



# CHALLENGES



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## **So what is 'Challenges'?**

'Challenges' is part of our careers education programme designed to provide you with a variety of opportunities in order to raise your awareness and aspirations as you prepare to transition from year 10 to year 11.

There is a lot to think about in these final few weeks and thinking ahead is important to get ahead of the game.

### **What you can expect from challenges.**

#### **Challenges-Experiences of work**

Your experiences of work, whether it be on site taking part in loud speaker live, or off site with an employer, will help you to gain the necessary skills to make you more employable.

This will give you a head start as you start to prepare your CV and add to it.

#### **Challenge- Personal guidance**

The personal guidance that you will experience over the coming weeks will enable you to devise an action plan and think about your post 16 destinations. Your targets will involve research into A levels, Vocational qualifications, apprenticeships and employers.

#### **Challenge-Using websites**

You will be given a variety of websites to research different post 16 destinations to give a feel for what they have to offer and give you an idea of what grades you will need to get onto the right course for you. Your pathways into University will guide you to the sixth form or college that best suits your career aspiration.

#### **Challenge – Thinking about University?**

Access lots of information through the google classroom to explore different Universities through the virtual tours.

#### **Challenge- Thinking about apprenticeships or higher apprenticeships? Which one?**

Good question so log onto 'Get In Go Far' to find out more about the differences. Use the google classrooms to re- visit presentations or ask questions on the chat function.

#### **Not sure still? No need to panic!**

Visit sites such as 'Career Pilot' and 'Find Careers' and take the quizzes it may open your mind to options you had never considered.

#### **What to say?**

It is always difficult when people ask what do you want to do as a job/career and you simply don't know yet.... Try saying:

I am still weighing up my options... I think I would like to work outdoors... I enjoy sports so maybe that's something I would consider...

This is good interview practice to be able to word your responses more positively.

## CEIAG GUIDANCE- where to find information.

For personal guidance please see Miss Atkins, or any member of staff in your college. The LRC has lots of prospectus from colleges and sixth form providers to give you an idea of the courses available.	Miss Atkins' office/drop. Mrs Ellis- Connexions hub in the LRC-appointment
<b>Year 10 google careers classroom-</b> This is the classroom we have been using all year to deliver Smart Start & where there are lots of signposts to general careers information.	Invitation link: <a href="https://qlcs2ch">qlcs2ch</a>
<b>Black Country Careers EXPO</b> This is a Virtual Careers experience and goes live <b>9am on 5th July</b> until <b>30th July</b> (available for 4 weeks each time). Apprenticeships, Skills and Training Programmes. Sixth Form, FE and HE information, SEND opportunities. "live employment vacancies" zone for employment and apprenticeship opportunities across the Black Country. The Video Vault Zone - provides a collection of helpful pre-recorded videos to help make the right choice.	<a href="https://blackcountrycareersexpo.co.uk/">https:// blackcountrycareersexpo.co. uk/</a>  <a href="#">Sign up for FREE</a>
<b>Careerpilot-</b> This is a useful and FREE website that some of you have already used this year. You can watch useful videos, create a CV, find out where the jobs are (Labour market information- LMI), and create your own action plan!	<a href="https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/login">https:// www.careerpilot.org.uk/login</a>
<b>Find career ideas- Still not sure what you want to do?</b> Find career ideas by exploring different jobs, taking career quizzes, or looking at volunteering, apprenticeships, or starting your own business. (University information)	<a href="https://www.ucas.com/ucas/16-18-choices/findcareer-ideas">https://www.ucas.com/ ucas/16-18- choices/findcareer-ideas</a>
<b>Sandwell College</b> – visit their websites and access one of their virtual tours!	<a href="http://www.sandwell.ac.uk">www.sandwell.ac.uk</a>
St Michaels Central Sixth	<a href="http://www.centralstmichaels.ac.uk">www.centralstmichaels.ac.uk</a>
Walsall College	<a href="mailto:info@walsallcollege.ac.uk">info@walsallcollege.ac.uk</a>
Dudley College	<a href="http://www.dudleycol.ac.uk">www.dudleycol.ac.uk</a>
Halesowen College	<a href="mailto:info@halesowen.ac.uk">info@halesowen.ac.uk</a>
Queen Mary's Grammar school	<a href="mailto:admissions@qmg.s.walsall.sch.uk">admissions@qmg.s.walsall.sch.uk</a>
Bourneville College	<a href="http://www.bourneville.ac.uk">http://www.bourneville.ac.uk</a>
George Salter Sixth form	<a href="mailto:post16@georgesalter.com">post16@georgesalter.com</a>
King Edward VI 6 <sup>th</sup> Form College, Stourbridge	<a href="mailto:admission@kedst.ac.uk">admission@kedst.ac.uk</a> 84 39
Westminster (SEND)	<a href="mailto:SEN@westminster.sandwell.sch.co.uk">SEN@westminster.sandwell.s ch.co.uk</a>
Health care futures (HTC)- Thinking about a career in health care/ NHS?	<a href="http://www.healthfuturesutc.co.uk">www.healthfuturesutc.co.uk</a>

Rodbaston college – Do you like animals? Have you considered a career?	<a href="http://www.southstaffs.ac.uk">www.southstaffs.ac.uk</a>
BOA- Are you a performer?	<a href="http://www.boa-academy.co.uk">www.boa-academy.co.uk</a>
<b>Apprenticeships:</b> Create an account <b>FREE</b> with the National <b>Apprenticeship</b> service to search for apprenticeships that you may be interested in.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/applyapprenticeship">https://www.gov.uk/applyapprenticeship</a>
<b>Apprenticeships- ‘Get in Go Far’-</b> sign up to get emails for tips and news about apprenticeships. Parents can also sign up to ‘help your children to go far’.	<a href="http://www.getingofar.gov.uk">www.getingofar.gov.uk</a>
<b>WOA6 Internship programme for pupils with SEND-</b> Visit the Academy website to download a prospectus.	<a href="mailto:kay.morgangreen@woacademy.co.uk">kay.morgangreen@woacademy.co.uk</a>
<b>Apprenticeships</b> through <b>Juniper</b> to help you transition into a full apprenticeship- see Miss Atkins for a leaflet or go to the LRC.	<a href="https://www.junipertraining.co.uk">https://www.junipertraining.co.uk</a>
Birmingham Metropolitan College	<a href="http://www.bmetc.ac.uk">www.bmetc.ac.uk</a>
City of Wolverhampton College	<a href="https://www.wolvcoll.ac.uk/">https://www.wolvcoll.ac.uk/</a>
Holly Lodge High School- sixth form	<a href="http://www.holly-lodge.org">www.holly-lodge.org</a>
Q3 Academy -Great Barr	<a href="http://www.q3academy.org.uk">www.q3academy.org.uk</a>
Sandwell Academy	<a href="http://www.sandwellacademy.com">www.sandwellacademy.com</a>
Shireland Collegiate Academy- sixth form	<a href="http://www.collegiateacademy.co.uk">www.collegiateacademy.co.uk</a>
Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School- sixth form	<a href="http://www.stuart-bathurst.org.uk">www.stuart-bathurst.org.uk</a>
Wood Green Academy- sixth form	<a href="http://www.woodgreenacademy.co.uk">www.woodgreenacademy.co.uk</a>

Challenge – pop up careers roadshow



**Make sure you have visited the pop up careers roadshow, on site at WOA every Lunch time delivered by Miss Atkins and our College staff, to find out more about your post 16 destinations (some are listed above).**

**Pick up a FREE prospectus and think about the courses you may want to take.**

**Find out what grades you need to get onto your courses.**

**Discover the progression routes available. Find out more about apprenticeships.**

**Ask for further support and guidance. Complete your action plan/survey.**

## Challenges work experience- (CWEX) on site

**If you don't have an offsite WEX placement, don't worry as you have secured a place on site called 'Challenges' work experience. You will follow a timetabled programme that will give you the same employability skills as pupils in the work place.**

**You will be able to write about these experiences on college applications and your CV.**

**You will receive certification for the activities that you take part in to demonstrate that you have acquired a variety of employability skills.**

**You will complete a work experience booklet in the same way that pupils in the work place have.**

**These will be collected at the end of your week ready for work to continue with in year 11.**

**Your programme will be delivered by the National Citizenship Service (NCS).**

### Challenges – on site work experience programme.

	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Lesson 1</b>	Introduction Loud Speaker Live Activities/team building	Team building Outdoor Activities	Enterprise Academy	Social Action Project	Sports day (this must be booked) Or Social Action
<b>Lesson 2</b>					
<b>Lesson 3</b>					
<b>Lesson 4</b>				NHS Live Workshop-reserved places only	
<b>Lesson 5</b>					

### What you need to know.

You are expected to attend your off-site work experience or your onsite Challenges programme every day. This will be certified and employers and providers will want to see this when you leave WOA>

You will not be expected to wear uniform for this programme but must wear appropriate clothing to take part in activities. (Please see your letter for more details about times, expectations etc..)

If you are interested in a career in the NHS there is an opportunity to take part in a virtual event on Thursday 12.30 – 3.10. This is a 2-hour workshop. You will be in an ICT room to take part in this event and will receive a certificate of completion for taking part as well as taking away some valuable information about careers. There are only 30 places available for this. You must book your place with Miss Atkins.

## Work Experience- (WEX) Off site

If you have a work placement with an employer, you will have already received letters and may have taken part in an induction (where appropriate).

Your employer will have already told you about your hours of work and what to wear. (please see your letter for more details about your PPE and covid testing).

You will be visited in the work place by a member of staff in school and your attendance will be monitored by the attendance team. You must maintain an excellent attendance and punctuality record. Remember your employer can write you a reference which will be useful in the future. So make a good impression.

## Challenges – ‘coming back together’

It is important that before you break up for the summer, we all come back together as a year group. This will give you the chance to share your experiences with each other and for pupils off site to take part in some of the exciting activities on offer.

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July you will start the final phase of your **Challenges Programme**:

### **Challenges Adventure!**

This will take part on the field and be delivered by NCS.

#### What you need to know.

- You will be expected to arrive to school at 8.45 and line up on the MUGA.
- You will not need to wear uniform.
- You will still be able to order your lunch through the app (as usual).

#### Challenge – on site coming back together.

Day	Activity
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Loud speaker live activities
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Excel activities

Any questions about any aspect of this programme – please speak to Miss Atkins or Mr Wagstaff and look out for additional information on the google careers classroom and through smart start.





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