



NOVEMBER 2025 CAREERS

NEWSLETTER

Year 11 Work Experience Awards Assembly



The 2025 Work Experience week in July was a great success with students a credit to themselves and to Blackfen. I hope that the students found their Work Experience beneficial and can build upon the skills that they learned. All students that complete Work Experience receive a certificate which is presented at an achievement assembly. It was a difficult decision deciding on whom to award prizes to for outstanding Work Experience as many of our students received excellent feedback from their employers.

The Work Experience feedback was extremely high this year but after careful consideration I am delighted to announce that the winner of outstanding completion of Work Experience was Lexi in 11EKI. Lexi completed her placement in a Press Agency and even had one of her articles printed in the national press! Lexi received excellent feedback and comments included *'I was really impressed with Lexi's work ethic. She worked really hard and showed an enthusiasm to learn. Never stop learning!'* Well done Lexi!

We have two runners up awards this year; they are Ruby in 11KNS and Daryne in 11RHE.

We also have an award for Excellent Completion of Work Experience which has been awarded to Bianca in 11LLY. Congratulations and well done all our students who completed their Work Experience!





Easyjet Careers in Aviation

We were delighted to welcome Matthew Goddard a Senior First Officer from Easyjet to present a careers talk to years 9-13 students with aspirations to work in aviation primarily as a Pilot.

The aims of the presentation were to encourage young people to consider what they need to do now to support them making applications in the future and to become aware of the various career pathways to achieve this.

The students learnt:

- What makes a good pilot
- What are the Pilot Competencies which are needed for the role
- Exploring the myths around becoming a Pilot
- Choosing your training pathway
- Career progression within the industry

"I enjoyed the presentation and felt that it had made me more aware of careers in aviation especially as a pilot' - Feedback from Iyadunni – Year 11

The presentation finished with a Q&A session where students asked informative questions regarding Matthew's career pathway. The session was enjoyed by all students and we look forward to welcoming Easyjet to our Careers Fair on Tuesday 3rd March 2026.





ROYAL AIR FORCE

Have you ever wondered how Britain protects its skies and keeps us safe? Now is your unique chance to join us and find out how.

The RAF protects the skies of the United Kingdom and is the first point of call when threats arise in the airspace. You might be surprised to learn that just 4% of RAF personnel are pilots. This means that 94% of all other roles are in different sectors.

If you are interested in:
Technology, Cyber, Engineering, Catering, Medical, including Doctors and Nurses, Accounting, HR, Law, then the RAF might well have a role for you.

By joining the RAF, you will receive world-class training, get excellent starting salaries, subsidised food and accommodation, plus the opportunity to travel the globe!

Do you have any hobbies - skiing? Cycling? Boxing? Running? Or perhaps something else. The RAF has you covered and will pay you to enjoy doing the things that you want through their adventurous training.

Even if you have never considered a career with the RAF before, now might be your chance to explore that option. If you share some of these values: communication skills, teamwork, integrity and honesty, motivation and self-confidence, then you are already part way there!

Event Details:

Date: **Tuesday, 25th November**

Time: 5pm – 6:30pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom (link provided upon registration, use qr code below to register)





CAREER FAIR

Save the date! Annual Careers Fair - Tuesday 3rd March 2026

We will be holding our Annual Careers Fair on Tuesday 3rd March from 3.15pm until 6.00pm (last entry at 5.00pm) in the Performance Space. We would like to see as many parents/carers and students attend as we expect this evening to be interesting and informative with many representatives attending. Further details will follow nearer the time.

More information on Careers and Work Experience, Local Labour Market Information including the school Careers Policy, is available on the school website under Policies and Curriculum.



WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 Work Experience

All year 10 pupils will be undertaking a one-week period of Work Experience next year from **13th July – 17th July 2026.**

We will be using Unifrog to input the placement information with no paperwork to return. All students have access to Unifrog to input their placements details once they have secured a placement. Students should be applying for work experience now as many placements are competitive.

If you have been offered a placement but still need confirmation please chase the employer. If you already have been accepted for a placement please upload details to Unifrog as soon as possible.

If students are having difficulty in finding a placement please ask them to visit Mrs Smith



Join us to hear from the Early Careers team at Dunelm and learn more about their amazing apprenticeship opportunities opening for applications in January 2026.

With apprenticeships available across the business, from Retail, Supply Chain & Logistics, Commercial, Fitting Management and more, Dunelm is inviting students, teachers/careers advisers, parents/carers and anyone else interested in an apprenticeship to hear more about the exciting career opportunities available.

**Monday 1st
December
4.00pm - 5.00pm
Please use QR code
below to register**



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Be inspired by our diverse team of successful apprentices, including young females, who have excelled in their careers - **Unlock Your Future with CCEP!**

2026 Food & Drink Engineering Maintenance Apprenticeship Programme

Have you recently completed, or are about to complete, your GCSE's and looking for your next move? Join our apprenticeship programme at Coca-Cola Europacific Partners (CCEP) and take your first step towards an exciting career!

Why Choose CCEP?

- **An award winning inclusive company:** We celebrate inclusion and diversity of all kinds and we are looking to drive gender equality in manufacturing.
- **Hands-On Experience:** Enjoy 5 months of fully funded training at the Northwest Training Council in Liverpool before returning back to the manufacturing sites to continue your learnings alongside our skilled teams making a meaningful impact.
- **Qualification:** Achieve a Level 3 Apprenticeship in Food & Drink Engineering Maintenance.
- **Great Benefits:** 25 days annual leave, a pension scheme, access to 24/7 wellbeing programs, flexible benefits to suit your needs and the chance to be a part of an award winning apprenticeship programme!
- **Salary:** £26,425

What We're Looking For:

- GCSE grades 4 or higher in Maths and English are desirable
- Enthusiasm and drive to succeed - the technical skills, you can learn!



Location: Sidcup,

Apply now!



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