

Careers Convention – Thursday 2 October 6.30 – 8.30pm

At the time of writing, representatives of over around 80 organisations have confirmed that they will be attending this year's event.

Our thanks go to the representatives of the following organisations who will be joining us:

Access Creative College	NHS and Care Careers
Active Lifestyles (Circadian Trust)	Norland
Airbus	NRS Oldbury
AtkinsRéalis	Omega Resource Group
Babcock International	Oxford Brookes University
Bath College	Podiatry – Glos NHS Trust
Bath Spa University	Proformance Coaching
BEMA Ltd/Swatpro	Renishaw plc
Berkeley Green UTC	Rolls Royce
Best Practice Network	Rio Pools Construction Company Ltd
Boomsatsuma	Rowe Veterinary Group
Bristol City Robins Foundation	Royal Agricultural University
BT Group	Royal Air Force
Burges Salmon	Royal College of Psychiatry
Cardiff Metropolitan University	Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
Cardiff University	Royal Navy
Careers at Sea	SGS Berkeley Green UTC
CF Roberts Electrical Contractors	SGS (South Glos & Stroud) College
Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT)	Silvey Fleet
Cirencester College	South Central Ambulance Service
Courtside Surgery	Specsavers Thornbury
Coventry Building Society	Tallis Amos Group
Cundall	The Calcot Collection
Department for Work and Pensions	The Focus Training Group
EssilorLuxotica	The Inspire Arts Trust
First Base Employment Ltd	The Keepers: Wotton Area Community Hub
FutureSmart Careers	Tony Gee and Partners LLP
GKN Aerospace	University of Bath
Gloucestershire Careers Hub	University of Birmingham
Gloucestershire Constabulary	University of Bristol
Hartpury College and University	University College London (UCL)
Hobbs House Bakery	University of Exeter
Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE)	University of Gloucestershire
KLB School (Learning Support)	University of West of England (UWE)
Kier Group	Wales and West Utilities
Lister Wilder	Westgreen House Care Home
Loxley Solicitors	Wotton Area Climate and Nature Network
MCS Building Services	Wotton Pool
MOD Defence Equipment & Support	Wotton Travel (WTL)
Montel Group Civil Engineering	Wotton under Edge Town Council & Kingswood Parish Council
Muller UK	WSP Solicitors
Nactarome Ltd (formerly Taste Connection)	

A large number of the organisations attending offer apprenticeships or are companies that help students to find apprenticeships. Year 10 and Year 12 students may wish to keep work experience in mind when talking to exhibitors. Sixth form students will note that a number of universities and other higher education providers are represented but also companies that offer higher apprenticeships.

We advise students to keep an open mind and think beyond the categories given in the booklet. For example, engineering is likely to encompass commercial, HR, operations, marketing, geology, sustainability, environmental and planning functions.

The representatives who attend are an invaluable source of information and we strongly recommend that students start thinking in broad terms about the sort of information they might like to access on the evening. The following guidelines may be useful:

Sixth Form Students

- An opportunity to speak to representatives of local universities. During Terms 1 and 2 of Year 13, students will be encouraged to research university courses in preparation for UCAS applications. There is a wealth of information available and the careers convention is an ideal starting point for collecting and sifting through this information. Representatives will be able to provide literature, guidance and advice.
- Talk to local employers. A number of these will have a focus on careers that start at A level or graduate level. Many will offer higher apprenticeships. Keep work experience in mind; any contacts students make during the evening may be helpful when it comes to finding work placements towards the end of the academic year or during the summer holidays.
- We also invite our independent careers advisor who will be able to offer general advice, and organisations that can help with volunteering or gap year projects

Year 11 Students

- Visit the local colleges to find out about the courses they offer and the grades required for different courses
- Speak to organisations that provide training in more specialist areas and apprenticeship employers and providers. Explore the types of apprenticeship that might be available in our area.
- Students who are applying to KLB Sixth Form but may not attain the necessary grades, need to explore 'insurance' options with the local colleges many of which also provide A level courses
- Discuss work experience opportunities with businesses for the period following GCSEs. These will be private arrangements between employer, parent and student and there will be no need to complete the paperwork that was needed in Year 10.
- Have a first look at university courses that may be of interest following further education
- Our independent careers advisor will be able to offer general advice and guidance

Year 10 Students

- Make preliminary investigations with further education providers about post 16 education and the courses and options available
- Talk to employers about the qualifications they are looking for and the type of person you need to be to thrive in their working environment
- Ask about work placements for the penultimate week of Year 10. Remember that this is intended as a first experience of the world of work and may not be in the field that you eventually work in.
- Our independent careers advisor will be able to offer general advice and guidance

Year 9 Students

- Use the event to get a feel for the types of jobs that are available and employers that are currently proactive in our area
- With Year 10 options in mind, discuss with employers and further and higher education providers the best subjects to follow in order to prepare for a particular course or career