



Hillcrest School Careers Education Newsletter (December 2024)



Throughout the autumn term students have engaged in a range of careers-related activities and educational visits.

Assemblies delivered by Further Education Colleges to talk about post-16 options:

October 2024

Halesowen College delivered assemblies to Years 9,10 & 11

November 2024

South and City College delivered assemblies to 9,10 & 11

Dudley College delivered assemblies to Years 9 & 10

BMET College delivered assemblies to Years 9, 10 & 11

Cadbury College delivered assemblies to Years 9 & 10

Hillcrest Sixth Form delivered assemblies to Years 10 & 11

Year 7 and 8 Careers Launch assembly with Careers Advisor

Workshops delivered by Further Education Colleges and other providers:

October 2024

Halesowen College Workshop to Year 11 on applications

Jaguar Landrover Workshop to Year 8 on employability skills

November 2024

BMET College Workshop to Year 10/11 SEND & EAL groups

South and City College Workshop to Year 10 on T-Levels

December 2024

Ask Apprenticeship Recruitment Centre Year 11 Experience

BMW Assessment Centre Experience Day for Years 9-13

Cadbury College Interview Preparation Day for Year 11

Educational Visits

Year 10 Envision – visits to Urwin Mitchell Solicitors

Year 11 visit to UK University and Apprenticeship Fair

Forward Thinking visit to University of Birmingham

Visit to University of Oxford for students in Years 9-11

Information events for parents

October 2024

Year 10 Work Experience Planning (Teams)

November 2024

Introduction to Post-16 Options (Teams)

Future Parent Events

23rd January 2025 (5.00-6.00pm)

Ask Apprenticeship Parent Information session (Teams)

28th January 2025 (4.30pm-5.00pm)

BMET College Parent Introduction to T-Levels (Teams)

Please email cthompson@hillcrest.bham.sch.uk to book your place at either event in January

Careers events and activities in 2025

Year 7

22nd January: BMET College Workshop on stereotypes

5th March: STEM Roadshow

Date TBC: Severn Trent Environmental project

Year 8

5th March: STEM Roadshow

2nd April: BMET College Workshop on Labour Markets

7th May: Careers project with NEC

14th June: Big Bang Experience

Year 9

8th January: Swift Childcare Workshop

27th January: Launch of Year 9 GCSE Options process

19th March: BMET College Workshop (Apprentices)

Feb-May: Group visits to Lander Automotive

Date TBC: Visit to Aston or University of Birmingham

Date TBC: Manufacturing project with COLAS UK

Date TBC: Computing project with Autodesk

Date TBC: Social Enterprise project with Arcadis

Year 10

8th January: Swift Childcare Workshops

27th January: University of Birmingham Science Event

13th February: Ask Apprenticeship Workshop

25th February: BMET College Workshop on T-Levels

April-July: Envision programme

7th May: South and City College Workshop on CVs

23rd May: Taster Day visit to South and City College

30th June: Work Experience Week

Year 11

16th January: Mock Interview with local employers

Date TBC: Visit to Wolverhampton University

Hillcrest School Careers Fair

Our annual Careers Fair will take place in school on **Thursday 27th February**. The event is attended by a range of employers, training providers, colleges and universities. Parents are invited to attend the event to meet with our visitors from **9.00-9.30am**. If you would like to attend, please email school to reserve your place. Email: cthompson@hillcrest.bham.sch.uk

Key contacts in school

If you would like any further information about careers provision at Hillcrest School, please email our Careers Advisor and Careers Co-Ordinator.

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Useful careers resources for parents

<https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/>

<https://icould.com/>

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/for-parents/careers>