

## Careers Update – May 2020

In these uncertain times we would like to reassure you that our Careers Programme will be ongoing and that your child will continue to receive support and guidance so that they are equipped for their future career, in whatever route they choose to take.

In this newsletter we have compiled some of the information, support and resources currently available for all ages from Year 7 – Year 11.

Black Country Careers Hub

### Black Country Skills Factory (All Year Groups)

We work in partnership with the Black Country Careers Hub, The CEC & Black Country Skills Factory to deliver our careers programme. Their website has a wealth of information, news and resources for young people and their parents. There is up to date information including **current apprenticeship vacancies, local college updates, local labour market information** and quizzes and resources for all ages.

<https://www.blackcountryskillsfactory.co.uk/schools/school-and-student-support-covid19/>

### Specific local college information for Year 11 students:

<https://www.blackcountryskillsfactory.co.uk/schools/school-and-student-support-covid19/colleges--local-training-providers/>

### The INSPIRED Teenager Facebook Social Learning Group (All Year Groups)

“Teens and parent/carer members will join together for 30 minute Facebook Live sessions every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning with Carolyn Parry, a multi-award winning career coach.

The initiative is supported by the HMG Government and The Cabinet Office as part of the Inclusive Economy Partnership and is also endorsed by the Institute of Student Employers and other bodies. We are very aware of safeguarding concerns and all our members are screened and individually approved, alongside our volunteers and administrator all of whom have experience working with young people and have a current DBS certificate.”

Join - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/InspiredTeenager/>

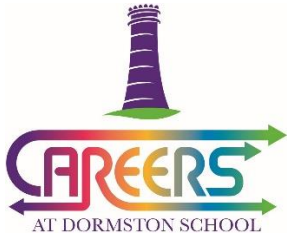
### Aspire to HE Newsletters (All Students)

We have recently sent out weekly newsletters to our Year 10 and Year 11 students from Aspire to HE and copies of these are on our website. However, they contain some useful resources for all year groups. In February, a gentleman named Stephen Seki delivered a motivational assembly to Year 11 which had a profound impact on all students and staff. Details of his blogs and YouTube videos can be found in the newsletter and they are well worth a watch!

[Aspire to HE Newsletter 1](#)

[Aspire to HE Newsletter 2](#)

[Aspire to HE Newsletter 3](#)



## Connexions – All Students



**Connexions Dudley** have launched their Facebook page offering additional support and information to young people, parents/ carers and professionals. There is opportunity for any young person to connect with the Personal Advisers as well request a telephone intervention.

You can connect with them via [facebook.com/ConnexionsDudley](https://www.facebook.com/ConnexionsDudley) .

## Success at School.Org (All Students)

During this COVID outbreak many job roles have supported the country. See the website below for information on these job roles and how they have contributed.



<https://mailchi.mp/successatschool/crisis-careers-heroes-round-up>

## Apprenticeships (Year 11 + All Year Groups)



Amazing Apprenticeships in conjunction with project ASK have been working hard to ensure that the ASK Programme is best placed to carry on helping and supporting students during this challenging time. Please click here for their latest brochure (which is also on the school website).

<https://dormston.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/document/Amazing-Appreticeship-Booklet-March-2020-1.pdf?t=1589300443>

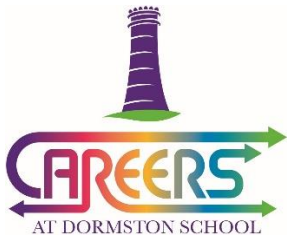
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

Additional information on Apprenticeships can also be found on the Black Country Skills Factory website:

<https://www.blackcountyskillsfactory.co.uk/apprentices/>

**For all students - Please click here for daily activities to help your body and mind!**

<https://mailchi.mp/amazingapprenticeships/aaa-february-1643461?e=df2bc7597f>



### Careers in Engineering (Year 11 + All Year Groups)

An online Video Library is now live Within the Engineering Careers Prospectus 2020, featuring 3 video series:

- 🔗 Key info re: Applying for Engineering Apprenticeships & Courses
- 🔗 Young Engineers
- 🔗 Meet the Makers

Check it out here: <https://lnkd.in/ggWTKzh>

<https://www.nextgenmakers.co.uk/prospectus/video-library/>

### News from Halesowen College (Year 11 Students)



Halesowen  
College

**Halesowen College** have now published prep work for those who are joining them in September, so perfect for Year 11 students who may want to work and prepare for college life next academic year. Currently, applicants and potential applicants can download from 24 different subject areas, including A Level and Vocational. More will be added in due course.

The work is available here: <https://www.halesowen.ac.uk/about/school-leavers/>

“Recently we had our first podcast for applicants wishing to study at Halesowen College in September. We had almost 60 questions from applicants, and our Deputy Principal answered them all. This is available to view on our website: <https://www.halesowen.ac.uk/learners/halesowen-college-live-chats/> and has useful information for your Year 11 pupils who have either already applied or are considering applying to study at Halesowen College.”

There is further information for pupils on the Halesowen College channel on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWkZZXZ0C8AhsZsde9GsZ6g>

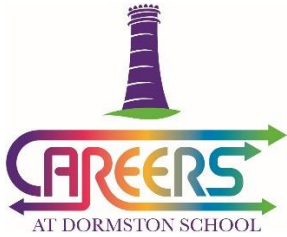
### Local college/training provider/apprenticeship information for Year 11 students:

<https://www.blackcountryskillsfactory.co.uk/schools/school-and-student-support-covid19/colleges--local-training-providers/>

### Year 11 Students

Year 11 if you are at a loose end please see some free resources & live virtual events below that will keep you busy and informed!

- Wolverhampton University Aspire to HE Virtual Events for students: <https://www.wlv.ac.uk/news-and-events/virtual-events/>



- [http://dmhassociates.org/resources?fbclid=IwAR3SR9WofeFAUDHx2ZcTb2D\\_DJ9c17w7jdQEJieMx3O-AgJpG5FQpHRPzrg](http://dmhassociates.org/resources?fbclid=IwAR3SR9WofeFAUDHx2ZcTb2D_DJ9c17w7jdQEJieMx3O-AgJpG5FQpHRPzrg)
- [https://learnliveuk.com/?fbclid=IwAR0gnFcHM5XRqZStC\\_5rpVKb9k1k0wnkpXJioJf8UBzSxuZYNFmovVb4w7U](https://learnliveuk.com/?fbclid=IwAR0gnFcHM5XRqZStC_5rpVKb9k1k0wnkpXJioJf8UBzSxuZYNFmovVb4w7U)
- [https://amazingapprenticeships.com/?fbclid=IwAR2D2cfMnDPBTA2tITgSZT6bh6RfVIp8n3tq74o7fjcmz-UWuFiGv\\_bXd4](https://amazingapprenticeships.com/?fbclid=IwAR2D2cfMnDPBTA2tITgSZT6bh6RfVIp8n3tq74o7fjcmz-UWuFiGv_bXd4)
- [https://www.facebook.com/groups/Cre8tiveCareers/?hc\\_location=ufi](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Cre8tiveCareers/?hc_location=ufi)
- <https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/topics?fbclid=IwAR2O77AYbYnjG6YoL4aSSIF0wZNV7GG549ppJ9io3pVecyWeq6VcGHSUKsE>
- [https://thebrilliantclub.org/the-brilliant-club-for-pupils/info-for-pupils/?utm\\_source=FB&utm\\_medium=ads&utm\\_campaign=teachers&utm\\_content=1&fbclid=IwAR1lvH\\_cTt6Pzliptfu\\_weHRPLQYIX-my4a0ZtMYRG8qOVLXfue5rzbhKRU](https://thebrilliantclub.org/the-brilliant-club-for-pupils/info-for-pupils/?utm_source=FB&utm_medium=ads&utm_campaign=teachers&utm_content=1&fbclid=IwAR1lvH_cTt6Pzliptfu_weHRPLQYIX-my4a0ZtMYRG8qOVLXfue5rzbhKRU)

### **Virtual Work Experience (Year 10 & 11 Students)**

Via the Black Country Careers Hub, we have a fantastic and exciting offer of a virtual work experience programme.

**Construction/STEM 18 May 2020** - for 5 days. The programme is delivered by Scape, who have partnered with Class of Your Own, Learn Live and Engineering Development Trust to look at the myriad of careers pathways available in the construction/STEM industries. **Please click link for full details and contact me at school if you wish me to register a place.** <https://www.scapegroup.co.uk/learning-in-lockdown>

### **Year 11 students only- min age 16 Years**

#### **Aspiring Journalists 29 June 2020 – 3 July 2020**

<https://www.s4snextgen.org/schools/opportunitiesv2/ViewOpportunity/id/662>

### **Barclays LifeSkills (Year 10 & 11 Students)**

Barclays Life Skills have created resources to support young people & parents during this challenging time. They even got some virtual work experience on offer as well.

Why not explore their range of short independent worksheet activities, which have been adapted for remote learning. In addition, they have developed a series of online lessons.

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/i-want-virtual-work-experience/college/virtual-work-experience>

### **BT Skills for Tomorrow (Year 10 & 11 Students)**

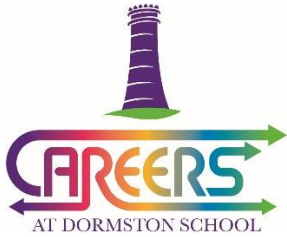
Understandably BT have all had to postpone the face to face programmes they had planned to help young people get into work. But BT didn't want the support to end there so they've been busy looking for ways to help young people use their time at home to boost their skills and CV. They've come up with a series of short, interactive webinars so when the chance comes along again they will be ready to succeed. They'll cover how to:

create a killer CV

- succeed at interview
- make sure you have the skills for the modern workforce
- develop an idea for an app or online business

They're also providing tips on motivation and staying focussed during this time and providing plenty of links to more learning from trusted sources.

[Click here to view their full range of Skills for Tomorrow - Work Ready Webinars](#)



### **Careers Interviews via Microsoft Teams (or telephone) Year 10 ONLY**

Mr Pete Small ([www.theyetild.com](http://www.theyetild.com)) is an independent Careers Adviser and has supported the school for a number of years. Many of you will already have had contact with him over the years at various careers events and he recently delivered your assembly during National Careers Week. As part of the school's careers programme all students have at least 1 one-to-one interview with Mr Small before the end of Year 11. As we are presently unable to conduct these interviews in school, Mr Small is offering these interviews via Microsoft Teams or telephone. During the interview he will offer independent support and guidance and will complete an individual action plan, which will be e-mailed to your school e-mail address and a copy to your parents. Due to the size of this particular year group and the uncertainty of when we will return to school, we recommend that as many pupils as possible take up this invaluable offer as there may not be time to offer each pupil an interview as/when we return to school. We have outlined the Post 16 routes available to you in this letter and this information will be useful to you when you have your interview. **If you would like an interview by Teams or telephone, please contact Mrs Dawes ([ldawes@dormston.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:ldawes@dormston.dudley.sch.uk))**

Full details of our careers programme and useful links can be found on the school website and if you require any support or guidance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

<http://www.dormston.dudley.sch.uk/317/careers-education-amp-guidance>

<http://www.dormston.dudley.sch.uk/1310/work-from-home>

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