NHC has a course for you. All of our courses are taught in a relaxed and friendly environment and are available on a flexible basis, allowing you to fit them around your existing schedule. [Find out more](#)



Students are advised to check their school email accounts weekly, if not daily!

Careers information and opportunities are sent regularly and we wouldn't want them to miss out.

These are copied to parents/carers as well for reference.





# External Opportunities

## Oaklands - November Open Events

Oaklands College open events give you the perfect opportunity to visit our campuses to learn more about the courses we offer and meet our staff. We have different courses available at different campuses, so make sure to check the list for your preferred areas before booking onto an open event. [Find out more](#)



### What can I study at Welwyn Garden City?

- Applied Science
- Business
- Childcare & Early Years
- Computing & IT
- Construction Management & Civil Engineering
- Engineering
- ESOL
- GCSEs
- Hair & Beauty
- Health & Social Care
- Media
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Travel & Tourism

### What can I study at St Albans?

- Animal Management & Agriculture
- Art, Fashion & Design
- Brickwork & Multi-Trades
- Business
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Computing & IT
- Electrical Installation
- ESOL
- Equine
- GCSEs
- Horticulture
- Hospitality & Catering
- Motor Vehicle
- Plumbing
- Professional Studies & AAT
- Public Services
- Sports Studies
- Teacher Training

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