

CAREER PLANNING

Calendar for year 11 students

You can use this calendar to keep on track with important dates and deadlines.

AUTUMN TERM

Meet with your school Careers Adviser to discuss your ideas for the future.

Use www.nationalcareersservice.direct.co.uk/find-a-course to find information about local colleges and courses.

Find out about school, academy and college open days/evenings and put them in your diary.

If you want to continue in full time education at the end of year 11 you will need to apply to school 6th forms or colleges during this term. Many courses fill up well before the Christmas holidays.

You can register on the National Apprenticeship website www.apprenticeships.gov.uk. You will then be able to look for Apprenticeship opportunities.

If you are thinking about Apprenticeships, remember that some career areas — such as motor vehicle, electrical work or childcare — are very popular. You will need to apply to big companies this term.

You may have mock exams this term, which can help you see how you are doing. Talk to your teachers about your expected grades. Your school Careers Adviser can talk to you about the grades and personal skills needed for different careers and the options available.

SPRING TERM

Attend college/6th form interviews. If you need support to prepare for your interview, speak to your school Careers Adviser.

If you haven't already, make sure you register on the National Apprenticeship website www.apprenticeships.gov.uk. You will then be able to search for Apprenticeship opportunities.

If you haven't already, start to make applications for Apprenticeships when they appear on the National Apprenticeship website. If you've already made some applications it's important to continue to apply for opportunities you're interested in when they appear on the website [/www.apprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk). If you need support to make applications, speak to your school Careers Adviser.

Keep checking the www.apprenticeships.gov.uk website regularly as new opportunities appear all the time.

SUMMER TERM

If you haven't had an offer or found the right option, continue to make applications for further education courses, apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeship/study programmes.

Don't forget you can talk to your school Careers Adviser, they can offer advice and support if you're not sure what to do next.

Once you've left school, Birmingham Careers Service can give you careers advice and help you with your future plans. See our website for further information and details of how to contact us www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk

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