

CAREER EDUCATION AT



WSAPC



SCHOOLS ARE OPEN!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we return to a form of normality from Monday 08th March 2021 with students returning to school, the third issue of our termly careers newsletter for families celebrates National Careers Week 2021.

National Careers Week runs from Monday 01st March to Saturday 06th March 2021, we understand that as some students are learning remotely during this week, that we need to extend it. We have decided to dedicate Career Education for the entirety of this term to ensure that all of our students have the opportunity to explore their futures, regardless of which Key Stage they are in as it's never too early to think about a career.

You can help us with this by downloading "[The Parents' Guide to Careers](#)"

This gives information to help teenage children make the right choices to create successful futures after GCSE and sixth form, including:

- Talking to your child about their future
- Virtual work experience
- Vocations routes after GCSE or sixth form
- Apprenticeships, traineeships and internships
- University
- Starting a business

You could also take a moment to share your own career story: what bit of advice would you pass on to your 13-year-old self? It can be tricky to get your child to talk about anything, especially what they might want to do next. However, it is important they think about their future, what they might like to achieve and what they need to do now so they can get themselves on the right track. This is even more relevant this year, with Covid-19 making us feel as if we have to wait until things get back to "normal" before looking ahead – we mustn't!

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- "Raising Aspirations" - Top Ten look at Industry Sectors.

SELF BELIEF AND DETERMINATION - those that never give up!

FIRE FIGHTER : Leon Lawlor (Class of 2013)

I didn't leave with lots of GCSE's but I left being more confident and having a better idea of who I was and what I wanted to do with my life.

I felt confident to contact the staff at WSAPC a year after leaving to ask them for advice on how I could get my Maths and English qualifications as I needed them to become a Fire Fighter, something that I had decided I wanted to do by the time I left school. They offered me advice and helped me to find somewhere that would help me get the qualifications – I didn't feel alone and they never gave up on me even though I had left.

In 2018, I applied to the Fire Service and asked the school for a reference, they gave me an amazing one and as a result, I am now a trained Fire Fighter with the West Sussex Fire Service.

The help and support that the staff at WSAPC gave me whilst I was at school and after I left helped me to be who I am today.



"FOCUS ON SKILLS"

Build skills with your child at home

SKILLS BUILDER PARTNERSHIP

At WSAPC, we use the Skills Builder Partnership in our subjects and lessons to prepare your child for the future. These are the skills young people need to succeed in education and beyond into employment. The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides the national standard for teaching essential skills. It breaks each skill into steps, supporting progress for students of all ages and abilities - including those with special educational needs. Parents and carers can use the free Skills Builder Partnership website to help young people develop essential skills.

These skills include:

- listening
- speaking
- problem solving
- creativity
- staying positive
- aiming high
- leadership
- teamwork

Talk about how their hobbies, interests, community connections and activities at home all help to build the skills your child needs for their future success – and how they contribute to personal statements, CVs and applications.

"WORK EXPERIENCE"

It's still possible

Young people might not be able to go into the physical workplace – but the virtual world is your oyster. Look into virtual work experience (VWEx) opportunities now for the Easter and Summer holidays.

[Visit the Parents' Guide to Work Experience](#) to see how it can make them stand out in a competitive world – and keep them focused on their studies. It lists the many organisations that now offer VWEx, with links to find out more and apply. Make sure that you check if age or geographical restrictions apply.

"PERSONAL GUIDANCE"

Book a call with the National Careers Service

Do you need further advice or want your child (13 and over) to have some impartial advice? Get information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work from the National Careers Service, funded by the Government. Parents, carers and students over 13 can speak to a trained adviser:

- call 0800 100 900
- between 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday
- between 10am to 5pm on Saturdays
- calls are free from landlines and most mobile numbers
- if you don't want to call them, you can also: chat online, ask them to get in touch by email or ask them to call you.

Visit the

[National Careers Service](#)



Universal framework for ESSENTIAL SKILLS

<https://www.skillsbuilder.org/parents-and-carers>

Helping your child succeed at home, at school and for their future.

We need eight essential skills to succeed in education, work and life



Download the Skills Builder Universal Framework at www.skillsbuilder.org



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Get your career heading in the right direction



National Careers Service

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10th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

National Careers Week 2021

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National Careers Week

RAISING ASPIRATIONS - Industry sector starter-for-ten:

(Click on the [hyperlinks](#) in each sector below to find out more)

Why not spend some time with your child going through the following industry sectors for a bit of inspiration - having an idea of what they want to do now will be of great benefit to them in the future.....WSPAC can assist them in achieving their full potential!

1. **Animal care:** Biologist, countryside ranger, police dog handler, ecologist, RSPCA inspector, veterinary physiotherapist ... to name but a few! [Start here](#) and get extra [inspiration from the RSPCA here](#).
2. **Business:** Skills in management, finance, human resources, sales or marketing? You can transfer these to just about every industry going. [Find out more here](#) and be [inspired by UK business heroes here](#).
3. **Computing, technology and digital:** From security architect to forensic expert, are plenty of roles to discover. Visit [Cyber Security Education](#) to find out more. Get [an overview of the UK's IT industry here](#).
4. **Construction:** Throw all visions of this being 'a man on a building site' out of the window! Visit [Go Construct](#) to see huge range of exciting roles and career paths.
5. **Creative and media:** See our industry sector spotlight on pages 8 and 9. [Find out more at Discover! Creative Careers](#) and [get an overview here](#).
6. **Engineering:** Aerospace, automobile, biomedical, chemical, civil, environmental ... [get an overview of engineering here](#) then [head to Neon](#) to download resources and take the 'Meet the future you' quiz.
7. **Health and social care:** There are over 350 roles in the NHS! [Find out about healthcare careers here](#). Social care is about helping people live their lives in the community. Find out more at [Think Care Careers](#).
8. **Sports and leisure:** So many options beyond Premiership football player! Explore [working in the sports industry here](#). Look at the [British Association of Sport and Exercise Science website](#) and [read their career guide](#).
9. **Retail:** From warehouse to shop floor to head office, there are all sorts of jobs in retail. [Find out more here](#) and [get ideas from live jobs here](#).
10. **Science:** From animal technician to clinical scientist, pharmacist to crime scene investigator, [get started here](#). Life sciences have helped fight Covid: [see how scientists deliver healthcare here](#).