

SMITH'S WOOD ACADEMY CAREERS

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MONTHLY ROUND-UP OF POST 16, CAREERS, APPRENTICESHIPS AND WORK EXPERIENCE
All the latest apprenticeship vacancies and upcoming webinars!

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 - 7:00 pm
North Solihull Leisure Centre
Conway Road, Chelmsley Wood, B37 5LA

Year 11 - Fancy Doing an Apprenticeship in September 2025?

Reminder for your Calendar

Parents of Year 11 students are recommended to attend this event with their child in January if they are considering wanting an apprenticeship when they leave school. There will be hundreds of local employers there with lots of opportunities for students to take advantage of.

Wednesday 29th January 2025 3:30pm-7:00pm

Post 16 Open Day/Evening Events 2024-2025



SMBC have sent out a list of local Solihull and Birmingham Schools and Colleges open day/evening information. Any questions, contact Mrs Long on the details below.

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## Year 10 Work Experience 2025

WC 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Parents and carers,

Links to the paperwork for work experience are

- [✚ WEXP Parent Information Letter](#)
- [✚ WEXP Employers Guide Letter](#)
- [✚ WEXP Employer Documents to be Completed](#)



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### FAO All Parents

Springpod is a platform that we use here at Smith's Wood Academy for students to gain vital work experience skills without having to go off-site. There are hundreds of opportunities online and are available to all students regardless of age and change on a daily basis. Students are welcome to complete placements at home or in school, but they are done in the students own time unless specified by a teacher.

Parents and carers, I recommend you sign your child up to this, especially as the benefits outweigh any losses. Please use the link below to sign up and the second link to check out their current work experience placements

[Springpod Sign-up](#)

[Springpod Current Work Experience Placements](#)

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## Health Care Work Experience

Does your child want to work in the NHS? Medic Mentor is a brilliant way for your child to get work experience in the following fields.

There is a cost of £10 per session and there are six sessions available to sign up for. Below is the link an information sheet and details on how to register.

[Medic Mentor Information Sheet](#)

- ✚ Nursing
- ✚ Midwifery
- ✚ Paramedicine
- ✚ Physiotherapy
- ✚ Occupational Therapy
- ✚ Dietetics
- ✚ Radiography
- ✚ Prosthetics and Orthotics
- ✚ Speech and Language Therapy
- ✚ Pharmacy

## Careers Events - What's Happening at SWA in 2024-2025

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
**Young Business and Entrepreneur Event (Year 7)**

 EY Foundation

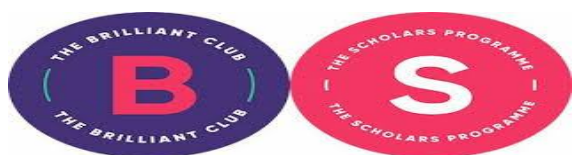


**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**  
**Year 10 and Year 11**  
**Keble College Oxford Taster Day**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
**Year 9**  
**Big Idea's Launch Event**



**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024**  
**Year 10**  
**Future Chefs Competition**



**January 20025**  
**Year 9 and Year 10**  
**Brilliant Club's Scholars Programme**

**Throughout 2025**  
**Aspire to Aston Programme**  
**Year 9 and Year 10**



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## WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THE BBC CAME TO SWA

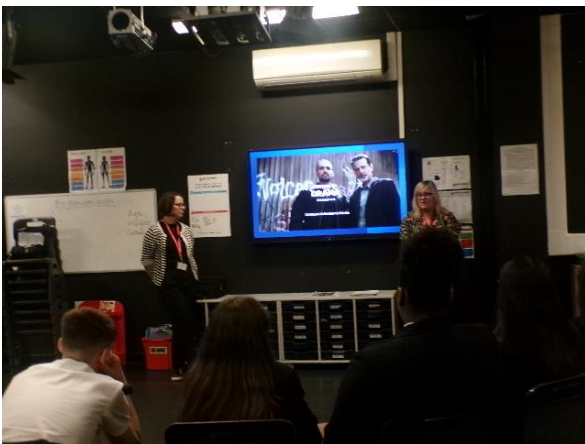


The BBC Scripted Drama Team came into SWA on 12.11.24 to work with Year 10 Drama students

Claire and Donna's session included

- ✚ Scriptwriting
- ✚ Costume, hair and make-up roles
- ✚ Behind the camera
- ✚ TV and films job roles
- ✚ Special Eastenders behind the scenes

The year 10's had an amazing time and even learned what a *Dolly Grip* and *Runner* does. SWA will be working with this team on more workshops and sessions across the school later on next year.



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## Year 11 Apprenticeship Opportunities

### Things for Parents to remember

1. Your child is a student with SWA until 30.06.2025.
  2. Apprenticeships are advertised like regular jobs and come with deadlines. This must be checked before your child applies.
  3. National and international employers will call their apprenticeships 'School Leaver Programme'.
  4. Apprenticeship opportunities become more prevalent around late spring and early summer.
  5. Your child must learn to travel. The perfect opportunity is not likely to be on your doorstep and your child will need to learn to use public transport if they don't already.
  6. Is your child ready for the world of work? Are they mature enough to cope? Are they ready to work a 40-hour week? Do they know how to act around strangers? Will they take instruction without question? Doing an apprenticeship is a big ask for a 16-year-old
  7. The best places to look for an apprenticeship are,
  - 8.
- ✓ National Apprenticeship Website: [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#)
  - ✓ Get My First Job: [GetMyFirstJob | Apprenticeships, Degree Apprenticeships, Work Experience & Graduate Jobs](#)

### Current Opportunities

- Mott McDonald Birmingham: [1. Building Services Engineering Level 3 Apprenticeship 2025](#)
- National Grid:
  1. [Fitter Advanced Apprentice - Projects - West Midlands Job Details | National Grid](#)
  2. [Overhead Lines Advanced Apprentice - Projects - West Midlands Job Details | National Grid](#)
  3. [Jointer Advanced Apprentice - Birmingham Job Details | National Grid](#)

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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](mailto:d.long@smithswood.fmat.co.uk)

Regards, Mrs Long - Careers Advisor

