



HGS CAREERS NEWSLETTER



WORK EXPERIENCE 2023

Work experience has launched this week at HGS for both year 10 and year 12 students. An information booklet has been given to the students, sent electronically and has been added to the [website](#) which details next steps for students

If you are able to offer a work placement for any of our students, please complete [this form online](#) and a member of the careers team will get back to you.

USEFUL LINKS FOR PARENTS

- [Careermag](#) is a magazine for parents with information on post-16 and post-18 options as well as apprenticeships and different job industries
- [Youth Employment](#) has lots of useful advice and tips on the ways you can help your child with their next steps
- [UCAS](#) has an in depth guide to the UCAS process and helping your child research and apply for university courses



IN THIS ISSUE

- WORK EXPERIENCE 2023
- PARENT RESOURCES AND INFORMATION
- HGS CAREERS EVENTS
- AMAZING APPRENTICESHIPS
- STUDENT ZONE

NEW CAREERS PARTNER FOR 22-23

NGTU

We have signed up with Not Going to Uni to ensure students have access to resources covering alternatives to University. Students in year 11 and 13 will also have the chance to attend the NGTU "Apprenticeship Academy" in early 2023.

CONTACT THE CAREERS TEAM

You can contact the careers advisers, Mrs Ellis and Mrs Haigh in school by emailing careersteachers@heckgrammar.co.uk and a member of the team is usually present at parents evenings.



CAREER GUIDANCE INTERVIEWS – YEAR 11

Students in Year 11 are being invited for their one to one careers guidance appointment between now and January 2023. It is a chance for them to discuss their options with an experienced and professionally qualified careers advisor, access information about events and receive advice on making college applications. Students will be sent an appointment via email.

Students receive a "Summary of Guidance" a few days after their appointment, so they can recap what was discussed as well as visit the links for further research.



MOCK MMIS – YEAR 13 INTERVIEW PRACTICE

Students in Year 13 who have applied for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary science were invited to take part in a mock MMI session. Sixteen volunteers from Lincoln, Bradford and Huddersfield Universities as well as alumni of HGS attended so students could have practice speaking with someone they do not know. Students took part in a role play scenario as well as answering questions and other activities similar to what they will face when they attend an MMI.

Students received amazing feedback and were given the opportunity to reflect on their performance ready for the real thing.

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS PRESENTATION – YEAR 12



Students in year 12 were invited to attend a presentation on both Realising Opportunities and Reach for Excellence from Leeds University on 12th October during P5. During the session students had chance to engage with a Russell Group university and ask questions directly.

**REACH
FOR
EXCELLENCE**



**REALISING
OPPORTUNITIES**
Working Together | Supporting Talent

PROJECT TRUST PRESENTATION

Charlotte from Project trust came in to speak to Year 11, 12 and 13 students about the opportunities that Project Trust have for 17–25 year olds to volunteer abroad during a break from their studies. Charlotte gave a comprehensive overview of the gap year process with Project Trust – including what countries students could visit, what types of volunteering students could get involved in as well as how the project runs.

Students who attended liked the idea that they could volunteer abroad and saw it as an opportunity to make the most of a gap year by both traveling and give something back.

Find out more about Project Trust [here](#)



**HGS
CAREERS**



CONTACT THE CAREERS TEAM

You can contact the careers advisers Mrs Ellis and Mrs Haigh in school by emailing careersteachers@heckgrammar.co.uk and a member of the team is usually present at parents evenings.



APPRENTICESHIPS VS UNIVERSITY

Why choose an apprenticeship

Apprenticeships are becoming increasingly popular, especially over the last 5 years and even more so now. There is a wide range of different and diverse roles available as apprenticeships including Engineering, Health and Social Care, Business and Science. Top companies are employing apprentices now!!! Dyson, Mazars, PWC, Channel 4, BAE Systems, Boeing and many more have yearly recruitment cycles.

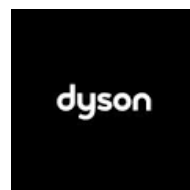
An increasing number of students at HGS are thinking ahead and looking at options for degree apprenticeships as an alternative to university study. Recent research has shown that young people are increasingly concerned about how employable they will be after studying a degree and are looking into alternatives in order to get on the job experience that is so valuable to graduate employers.

Here are just some of the benefits of an apprenticeship:

- Earn while you learn
- High quality training
- You can still get a degree
- Gain hands on experience in your chosen career



Goldman Sachs



pwc



AIRBUS



APPRENTICESHIP MYTH BUSTING

mazars

"Apprenticeships are for those who do not perform academically."

FALSE – they are a fantastic opportunity for all kinds of people looking to expand their knowledge and upgrade their skill sets, by getting stuck right into a job.

"Apprenticeships are only for manual trade jobs."

FALSE – This is not entirely true, although there may be a wide range of apprenticeships in construction, engineering, IT services, which are very hands-on, there are also a vast choice of vocational trades such as law, fashion, media.

"Apprentices have no scope for progression."

FALSE – Approximately 65% of apprentices are hired on a permanent basis by their current employer after their programme has finished and a third who remain in the same company receive a promotion in their first year.

"Apprenticeships are only for entry level or low level workers."

FALSE – Whilst there are apprenticeships at lower levels, there are also a wide range of higher level and degree level apprenticeships. There is something for everyone.

"University graduates earn more than apprentices."

FALSE – There is a common misconception among young people (and parents) that university will set them up to earn more in the future. By the time a graduate has just qualified, an apprentice will have completed their End Point Assessment and will already have a year or two experience in the industry putting them ahead of fellow university graduates.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS VISIT:

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[Rate my Apprenticeship](#)

[Not Going to Uni](#)

[Get my first job](#)



Have questions about your career options?
Want to know more about jobs, apprenticeships or university?
Need a CV or advice about an upcoming college/job interview?

Then come to

CAREERS DROP-IN

Monday – Thursday 12:45–13:15
in B013 (the rear of the Swann Hall)

You can email the careers team on careersteachers@heckgrammar.co.uk

LINKS FOR STUDENTS

It's never too early to start researching your next steps

[Post-16 options](#) | [UCAS](#) – explore your post 16 Options in more detail

[Future Goals](#) | – What's next after you leave school or college? For local college, 6th Form and apprenticeship information

[Career Options](#) | [Heckmondwike Grammar School](#) – HGS Careers Website

[Courses](#) | [Heckmondwike Grammar School](#) HGS Sixth Form subject information

[Job profiles](#) | [Prospects.ac.uk](#) – job profiles and exploring different careers

[Explore careers](#) | [National Careers Service](#) – job profiles and exploring different careers

[Get Into](#) – The Kirklees online prospectus (get-into.co.uk) to research and apply to other colleges and sixth forms

[What can I do with my degree?](#) – job options with different degree subjects

[Undergraduate](#) | [UCAS](#) information about applying to university in the UK. Be aware university entry requirements can vary slightly from year to year

[Apprenticeships](#) to search and apply for apprenticeship vacancies

[Not Going To Uni](#) – Apprenticeships & Work Experience in the UK for information on all routes except university – such as degree apprenticeships and entry level jobs

[Gradcracker](#) – Careers for STEM Students Information on STEM careers and routes into the industry – including sector guides, company profiles and degree apprenticeships

