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Careers Information, Advice and Guidance

Year II

2021 - 2022

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How are you doing?

There's a lot to think about when you are making decisions about your options after 16. Look at the questions in each section and tick the one which applies to you the most.

Hopes and Dreams

How much have you thought about what you want to do in the future?

- (A) I know where I am going and have made plans.
- (B) I have one or two main ideas and have started to think about my next steps.
- (C) I have some ideas but haven't thought about how to achieve them.
- (D) I haven't had any thoughts about what to do in the future.

Information

How much use have you made of the resources available to you, e.g. careers books, leaflets, school careers adviser, online resources etc.

- (A) I have made full use of all these resources
- (B) I have made some use of the resources but could do with carrying out more investigations.
- (C) I have tried to use the resources but need some help.
- (D) I haven't used any resources at all.

Parents and carers

Have you discussed your plans or even your lack of plans with your parents/carers? They are often useful sources of ideas, support and information.

- (A) I have discussed my future plans fully with my parents/carers and we all know the actions I need to take.
- (B) I have discussed my plans with my parents/carers but they want me to consider something else.
- (C) I have briefly mentioned my plans to parents/carers.
- (D) I have not discussed anything with my parents/carers.

Other people

Have you spoken to other people available to help you? These could include teachers, careers advisers, people who do jobs that interest you or anyone else that you know.

- (A) I have spoken to a number of people about my careers ideas and gained a lot of information.
- (B) I have spoken to a few people and got some ideas, which I need to look into further.
- (C) I have spoken to someone, but only briefly.
- (D) I haven't spoken to anyone.

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Health

Have you got any health issues that might be important? Some careers may have requirements such as height, eyesight and fitness.

- (A) I have good health, so this is unlikely to be an issue.
- (B) I have some health issues but I have checked and they will not affect my future.
- (C) I have some health issues and it is possible they will affect my future.
- (D) I have some health issues and I don't know if they will affect my future.

Money

How much thought have you given to money issues?

- (A) There are no money issues for me, as I have looked into this and have discussed it fully with my parents.
- (B) I have considered money but I need to discuss this a bit more with my parents/carers.
- (C) I have given some thought to money.
- (D) I haven't thought about money issues at all.

Equality of opportunity

Have you concerns about your future choices e.g. are you interested in a job, which you think is usually done by someone of the opposite sex? Are you concerned that you might experience racism? Do you feel people may judge you unfairly because you have a disability?

- (A) I have no concerns.
- (B) I have some concerns.
- (C) I am concerned.
- (D) I am worried that my ideal career is not open to me.

Participation

How well do you take part in activities in and out of school?

- (A) I play a full part in lessons, join in school activities and have many outside interests.
- (B) I play a full part in lessons and sometimes volunteer in lessons.
- (C) I take part in lessons when asked but do not volunteer myself.
- (D) I do as little as possible in lessons, don't take part in school activities and have few outside interests.

Motivation

How well motivated are you?

- (A) I am very motivated and have a 'get up and go' attitude to life.
- (B) I am motivated in the subjects and other activities I enjoy doing.
- (C) I find it hard to motivate myself and am easily put off.
- (D) I can't really be bothered.

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Now transfer your ticks to the box below and add up your score for each letter

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
A										
B										
C										
D										

Write in your scores in the box below:

A	B	C	D

Definitions:

Your challenge is to take action to get more A's. Focus on your lowest score.

A: You are making a good start in beginning to plan your future. Now you need to write out a plan to take your choice forward and make sure you make it happen.

B: You still need to get hold of further information. Before writing your action plan you need to talk to people a bit more and make more use of information resources.

C; You have begun to think about your future but you've still got some way to go. Make a plan of you what you need to know and then put your plan into action. You have some of the information but you need to fill in the gaps. Talk to relevant people and use the information resources that are available.

Don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it.

D: You really need to get moving and ask for help. Talk to the adults who know you and start using the resources you have available NOW to make your plans. It won't be long until you need to make some decisions.

Preparing for life beyond Year 11

We're going to look at some of the options you have when you leave Blessed Trinity. Legally, you must be in some education or training for two years, so it's important that you choose the right thing – we want you to really enjoy your course or apprenticeship!

Usually in Year 11, we go through the following steps:

IAG Interviews	These individual interviews will still happen in the autumn term. They are an opportunity to have individual support, advice and guidance around choosing your post-16 route. These will happen with Hart.
Mock Interviews	This event is planned to take place on Thursday 18 November 2021 – more information regarding this will follow.
Careers Fair	This is planned to take place on Thursday 7 October 2021 – more information regarding this will follow.
Open Events	These will resume this year and the dates are within this booklet.
Application Sessions	You will be supported to make applications for Colleges, Sixth Forms and training providers.
CV Workshops	You will be supported to make sure your CV is as good as it can be before you have to send it as part of an application.
Provider Drop-Ins	Colleges and Training Providers will be in school at break and lunchtime to discuss your options.

What Post-16 Options are available?

Providers: You have a choice of three main types of post-16 provider:

- **Sixth Forms** only offer A Levels. They are often more 'school-like', smaller and provide more structure.
- **Colleges** can offer A Levels, T Levels, Vocational/Technical courses and Apprenticeships but all are different. It is important to check that the place you want to go offers the course you want! They tend to be larger, but offer you more independence.
- **Training Providers** only offer Apprenticeships.

Courses: There are four main types of course you can choose from after Year 11. You will only choose one, though it is always sensible to think about your 'back-up' option too.

- A Levels
- T Levels
- Vocational / Technical
- Apprenticeship

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A Levels

- Can be studied in either sixth form or college.
- You choose 3-4 subjects, which tend to be more 'traditional'.
- They are mainly theory-based, have less practical work and are assessed by exam at the end of the second year.
- They are a good way to keep studying more than one subject.
- You have to be prepared to work hard independently to keep up with the workload.
- A Level subjects include:

Ancient History	Dance	Film Studies	Media Studies
Art & Design	Drama	French	Physics
Biology	DT	Geography	Politics
Business Studies	Economics	Geology	Psychology
Chemistry	English Language	German	Religion & philosophy
Classical Civilisation	English Literature	History	Spanish
Computer Science	English Combined L&L	Law	Sociology
Criminology	Environmental Science	Maths / Further Maths	Sport Science & PE

T Levels are new!

- They are only currently available at Nelson & Colne College. There is a limited subject range.
- You choose 1 main subject, but can often specialise in year 2.
- 80% time in college, 20% on work placement.
- They are assessed by exam, coursework and practical.
- They have been developed with employers to help you be productive in the workplace and learn relevant skills.
- At the moment, there is only a choice of 2 subjects, but more may be available from 2021:
Digital (Design & Production) // Education & Childcare

Vocational/ Technical

- You choose 1 subject, which leads into a work area.
- They are assessed mainly by ongoing coursework, with some exams and some practical work.
- They are done in a college.
- There is often an element of work placement to help you put your skills into practice.

Examples of these courses are:

Agriculture	Computer Science	Hair & Beauty	Music
Animal Management	Construction	Health & Social Care	Performing Arts
Applied Science	Education & Early Years	Horticulture & Groundskeeping	Public Services
Art & Fashion	Engineering	Media Production	Sport
Business	Farriery	Motorsports	Travel & Tourism
Catering & Hospitality	Furniture	Motor Vehicle	

Apprenticeship

- You choose 1 subject.
- You go to work – **a real job** – for 80% of your time. Off the job training is 20%. This often (but not always) means 4 days in work, 1 day in college.
- You are paid! But you don't get school holidays
- They are done with an employer in conjunction with a college or training provider.
- The application process is more difficult as you will also have interviews with employers.
- They are a brilliant option if you are sure about the industry you want to work in - they are not a good option if you aren't certain!

Remember: things may be difficult for employers this year so there may not be as many vacancies as normal.

Apprenticeship opportunities can be found in:

Accountancy	Catering & Hospitality	Hair & Barbering	Marketing & Media
Agriculture	Childcare	Health & Social Care	Motor Vehicle
Animal Studies	Construction	IT	Retail & Sales
Beauty Therapy	Contact Centre / Customer Service	Horticulture & Groundskeeping	Science
Business Administration	Engineering	Manufacturing	Sport & Fitness

How do you progress?

- You can progress to university after any Level 3 course. Different universities have different entry requirements, so it's important to check details with ucas.com (*search undergraduate courses*)
- You can progress to Higher or Degree Apprenticeships after any Level 3 course. On a degree apprenticeship, your employer pays your university tuition fees!
- You can go directly into work when you have completed 2 years of study.
- If you start on a lower level of course, you can keep working up until you complete Level 3.
- It would be a good idea to continue to complete Level 3 as this will help you in a competitive employment market.

In summary:

GCSEs which can lead to:			
A Levels	T Levels	Vocational	Apprenticeship
3-4 subjects Theory-based Mostly exams	1 subject Mix of exam, coursework and work placement 20% work-based	1 subject More practical work Mostly coursework	1 subject Paid work 80% work, 20% training Coursework & practical work
Sixth Form or College	College	College	Employer with College or Training Provider
<i>Which could all lead to:</i>			
University Degree	Apprenticeship Higher or Degree	Employment	

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Your GCSE grades may affect which courses you can apply for. We are in an uncertain time, which can make looking at the grades you might need worrying. Obviously we want you to continue to work as hard as you can so that you get the best possible grades you can. It basically means you can start at a higher level before you progress into your adult life. Remember, though, there are different levels of many courses, so there is an option to suit every one.

Levels	Course Type & Entry Criteria			
4+	Degree / Foundation Degree / Higher & Degree Apprenticeship <i>Full Level 3 Qualification required</i>			
3 (2 years) <i>You will generally need at least GCSE grade 4 in English & Maths</i>	A Levels <i>At least 5 x GCSE grade 5s (6+ needed for certain subjects)</i>	T Levels <i>At least 5 x GCSE grade 4s</i>	Vocational <i>At least 5 x GCSE grade 4/5s</i>	Advanced Apprenticeship <i>At least 5 x GCSE grade 4/5s</i>
2 (1 year)	-	T Level Transition <i>At least 2 x GCSE grade 4s</i>	Vocational <i>At least 2 x GCSE grade 4/5s</i>	Intermediate Apprenticeship <i>At least 2x GCSE grade 4/5s</i>
1 (1 year)	-	-	Vocational <i>At least 2 x grade 2/3s</i>	Traineeship

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO MAKE ANY FINAL DECISIONS YET!

Take the time now to think about:

- What type of course might suit you best
- Where you might like to study
- What your back-up option might be

Remember:

You will be invited for a Careers Interview with Mrs Hart in the Autumn Term.

If you're unsure about your options, how to choose a college or course or anything about your future speak to Mrs Hart!

Email: khart@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk

Lots more information and links to all local colleges, sixth forms and training providers are available at <http://www.btrcc.lancs.sch.uk/index.php/careers-home>

Career Action Plan

Where are you now?	Where do you want to get to?	How will you achieve this and when will you achieve this by?

Useful Websites

National Careers Service <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

The National Careers Service has lots of useful information for you to look at and research your career ideas further. There is a dedicated section for schools. The job profiles provide information on every known career available to date.

Apprenticeships <https://www.getingofar.gov.uk/>

The apprenticeship website provides the latest news and information on apprenticeships and schemes, including types of apprenticeships, apprentice employers and tips on how to apply for vacancies.

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

This site advertises all current apprenticeships; pupils can register and apply for actual apprenticeship vacancies in their area.

Career Ideas

Start www.lancashire.startprofile.com

Start is a new careers platform that we will be using in school this year. You will be given time during form to look at this.

Kudos www.cascaid.co.uk

Kudos is available to all Blessed Trinity pupils. Kudos provides a personalised experience which enables pupils to explore careers and learning pathways based on their interests and aspirations. Pupils can gain ideas of careers that they might like, explore their own career ideas, discover where their favourite subjects could lead them and uncover a world of opportunities in different areas of work.

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Skills Builder www.skillsbuilder.org

You will continue to have dedicated time for Skills Builder weekly.

Career ideas www.icould.com

icould is a small, dynamic charity, providing career inspiration and information for young people. We show what is possible in work and offer different ways to think about careers through free access to over 1000 personal video stories, detailed job information, plus practical tips, insight and advice.

Course Ideas www.bestcourse4me.com

This site helps users to explore career and study options. It shows the link between what you study, what you earn and the jobs you can get.

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Career Ideas www.plotr.co.uk

Whether you've got a career in mind or you haven't got a clue, Plotr can help you discover your future and guide you to careers you could be great at.

Volunteering Opportunities

Volunteering www.do-it.org.uk

The UK's national volunteering database, do-it.org makes it easy for anyone to volunteer in their community. Explore volunteering opportunities here.

Volunteering in hospitals

www.nhs.uk/working-in-the-nhs/joining-the-nhs/volunteering-in-the-nhs/

www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/volunteers

This site provides further information on how to get involved as a volunteer within a hospital. This is important if you are looking to progress into a medical related career.

St Johns Ambulance Volunteering - www.sja.org.uk/sja/young-people.aspx

Volunteering opportunities with St Johns Ambulance.

Higher Education

UCAS www.ucas.com

This site provides useful information on options post 16 and post 18. You can research degree courses here and entry requirements.

What to do with degree subjects www.prospects.ac.uk

Provides information on where your degree might take you and the career opportunities.

Higher Education Information - <http://university.which.co.uk/>

Information about university including options and finance along with lots more information.

See the school website and intranet for more useful links.

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Career Checklist

Autumn Term 2021

	Tick
If you haven't already register with Kudos and find out about the careers that interest you! Research and check all the entry requirements.	
Pick up a prospectus from school and read through your course options.	
Attend all the open events at the colleges that interest you.	
Attend your careers guidance interview in school to look at your options and gain further advice and help about the future. You can prepare for this interview by registering with kudos and answering all the questions. You can also complete the Action Plan in this booklet prior to your interview – make a note of any questions that you would like to ask.	
If you're thinking about university after college then research the courses and check the entry requirements. www.ucas.com	
If you are considering an apprenticeship then visit www.apprenticeships.org.uk and register to apply for vacancies.	
Check application deadlines – there may be some this term!	
If you still don't have a firm career idea then think about how you can keep your future options open	
Begin work on your CV and Personal Statement	
If you are ready start to complete your college applications and pass to Mrs Hart	

Spring Term 2022

Have a backup plan - it's okay to apply for more than one college! If you are considering an apprenticeship – always apply for full time college as a backup as well	
Prepare for any interviews that you might have arranged	
If you are still unsure – don't panic! Speak to Mrs Hart your Careers Adviser in school	
If you are considering an apprenticeship then this term is key for applications – check closing dates for some organisations and start to apply for others	

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If you are still unsure about your plans speak to Mrs Hart	
Make sure you confirm your acceptance of any places that are offered to you	
Think about work experience and voluntary work during the summer holidays Visit www.do-it.org for local volunteering opportunities	
Join NCS The Challenge over the summer visit www.ncsnorthwest.co.uk for more information	

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Sixth Form/ College/ Training Provider	Types of course available	Date	Time
Accrington & Rossendale College https://www.accross.ac.uk/	Vocational / Technical Apprenticeship	Tues 21 September Weds 10 November Weds 9 February	5.30-7.30pm <i>(Quiet hour: 4.30-5.30pm)</i>
Blackburn College https://www.blackburn.ac.uk/	A Levels Vocational/ Technical Apprenticeship	Weds 6 October Tues 19 October Sat 20 November Tues 8 February	4.30 - 8pm 4.30 - 8pm 10am - 1pm 4.30 - 8pm
Burnley College (& Themis apprenticeships) https://www.burnley.ac.uk/	A Levels T Level Vocational/ Technical Apprenticeship	Tues 14 September Weds 22 September Tues 5 October <i>Virtual options and campus tours also available</i>	5.30 - 8.30pm <i>Book a time slot in advance</i>
Myerscough College (Preston and Witton Park) https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/	Vocational/ Technical Apprenticeship	Sat 2 October Tues 12 October (Virtual) Sat 6 November Tues 16 Nov (Virtual) Sat 5 February	Saturday events: 10am - 12.30pm <i>Advance booking recommended</i> Virtual events: 7 - 8pm
Nelson & Colne College https://www.nelson.ac.uk/	A Levels T Level Vocational/ Technical Apprenticeship	Thurs 30 September Tues 16 November Thurs 27 January	5.30-7.30pm <i>(Quiet hour: 4.30-5.30pm)</i>
BRGS Sixth Form https://www.brgs.org.uk/sixth-form	A Levels only	Weds 10 November <i>Please check – advance booking may be required.</i>	Times tbc
CRGS Sixth Form http://www.crgs.org.uk/	A Levels only	Weds 3 November	Times tbc
St Christopher's Sixth Form https://www.st-christophers.org/sixth	A Levels only	Tues 12 October	Time tbc
Training 2000 https://www.training2000.co.uk/	Apprenticeship only	Dates tbc	Times tbc
North Lancs Training Group https://www.nltg.co.uk/	Apprenticeship only	<i>Please contact NLTG individually as they do not typically hold a general Open Event.</i>	

Training providers and employers offering Apprenticeships and Traineeships in addition to those listed above

British Army – www.army.mod.uk

Calico – Tel 01282 686420 www.calico.org.uk

Just Childcare – Tel 0161 320 2750 – www.justchildcare.co.uk

LCC Employment Support Team - 01772 530505 www.lancashire.gov.uk/apprenticeships.aspx

North Lancs Training Group – 0800 7312455 www.nltg.co.uk

QA Apprenticeships – 0345 074 7825 - www.apprenticeships.qa.com

Remit - www.remit.co.uk

Royal Air Force - www.raf.mod.uk

Royal Navy - www.royalnavy.mod.uk

Training 2000 Ltd - Tel 08456042000 www.t2k.org.uk

Lancashire WBL Forum <https://www.lancsforum.co.uk/apprenticeships/>

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