

## St. Damian's Careers Update: February 2021

### Independent Careers Advice & Guidance – Positive Steps

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

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### National Apprenticeships Week [8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> February 2021]

National Apprenticeships Week will take place 8th-14th February 2021. Please encourage your child to take part in as many activities as possible. All activities are accessible on Teams and on the school website / Careers Updates. Pupils in all year groups are invited to take part.

#### Three Key Questions to answer...

- What is an apprenticeship?
- Which job sectors offer apprenticeships?
- How do I apply?



#### Activities on offer:

##### 1. Apprenticeships Competition – Y7-11

A Pupil Activity Pack will be put on each Year Group **Careers Team** on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The pack contains 10 different activities that pupils can select from. Pupils are asked to complete as many activities as possible and then to email their completed entry to [careerprospects@stdamians.co.uk](mailto:careerprospects@stdamians.co.uk)

There will be a **prize** for the **best entry** in **each Year Group**.

The best form participation in each Year Group with the highest number of entries will also be announced.

Entries should be emailed by the end of **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021**.



##### 2. Subject Apprenticeships

Ask your child to look at the subject posters to see what apprenticeships are possible if your child pursues their favourite subjects.

##### 3. Daily Updates – Careers Teams – Take part in the daily activities

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Launch of the Apprenticeships Competition
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Amazing Apprenticeships Quiz
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Research apprenticeships in your favourite subject
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	How to find apprenticeship vacancies & apprenticeship employers
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Meet real apprentices

#### 4. Join the Greater Manchester [GMACS] 'live' events

A number of live events are being run by the Greater Manchester Careers Service [GMACS] which are taking place next week. These include links to apprenticeships in Engineering, Creative Media, Technology and well-known employers such as Astra Zeneca, the RAF, Brother & the GM Public Sector. Click on the website below and make sure that you register for the events.

<https://gmacs.co.uk/news/national-apprenticeship-week-2021>

#### 5. Parents / Carers Pack

Please look at the Parents / Carers Pack. It is packed with information about apprenticeships.

#### Other Events Online for Y9-11 [9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021] – The Manchester College

##### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February [11.00-11.30] - 'An introduction to T Levels'

This session will be broadcast for all **Y9, 10 & 11 pupils** and includes essential information on new post 16 qualifications called T Levels. On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February there will be **no live lessons for Y9, 10&11 period 2**, pupils will have a break, then click on the link 11-11.30. Pupils will then attend the period 3 live lesson at 11.35am and register as usual.

##### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February [11.00-11.30] - 'Choosing your Options'

This session is specifically targeted at **Y9 pupils** and is a starting point for Year 9 pupils embarking on choosing GCSEs and commencing the Year 9 Options programme after half term. On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February there will be **no live lessons for Y9 period 2**, pupils will have a break, then click on the link 11-11.30. Pupils will then attend the period 3 live lesson at 11.35am and register as usual.

The web links will be posted on Teams on the year group team on the day of the events.

#### 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](http://www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk)

[www.ucas.com/apprenticeships-in-england](http://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships-in-england)



[www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch)



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Service**

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

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