



Welcome to our very first monthly careers newsletter. At the Cooper School we have many different opportunities for all our students to **'work hard'** and **'dream big'** when it comes to their futures and careers. We thought it would be useful for us to share some of this with our wider school community and highlight some of the great opportunities that are coming up soon. As a starting point, have a look at this clip about what is on offer for young people in Oxfordshire. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5FcJAfeXWc>

National Apprenticeship Week

This is a national event running from 7th to 13th February which aims to highlight the work being done by employers and apprentices.

So what is an Apprenticeship? An Apprenticeship combines practical training in a job with study.

Apprenticeships take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on their level.

As an apprentice you will -

- Be an employee earning a wage and getting holiday pay
- Work alongside experienced staff
- Get time for training and study related to your role (at least 20% of your normal working hours)

You can search for local and national apprenticeships on the government website.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Levels of apprenticeship

Apprenticeships have equivalent educational levels.

	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	GCSE
Advanced	3	A level
Higher	4,5,6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

There are some fabulous degree level apprenticeships too offered by top companies such as Sky, PwC and Rolls-Royce.

<https://www.ucas.com/events/discover-apprenticeships-404016>



In the classroom this week, Mrs Webb has been working with her Year 9, 10 and 11 Engineering students on researching careers in Engineering and Design Technology. She showed the students the new careers board outside the Design Technology department and then inspired by that, her students started their research.

Bradley, Paris and Joseph have been researching the different types of engineering jobs including becoming an engineer in explosives!

James is keen on a career as a Royal Marine Commando Engineer and has become very knowledgeable about what he needs to do to become one.

Harry has been finding out about the job of a construction carpenter. He said, 'these lessons have been really useful. They have made me realise what I need to do to become a construction carpenter'. Here is Oliwier's brilliant research:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Fcd5dNGFHf4Zp4eTPL0Od-lwYkfsZJcD/edit?usp=sharing&oid=106215253672222683805&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Interested in working for Thames Valley Police?

Did you know that Thames Valley Police is one of the largest police forces in the UK covering the three counties of Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire? There are many apprenticeships in this organisation all the way from forensics, criminal justice roles, 999/101 call handlers and even grooms for horses!

If you are interested in some of these roles then this is an online event you can't afford to miss.

2nd March 2022 6:00 – 7:30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thames-valley-police-careers-guidance-students-parents-tickets-247245527027>

What next after Year 11?

Although many of our Year 11 students have made their decisions about their future steps, for those who are still deciding we have dedicated careers advisers who are on hand to offer advice. Over the next few weeks they will be meeting with Year 11 students to give more guidance on future steps. **When a student has had a careers interview, they will be sent a Careers Plan. Please make sure your child passes on the Careers Plan to you!** Many students decide to continue their studies here at the Post 16 Centre where we offer a wide range of A Levels courses and some level 3 BTECs. Our prospectus is online at <https://post16.bernwode.com/prospectus> Banbury and Bicester College has an open day on 16 February: <https://banbury.activatelearning.ac.uk/events/detail/banbury-and-bicester-college-february-open-event/> Abingdon College have open days coming up in February and March: www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk/open-day



Opportunity Spotlight Careers in Medicine and Law

Our More Able Coordinator, Miss Winter has been working with her scholars encouraging them in her sessions to 'Work hard' and 'Dream Big' when thinking about their futures. She has highlighted lots of careers events in careers such as medicine, law and science some of which are listed here.



Corpus Christi Oxford – Law Residential - The residential is open to all Y12 students, and will allow students to gain an insight into the study of law, and life as a student at Oxford and Cambridge. Applications close on February 7th. The residential will take place on the 14th & 15th of March (subject to Covid guidance).

Full details can be found here:

<https://www.ccc.ox.ac.uk/schools-and-outreach/outreach-corpus/law-residential>

An online Introduction to Evidence-Based Medicine.

Tuesday 8th February, 4-5pm

Balliol College, Oxford and Cochrane UK will host a free, virtual talk on evidence based medicine. This is aimed for any student considering medicine and would be suitable for students in Y10 onwards.

A booking form can be found here: [Click Here](#)



Careers and Futures Google Classroom

Every student in Year 11 and Post 16 has access to a dedicated Careers Classroom. Students should regularly be checking their [Year 11 Careers](#) and [Post 16 Futures](#) classes as there are a range of current and exciting work experience and personal development schemes advertised. This could be the stepping stone to accessing their career of choice.

INVESTIN

INVESTIN is a paid careers experience company who offer both online and in-person work experience schemes to students in a variety of different sectors such as Law, Engineering, Veterinary and Medicine. Courses are available to browse [here](#) Their [free events for parents](#) can be accessed [here](#)

They have offered Cooper students the 10% Discount Code:
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