

SMITH'S WOOD ACADEMY



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MONTHLY ROUND-UP OF POST 16, CAREERS, APPRENTICESHIPS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

All the latest apprenticeship vacancies and upcoming webinars!

Year 10 Work Experience

Thank you for the invaluable feedback offered by parents at year 10 Parents Evening a few weeks ago. I am passionate about allowing students access the world of work, so I'm promoting the online alternative.

Smith's Wood Academy now has access to two platforms for students: Speakers for Schools and Springpod. Both sites offer a wide range of online alternatives from hundreds of employment sectors and industries. Students can apply for and take advantage of as many opportunities as they want and get official recognition of taking part at the end. Thousands of employers recognise these two platforms so students can use it as work experience on their applications for post 16, apprenticeships and their CV's.

Students need to log on by using their school email and creating an account. Any problems, speak to me directly.



[Springpod](#)



[Speakers for Schools](#)

National Careers Week 2024, 4th-9th March.



This week is National Careers Week, and we are celebrating in school by hosting a Careers Day on Thursday 7th March. School day looks like this,

Year 7	Carousel of activities in school including a session with Marc Silk a voice over actor, time with a motivational speaker and access to the world of construction
Year 8	Spending the day with JCB
Year 9	College taster Days at South and City College/Blossomfield and the Think Tank
Year 10	Online Work experience, Enterprise Day with HS2 and Aim Higher <i>Speak Out Challenge</i>

If parents would like to know more information, please go to the NCW website here:

[National Careers Week 2024 Website](#)

Photos to follow 😊

It's National Careers Week

National Careers Week (NCW) is a one-week celebration of careers guidance and free resources in education across the UK. The aim being to provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people develop awareness and excitement about their future pathways.



As part of this Birmingham Careers Service will be circulating (via a range of sources) various updates, pointers, sources of information, resources and videos for you to share with any young people, organisations or professionals you feel appropriate.

Please keep in touch with us via our 'X' (formerly known as Twitter) account **@BhamCareers** and our webpage below for all the latest – see the links below (just spend 5 mins) for a little insight into what's available.

- [NCW – Birmingham Careers Service](#) – our webpage dedicated webpage to national careers week including access to finding the right careers , a range of updates on a careers focus related to certain sectors in industry, skills for life advice, how to visit and contact BCS, Apprenticeship vacancies
- [Birmingham Careers Service - National Careers Week 2024 \(youtube.com\)](#)
- [Skills for Life - 3 Top tips! \(youtube.com\)](#) – skills for life, employability skills and qualities employers look for when recruiting.
- [Empowering our future generation: National Careers Week - The Birmingham Blog](#) – from the Deputy Leader

Post 16 School Leaver Opportunities



There are some amazing level 2 and level 3 apprenticeships available for year 11 to apply for that start in September 2024. Please see the PDF below that has all the local apprenticeship opportunities that students can apply to now.



Sept
Apprenticeships (M&S)

Open Days

Year 11 – there is still time to apply to many colleges and sixth forms, but the last open days of the term are at the following colleges below, with the link to register for a place at the open day.



[Solihull College Open Day Event Tues 12.03 and Weds 13.03 5:00pm-7:00pm](#)



[UCB Open Day Wednesday 17th April 4:30pm-7:30pm](#)

If any parents/carers would like to speak to me about their child and any careers aspirations, please do not hesitate to email me at d.long@smithswood.fmat.co.uk

Regards, Mrs Long – Careers Advisor

