

Blackfen School for Girls

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Careers Newsletter



All opportunities are available by registering on the link attached to each article. Please check the closing dates as some are within the next few days.



If you're a parent, guardian or carer, you can help inspire the apprentices of tomorrow.

Apprenticeships are designed by employers so the training reflects the skills, knowledge and behaviours an apprentice will need for a particular occupation.

Apprenticeship training is of a high standard and only training providers who are on the register of apprenticeship training providers can deliver the training.

Working as an apprentice means they earn as they learn. An apprentice works in a real job and spends 20% of their working hours training. So they gain the skills needed for their chosen occupation.

Some apprenticeships include a qualification, including a degree. All of the training is free, so the apprentice has no student debt to worry about.

A school or college leaver can apply for university and an apprenticeship at the same time. They can make their final decision after they've had time to consider their options.

To support someone with apprenticeships you can:

- [browse our useful resources](#) which can help you support a young person in making career decisions
- [find an apprenticeship](#) in your area
- learn about apprentices' [real stories](#) and experiences

- visit our inspirational resources for more information and support for parents and carers
- use the [National Careers Service](#) for impartial and free advice
- read the Which? guide to [higher and degree apprenticeships](#)

April 2023 parent pack

The April edition includes highlights from national apprenticeship week 2023, gives insight into what life is like as an apprentice and shares guidance on career starter apprenticeships.

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Careermap is proud to support the **Festival of Apprenticeships**, where you can bring students to meet employers and training providers face to face. The events are taking place in **Birmingham, London** and **Manchester** on the following dates:

Midlands Event – Tuesday 27th Jun – Millennium Point (Birmingham)

Greater London - Thursday 29th June – Kia Oval Stadium

North West - Tuesday 4th July – MMU Business School

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The event will run from 10am till 3pm and you can attend in the morning or in the afternoon. The event is aimed at pupils from Year 10 and above, with a strong focus on 16+ and 18+ career opportunities. There are no limits on the number of students that can attend, and we would encourage you to invite students from all year groups.

There will also be live vacancies that employers will be looking to fill immediately which is a great opportunity if you have students at risk of becoming NEET.

The event will feature the following things:

- **Career Zone** – Students will have the opportunity to visit a range of stands hosted by Employers and Learning providers showcasing their vast array of opportunities.
- **Skills Zone** – An area where visitors can learn about online resources, they can access to upskill themselves.
- **Employability Zone** – An area where visitors can learn how to find out about career opportunities, cv writing and completing applications.
- **Networking Zone** – An area where visitors, exhibitors and apprentices can meet and network.
- **Main Stage** – An area where visitors can hear from apprentices sharing their stories and journeys.

Four reasons why you should encourage students to attend:

1. Find out what Apprenticeships are and how to apply.
2. Find out about different types of apprenticeships and which companies offer them.
3. You can't be what you can't see, meet Apprentice Role Models.
4. This could change their life.

This event will help your school to address gaps in Gatsby benchmarks as well as compliance with the new update to the Baker Clause.

For more information about how to register for our events and a full list of employers and learning providers that will be attending, visit our website www.FestivalofApprenticeships.com

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Date and Timings

Registration starts at 9:30am. Course starts at 10.00am. The course finishes at 3:00pm. There are breaks at several points in the day. The lunch break lasts 30 minutes and these are valuable opportunities to speak with the Mentors and ask questions.

Please note that the conference details and zoom link will be emailed out to delegates 2 days prior to the course start date.

Safeguarding

If you would like some advice before you register give us a ring on the Mentor Helpline number 01530 417299. In order to maintain the integrity and enjoyment of aspiring vets and their parents at the conferences, and to improve our robust safeguarding policy, everyone must have their cameras on and all students under the age of 18, must attend with a parent/guardian or designated responsible adult.

Topics Covered

What is like to be a dentist?

Perspectives from recent successful and current applicants

CV Building

Getting Work Experience

Dental Personal Statements

Dental School Interviews

Entrance Exams: UCAT & BMAT

How to access Dental Awards, Prizes, Leadership Programmes, and Scholarships to study Dentistry at University.

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/online-get-into-dentistry-conference/>



Get Ahead: Northeastern University London - Year 11 Summer School 2023

Applications are now open for our three-day on campus summer school for your students in Year 11.

Date: 25th - 27th July 2023

Location: Devon House, St Katharine's Way London E1W 1JP

This free Summer School is an excellent opportunity to help students get ready for Sixth Form or College, meet new people, enhance their skills and get an insight into university life.

What will students learn?

In this programme you will:

- Build skills to help you succeed as you transition into Sixth Form or College and beyond. Including sessions on study skills, wellbeing and budgeting
- Participate in academic taster sessions in Law, Economics and History, giving you an insight into studying these subjects at university
- Experience a taste of university life, by spending time at our campus in central London
- Get involved with social activities out and about in London

Our friendly Student Ambassadors (current Northeastern University London students) will be on hand to support you through the programme and to answer any questions about university life.

Who is the summer school for?

The programme is open to those that are currently in Year 11 and will be going into Sixth Form or College from September.

As students will be required to travel to our campus each day you will need to live within commutable distance to central London.

Find out more and apply here <https://www.nulondon.ac.uk/pre-university-programmes/get-ahead/>.