



St. Damian's Careers Update: May 2021

Independent Careers Advice & Guidance – Positive Steps

If a pupil wishes to request a Careers appointment, please email our Careers Adviser:

Ms. K. Patel khyatipatel@positive-steps.org.uk



St. Damian's Vision Statement for Careers Education:

'To provide an inclusive, effective and ambitious careers strategy which raises pupil aspirations, unlocks their potential and ensures that they have the individual skills, values and qualifications to make informed choices and be successful in further education, training and employment'

Y10 Work Experience [12th-16th July 2021] – Y10 Pupils

- The deadline for making a decision was last week. There are two choices:
- **Option 1:** Pupils can organise a 5-day placement for themselves in a workplace of their choice.
- **Option 2:** Pupils unable to find a self-placement, will take place in a Virtual Work Experience programme in school.
- **If you are unable to find** a self-placement, please email careerprospects@stdamians.co.uk to register your child for the Virtual Work Experience programme in school.
- **A few pupils have requested extensions to the deadline.** Please ensure you complete the information on the app by **Friday 14th May 2021** – at the latest.

Message from Oldham Sixth Form College – Y11 Pupils with Offers

I'm delighted to email you with exciting information about our planned in-person summer events for Year 11 OSFC offer holders!

New Students' Day

Planned dates: may run across multiple dates in the weeks commencing 28th June and 5th July, depending on interest

Who is it for: OSFC offer holders

What will happen: These days will incorporate aspects of Taster Days, which this cohort was unable to experience last summer, allowing students to try out their subjects, as well as other activities. All offer holders have been emailed asking them to express their interest in attending. Please could you encourage students to fill this in, as this will help us decide how many sessions to run as we will need to limit numbers at each session. We will then send out further details about how to register.

Open Evenings

Planned dates: Wednesday 23rd June and Tuesday 29th June

Who is it for: OSFC offer holders and their parents

What will happen: The college buildings will be open, with subject areas set-up, so students and parents can explore any areas and ask questions. As we will need to limit numbers for this event, the evenings will be split into 2 sessions and students/parents will need to register. They will be emailed with details on how to register soon.



LORETO COLLEGE – Updates for pupils in Y10 & Y11

Year 11

All your students who have been offered a place at Loreto College will be contacted directly and told about the following:

- To help support students and their transition from high school to college, we will be publishing **Year 11 Preparatory Work for Study at College** on our website (you'll find a link to this at the bottom of the email). The work will include reading lists, activities and information to deepen their knowledge and understanding of their chosen subjects. If students have yet to decide which course they want to take, this offers them an opportunity to explore different options ahead of their course confirmation meeting, which takes place at enrolment.
- **Loreto AMA: Ask Me Anything** – Tuesday 25th May, 6pm-7pm
Students will be invited to ask our curriculum leaders questions ahead of and during this live streamed question and answer event. We will be in touch shortly with details of how students can register, send a question and with the link to the event.
- We are also finalising plans for our **New Student** events for the summer term, which will have options for both campus-based and online activities. We will be in touch about these in due course.

Year 10

Due to the recent lockdown, we understand that schools will want as much uninterrupted time with their Year 10 students as possible. Bearing this in mind, instead of our usual on-site Year 10 Days, Loreto College will be inviting your students to take part in our **Virtual Year 10** activities, which will be hosted on our bespoke Loreto online system. The activities can be utilised in class or as a research and extension task for your students. These activities will be available in June. We will also send you a **presentation video** for you to share with your Year 10 students, about Loreto College and how to apply to us.



ASHTON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE – Updates for pupils in Y11

All applicants to the college will have received an email regarding a webinar series along with a letter which has been sent home to parents. Students need to book on to the sessions, they will find the most appropriate to them.

To find out more about the webinar series and to see the events page, please visit:

<https://nextlevel.asfc.ac.uk/webinars/>

The webinars on offer will cover a range of topics including:

- Welcome to Ashton Sixth Form College *with Principal Anton McGrath*
- Pastoral support and timetables *with the Senior Tutor Team*
- Enrichment and Extra-curricular *with the Assistant Principal of Aspirations and Achievement*
- A Parent Perspective *with current parents*
- Careers and progression *with the Assistant Principal of Student Services*
- University preparation *with the Realising Aspirations Co-ordinator*
- Ashton XL *with the XL Manager*
- EPQ *with the Assistant Principal of Learning and Achievement*
- Inclusive Learning Support *with the IL Manager*
- Student Mental Health *with the College Counsellors*
- Faith at Ashton *with the College Chaplain*
- Getting ready for college *with the Admissions Team*

SECTOR SPOTLIGHT - NHS, Medical Research and Social Care – All pupils Y7-11

This sector is about looking after people. There are hundreds of different types of jobs in this sector from researching new vaccines, treating health conditions, and supporting people with day-to-day living needs due to disability, illness or difficult life situations. The sector covers NHS and private hospitals, research laboratories, as well as care homes, nursing homes and day care. It also includes the pharmaceutical and bio-technology industries which make and develop drugs and treatments.

<https://gmacs.co.uk/sectors/health-social-care>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-categories/social-care>

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/compare-roles>

Careers in Nursing – All pupils Y7-11

Find out about to pursue a career in Nursing.

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/we-are-the-nhs/nursing-careers>

Speech and Language Therapist – All pupils Y7-11

Speech and language therapists are responsible for the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of speech, language, fluency and voice disorders caused by disability, injury or illness.

<https://icould.com/stories/helen-w-2/>



Physiotherapists – All pupils Y7-11

Physiotherapists plan and apply massage, promote and encourage movement and exercise, use hydrotherapy, electro-therapy and other technological equipment in the treatment of a wide range of injuries, diseases and disabilities in order to assist rehabilitation by developing and restoring body systems. Find out more about careers in physiotherapy.

<https://icould.com/stories/kristian-e/>

STEM Careers & Sustainability: Marine Biologist – All pupils Y7-11

Find out about what it takes to become a Marine Biologist!

[https://mcusercontent.com/f0c6997f9844e10f115781610/files/bba91431-8269-424f-b83d-82b91f046635/Spotlight on STEM Careers Sustainability Katie Kerr.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/f0c6997f9844e10f115781610/files/bba91431-8269-424f-b83d-82b91f046635/Spotlight_on_STEM_Careers_Sustainability_Katie_Kerr.pdf)

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS – Prepare yourself with key skills for the World of Work – All pupils Y7-11

Skills Builder - Staying Positive

The ability to use tactics and strategies to overcome setbacks and achieve goals.

<https://www.skillsbuilder.org/universal-framework/staying-positive>

<https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homelearning/skills-challenges>

<https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/tools-resources/building-confidence/positive-mindset>

Business Apprenticeships – Y11 pupils

Valuable, paid on-the-job experience with the opportunity to build the knowledge and skills you need to get ahead. You will work with UK and global clients from start-ups to big businesses whilst studying towards a professional qualification. You will be supported by a variety of team members throughout your apprenticeship, offering you a wealth of guidance, and providing a great start to your career.

Perfect for school leavers who are looking for an alternative to university. We have opportunities available in Assurance, Strategy and Transactions, and Tax.

https://www.ey.com/en_uk/careers/students/programmes/schools?WT.mc_id=10464508&AA.tsrc=display&dclid=C16j99qnrvACFS8cBgAdldYEbw



National Careers Service & National Apprenticeship Websites

What is an Apprenticeship?

The opportunity to get on the job training and earn qualifications – up to degree level whilst getting paid!



www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk

www.ucas.com/apprenticeships-in-england



www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch

National Careers Service

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

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