

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!

Time to Decide Year 11 Post 16 Choices

Year 11 have made an amazing start to their last year at school, but now comes the hard part of choosing what comes next. Each student has been invited to have a meeting with Mrs Long to iron out choices and it is so important they attend. All parents/carers have received an email letting you know the appointment time and date. Please remind your child to attend.



Open Day/Evening Events 2024-2025

Year 10 and 11 students are encouraged to start looking at college, sixth form and training providers where can they study and train when they leave school. The link below is a comprehensive list of Solihull and Birmingham providers and their open day/evening information. Any questions, contact Mrs Long on the details below.

[..\Destinations 2025\Open Days\List of Colleges and Sixth Forms - Student Version. \(2024 2025\) V2.docx](#)

NEW CAREERS OFFER at SWA



In 2024-2025, SWA will be benefiting from a more collaborative careers support offer from WMCA, B'ham and Solihull Councils in the form of the new **Enhanced Skills Hub**. Smith's Wood Academy have been chosen specifically for this in order to continue the great progress we have already made last year with raising aspiration and post 16 outcomes. All students from year 7-11 amazing adults and successful in the future.

- More opportunities for students to engage with leading employers across various sectors.
- Increased access to meaningful events and activities on skills development, career planning, and industry insights/experiences of the work placements.

Watch this space for updates throughout the year.

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Year 10 Work Experience 2025

**WORK EXPERIENCE IS
BACK!!!**



Year 10 students will be offered a week's work experience in 2025: WC 14.07.2025

A letter outlining the offer, rules and responsibilities will be sent home in the next few weeks and Mrs Long will be presenting this to students at an assembly shortly.

If you are having trouble finding a placement a board with open placements is being made available to year 10 students in the careers room, and this will be emailed out to parents in addition. Below are current offers that could be



Provide your students with the chance to connect with creatives and professionals at **Severn Arts!** Ideal for those passionate about art, music, and creative careers.

Deadline: 7th November

Date: 21st November

Ages: 16-19

[Find out more](#)



Discover how an innovative mindset can lead to a rewarding career with the **Glass and Glazing Federation!** Learn from industry experts who combine artistry and technical skills in this exciting field.

Deadline: 8th November

Date: 22nd November

Ages: 14-19

[Find out more](#)



DWF invites students to an in-person event to explore the world of insurance and the vital role it plays in supporting individuals during life's most unexpected moments.

Deadline: 31st October

Date: 14th November

Ages: 16-19

[Find out more](#)

Students are also encouraged to use



SPEAKERS
for schools

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/>



<https://www.springpod.com/>

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We are launching our **1st Work Experience Prize Challenge of 2024** for schools and colleges to showcase their achievements and **win money prizes** for you to use as you wish to support your students.

We are focusing on 3 of our employers offering a range of experience programmes. These are **Fujitsu, Siemens** and **Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)**. Students can choose a Sprint (30m to 1 hour) or complete a longer programme (up to 7 hours). You could set these programmes as a homework task or set aside time in the school/college day. They are all on demand so can be accessed when convenient for you.

View Siemens Experience [here](#)

View Fujitsu Experiences [here](#)

View Civil Aviation Authority Experiences [here](#)

What are the prizes?

☆ **The first 10 schools and colleges with 20+ completions and a review submitted by a staff member will be eligible to receive £100.** The review can be accessed [here](#). Your students can complete any of the experiences with Fujitsu, Siemens or CAA. They can complete as many as they like!

Deadline for student completions and review: 31st October 2024

🏆 **The Ultimate Prize!**

The schools and colleges that engage the most students with these experiences and submit their reviews will be automatically put forward for our ultimate prize draw.

1st prize - £1000

2nd prize - £500

3rd prize - £250

Winners will be announced on **Friday 8th November 2024.**

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Welcome to SWA Year 7

Students in year 7 are welcome to come and chat to me about careers and jobs in the future and what things they will be learning over the next 5-years. There are some websites that I encourage parents and students to use during this early stage of decision making and learning,

- + [Careerpilot : Plan your future work & study](#)
- + [icould - Career ideas and information for your future](#)
- + [Quiz: Which career could be perfect for you? - BBC Bitesize](#)
- + [First Careers, careers advice school children | First Careers](#)
- + [Success at School: Careers advice for schools and students](#)

Solihull
Apprenticeship Show

Come along to find out how you can **earn while you learn**

- Meet local employers and training providers
- Speak to apprentices
- Find out about current and upcoming apprenticeship at all levels
- Speak to local employers about their current vacancies
- Scan the QR code or use this link to register

Wednesday 29 January 2025, 3:30-7:00pm
North Solihull Sport Centre. Chelmslev Wood B37 5LA

Free Parking

lifeready@solihull.gov.uk [@LifeReadyEAN](https://twitter.com/LifeReadyEAN) [#SolAppShow24](https://twitter.com/SolAppShow24)

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Birmingham City Football Club Year 10 Coaching Sessions



FREE TRAINING SESSION FOR
CURRENT YEAR 10 STUDENTS AT
SMITH'S WOOD ACADEMY



Year 10's interested please email: footballeducation@bcfc.com

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

