



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Careerfile

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College Open Days/Evenings for Year 11 Students

Please be aware that Further Education Colleges are now starting to host their Open Days/Evenings. Remember, all of you should have a plan B, you can apply for as many 6th Form/College courses as you wish and should be keeping your options open. Visiting local Colleges may help you decide what you really want to do over the next 2 years whether it be 6th form, College or an Apprenticeship.

Please check the Open Days/Evenings dates and times which are displayed on the Year 11 Careers board. These, along with other important information, are also emailed to you so be sure to check your school email regularly.



Elevate Sessions

The sessions are in full swing and attendance is good on the whole. 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 Mock Exams

The GCSE mock exams are approaching fast. Students should be putting the skills into practice and using the advice given to them during PSHE lessons and at the Study Skills & Revision Techniques session that took place at the start of the month.

6th Form Applications

The 6th Form applications window is now open! The application form can be found [here](#). The application deadline is Friday 2nd December. Even if you are unsure as to your next steps, you can make an application and keep your options open to other possibilities. To help you with your choices, please take the time to read through the Sixth Form Prospectus [here](#). If you have any questions at all regarding the application process, please see myself or Mr Marlow.

Ms Balchin, Head of Careers, WRL & PSHE

Important dates for your diary

Year 11 6th Form Applications
deadline - Friday 2nd December

Year 11 Mock Exams
Monday 5th - Friday 16th December

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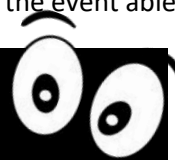
Contact us or follow us on social media

Year 10 Work Experience

Unfortunately the Year 10 students will not have the opportunity to go out on Work Experience this academic year due to the effect the pandemic has had on businesses, and also the current cost of living crisis, but we are investigating other options for them in order to give them a taster of the world of work. Although the students will miss out on physically going into the workplace we aim to give them the chance to prepare for, be involved in and feedback on a virtual work experience.

We pride ourselves on our work experience successes over the years and the invaluable opportunity that serves to develop their employability skills. In whatever format work experience takes, it will continue to be an experience that opens the students' eyes to the opportunities available, the skills required and participation in the event able to be added to their cv.

Watch this space for
more information.



Special Mention 2 - November

Anna 10H has been taking advantage of opportunities offered to her and making the most of increasing her knowledge to help her on her next steps.

She has been joining webinars to help her make the right choices to shape her future and is also able to list these on her CV, putting her steps ahead of the competition she will face.

She is always checking her school emails and acting on everything of interest. Anna is the true definition of a Fearnhill Student.

We can't wait to see where her future path leads her.



Year 11 Post 16 Options Evening Feedback

"Thank you for the opportunity to attend the sixth form evening, it was so helpful to our daughter & us as parents. It was great to have honest feedback from the students, it felt warm, inviting & they made the 6th form feel not as daunting as we all thought. The head of sixth form was very informative & I liked his enthusiasm for apprenticeships amongst other things. We were pleased to walk around & speak to teachers, although didn't get chance to speak with the very helpful Ms Balchin as she obviously is extremely popular amongst students & parents alike so was very crowded! I know Ella will be guided by her at school though & that we are welcomed to approach her any-time with questions... as we will most certainly do! Fearnhill has a small family friendly feel to it & Ella is doing so well there." Parent

"We found the event very useful as to what all the A Levels involve & the option of taking a BTEC if an A level isn't on offer at Fearnhill. The literature we took away from the evening was very useful. The English department (Miss Christie) was very informative on the difference between English Literature & English Language. Overall, the staff we approached including Ms Ellis herself, were very helpful. Thank you to all staff who took the time to speak to us on the evening." Parent

"It was very helpful that teachers let us know about all the things we wanted to do & there was not really anything to improve." Harry 11

"The event was very useful to be able to attend with my child. It was good to be able to speak to the different subject teachers about what the subjects entail at A Level. It was also useful to have current A Level students with them to share their experiences. Some areas were a little congested at times so perhaps more areas of the school could be used to space things out better. Ms Balchin was very busy & it was nearly impossible to get to chat to her. Perhaps people could have time slots to chat to her & a time limit so everyone gets a chance to have the benefit of her 30 years of wisdom!" Parent

"Really informative. 100% useful, I know its Harry's choice but its nice to be involved & be able to meet the teachers especially in person. Everything went well! It was run so well. Nothing can be improved. Most informative - Being able to go round to all the different subjects & hear what will be taught. Staff were all very helpful! Special mention to Mrs Balchin who we spoke to & she gave us lots of great advice! Just keeping everything crossed that Harry chooses to stay on (which I think he will)." Parent

"It was useful. We had been to a few other locally (Priory & KTS), plus one in Cambridge. Amelie found it useful to talk to current 6th form students to get a feel for the subjects, & also liked talking to some of the teachers. It helped direct her towards which subjects she would be interested in. - The English Lit, History & Psychology teachers were all very helpful, as was Mr Fowler & Mr Spencer. Mr Marlow also made a point of introducing himself to Amelie, which was nice." Parent

"John found this really helpful. It definitely guided him to where he needs to be & what a fabulous talk from students at the psychology area." Parent

"We found the evening informative. Libby spoke to the drama department & got the answers she needed. I am always impressed by the work Fearnhill puts into every pupil. I do believe Fearnhill are a family. The difference you have made for my girls is great. I will always be grateful." Parent

"We really enjoyed the evening, very informative in a informal setting.. it was an eye opener for Fabio." Parent

"The event was very helpful & informative, providing a great overview of the various subjects offered as an A-level & BTEC. •The event was very useful. •The event was well organised & students who attended gave information that was useful & gave an insight into what the subjects had to offer. •More information to take home to read given from the stalls would be helpful. •Areas that gave the most information were definitely the more English based subjects, such as Literature, Media Studies & Performing Arts. •The staff provided relevant & useful information on the specific topics as well as general advice with picking the choices for sixth form. Thank you." Parent

"I found the evening very helpful because I now have a greater understanding of what options will be best suited for me; as well as finding out more about the subjects I love & what jobs they can lead to." Ruby 11U

Rate My Apprenticeship

If you're interested in apprenticeships but unsure where to start... look no further!

Join thousands of students and get a behind-the-scenes look into the apprenticeship world from 15 of the UK's Best Employers. This Free Virtual Event features top-notch application advice, insider knowledge from current apprentices and the chance to quiz the recruiters on how to be successful when applying.

Plus, let us treat you to dinner! You'll get a £5 **Deliveroo** voucher just for attending*

REGISTER FOR FREE

Why attend?

1. Hear tons of application tips, tricks and hacks from current apprentices.
2. Quiz 9 of our Best Apprenticeship Employers on how to be successful in the application process.
3. Attend an employability skills workshop that will set you apart from the crowd, and get an attendance certificate for your CV.

THE APPRENTICESHIP EVENT OF THE SEASON

START YOUR CAREER

Tuesday 22nd November from 5pm

★ RATEMY 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

Line up

5:00 – 5:05 A Warm Welcome from RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk

5:05 – 5:40 "Application Processes are too Overwhelming"

5:40 – 5:45 Break

5:45 – 6:20 "Day in the Life of an Apprentice"

6:20 – 6:25 Break

6:25 – 7:00 "My Apprenticeship Changed My Life"

7:00 – 7:30 The University of Law Employability Session

7:30 – 8:00 Employability Workshops / Program Overview Sessions

Apprenticeship FAQs

What is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a real job with training, which allows trainees to earn while they learn, as well as gaining a nationally recognised qualification. The cover hundreds of job roles in a wide range of industries, from engineering to teaching, web designer to park ranger.

Apprenticeship programmes are organised in 18 different industry sectors. There are over 600 different apprenticeships available covering all careers.

Each week we will share some of the different apprenticeships available under each sector.



Agriculture, environmental and animal care apprenticeships

Any questions [contact us](#)

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Key Word of the Fortnight

SHIFTWORK



A TYPE OF WORK SCHEDULE IN WHICH GROUPS OF WORKERS ROTATE THROUGH SET PERIODS THROUGHOUT THE DAY. E.G. SHIFTS IN THIS WORKPLACE ARE 6AM–2PM, 1PM–10PM OR 10PM–6AM.

Obscure / Obsolete Job Titles



Ce Cutter

Someone who saws blocks of ice for refrigeration

What Next?

What Next?

[What Next Magazine](#) was launched to help school leavers navigate the ever-increasing range of options when school and/or college has come to an end. Read the latest and



Various Opportunities



WHAT WE OFFER >

Find out about training, adventure and travel opportunities available, for full time (Regular) and part time (Reserve) soldiers and officers. [Find out more here](#)

HOW TO JOIN >

Get prepared to join the Army and learn about what you need to join, what you could become in the Army and what happens once you apply. [Find out more here](#)



WHAT WE STAND FOR >

When you join the Army, you'll need to know about the values and standards we expect. You can also find out how we will respect your diversity, whatever your **faith**, **sexual orientation** or **gender**.

[Find out more here](#)



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New Courses for 2023

Discover our range of course options available from February 2023

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Saturday 26th November - 11am 'til 2pm
in-person open day



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PwC's Virtual Classroom
pwc.co.uk/schools

[Register for an event here](#)



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.

A few of these opportunities are listed here.

OPEN EVENING

8TH DECEMBER 2022

HERTFORD REGIONAL COLLEGE

