



Newsletter

Welcome to Easington Academy's February's Careers Newsletter.

All students at Easington Academy receive targeted careers education within World Ready Sessions and within the curriculum, focusing on subject specific careers information. In addition, we provide students with a range of opportunities to access up-to-date careers information through workshops, career fairs, external events and from visitors in school.

Career Advisors, Mrs Collins and Mrs Carter have started to provide guidance to Year 9 students regarding GCSE option subjects that they are considering. Interviews will continue throughout next half term. **Year 9 Options Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 14th March 2023 – 4.00pm to 6.00pm.** If you have any queries regarding our careers programme or would like further information/advice, please email: julieann.collins@easingtonacademy.co.uk

Dates for the Diary

Date	Venue	Time	Details
1 st March 23	Houghall College (EDC)	5.30pm – 7.30pm	Houghall College Experience, try your course (Year 11s)
7 th March 23	New College Durham	4.30pm – 6.30pm	Information 7 Advice Event (Year 11s)
14th March 23	Easington Academy	4.00pm – 6.00pm	Year 9 GCSE Options Evening
20 th March 23	East Durham College	5.00pm – 6.30pm	Come to College Open Event (Year 11s)
21 st March	Northern School of Art	10.00am – 2.00pm	10.00am – 2.00pm (Year 11s)

Careers Competition Results

KS3 students will have the opportunity to participate in a **Monthly Careers Prize Quiz**, a Forms quiz link will be emailed to students each month. Careers knowledge is more important than ever for young people; when equipped with careers knowledge and experiences, students are able to make informed future



**Congratulations to Lucas
H Year 7 – Our January's
winner!**

Online Careers Quiz Links – Why not follow the links and learn about your skills, careers and pathways that may be suitable for you?

<https://www.ucas.com/explore/career-compass>

[Career Quiz - Youth Employment UK](#)

[Home | Discover your skills and careers | National Careers Service](#)

<https://www.pearson.com/uk/career-choices/PearsonUKQuizzes/General/index.html>

[Buzz quiz - icould](#)



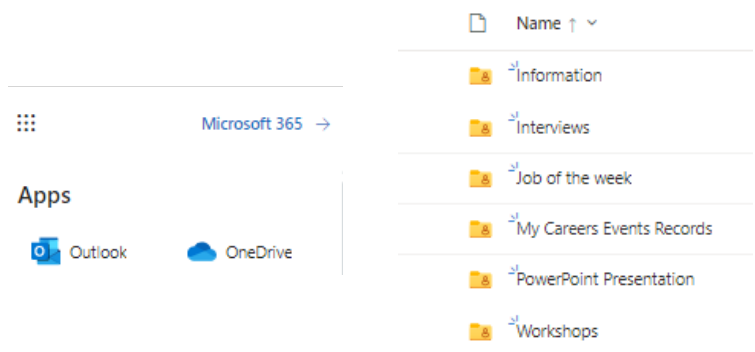
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Careers Events

Year 10 I Plan Sessions - students have been focusing on planning their pathway to achieve broad career goals that offer a range of options. Students use their increased self-knowledge and deeper understanding of education and training requirements to think more deeply about their career goals and pathways. During the session students also looked at writing a good CV. Their work from this session can be found in their **Office 365 – OneDrive Careers folder**.



Student Career Folders – All students have a personal careers folder located in their **365 One Drive**. This is regularly updated with information and notes from student interview sessions.



National Apprenticeship Week - 6th – 12th February.

The aim was to raise awareness of the many benefits apprenticeships can offer and to discover all the careers in which students can become qualified through the apprenticeship route. We held various competitions for our KS3 students which was a fun and fantastic chance to learn about and explore the hundreds of apprenticeships available.

Find out more here: [Amazing Apprentices - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

Here are some
of our competition
winners.

Congratulations!



**It's National
Apprenticeship
Week** #NAW2023



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Apprenticeships Information:

An apprenticeship is like a job; students need to demonstrate a strong interest in their chosen apprenticeship area and be ready to start a job!

Apprenticeship entry requirements vary. It is advisable to check each apprenticeship vacancy to see if there stipulate specific subjects and/or grades. Most apprenticeship positions state that a candidate would need a minimum of 5 GCSEs grades 4 + including English and Maths. Find out more using the following links:

[Introducing apprenticeships: a great pathway to career success \(theparentsguideto.co.uk\)](http://theparentsguideto.co.uk)

[Is an apprenticeship the right choice for your child? \(theparentsguideto.co.uk\)](http://theparentsguideto.co.uk)

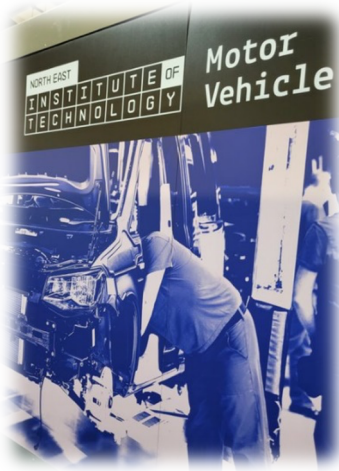
[How to help your child apply for an apprenticeship \(theparentsguideto.co.uk\)](http://theparentsguideto.co.uk)

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

[Amazing Apprentices - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

Careers and Industry Day – Year 10 Visit

Students who have previously expressed an interest in specific sectors attended the **Careers and Industry Day**. The event gave students the opportunity to meet and speak with representatives from various industries. They were able to explore potential career opportunities and experience demonstrations of the very latest technologies being used in these industries. It was a fantastic opportunity to discover career paths and start thinking about what to study after school.



Learn about different industries and what they are here: [School Leaver Industries](#) | [AllAboutSchoolLeavers](#)
Industries include:

Trade
Technology
Property
Scientific

Technical
Business
Retail
Creative

Financial
Care
Government
Production

Marketing
Services
Defence
Other



Year 9 GCSE Options

Choosing **GCSE options** is a great opportunity to think about what to do in the future. Watch the video using the link below for five things you need to know when choosing your options:

<https://youtu.be/6tFkUmQ-eYY>

Year 9 Careers interviews are well underway, any students that are particularly worried can email their Careers Advisors or complete a self-referral form (located outside the Careers Room – Sc 7)

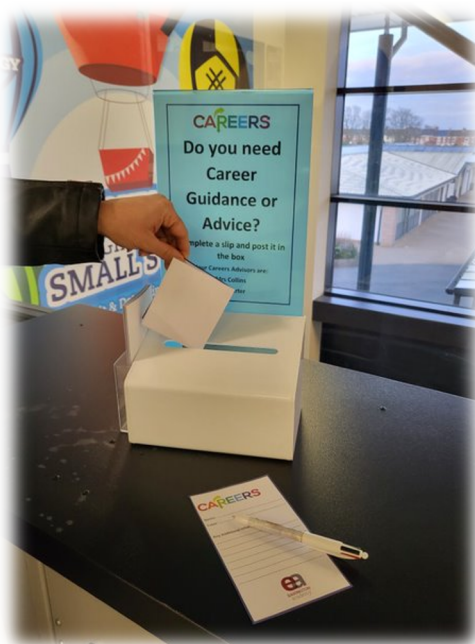
Year 9 GCSE Options – Take time to think things through...

- Consider which subjects you are good at, are interested in or enjoy.
- Find out how courses are marked. If you don't like exams, you may prefer some subjects which include coursework, such as art or technology subjects.
- Look at the topics you'll be studying to get a flavour of the course. But beware – it's often tricky to tell if you'll like something you've not studied before!
- If you're trying to choose between two subjects, think about how each option fits with your other GCSEs. Does a subject go well with your other choices? Or does a subject provide a welcome change? If you're taking a lot of academically demanding subjects, it can be nice to include one choice with a more practical focus.
- Choose for YOU, not because your friend is choosing a subject.
- Don't choose a subject because you like a teacher – they could leave, or you could be taught by another teacher in that subject.

Careers Advice and Guidance

You can now complete an interview/guidance request form – located outside the Careers Room (Sc 7) and a Careers Advisor will arrange an appointment.

Watch out for the
Job of the week – published
every Monday on
Easington Academy
social media





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Year 10 Work Experience Information



Important Dates:

- Friday 31st March 2023 – All completed placement forms to be returned to school.
- If your child is having difficulty sourcing a placement, they must notify the school by Friday 3rd March 23
- April to May – Futurework will carry out all necessary Health and Safety checks with the companies to ensure that it is suitable for your child to attend.
- June – students will receive relevant details for their placement – what to wear, travel and lunch arrangements etc.

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Work Experience Placement Form

Please ensure that as much information as possible is filled in and that handwriting is legible. Have a great placement!

To be completed by the learner:			
Learner Name:	Tutor Group:		
Learner Age: (in months)	Under 16	16-17	18 plus
Notes (e.g. medical conditions or allergies):			
Placement Details – to be completed by the business/placement provider:			
Placement start date:	Placement end date:		
Business Name:	Business e-mail:		
Business Website:	Business Postcode:		
Business Address:			
Insurance Type: (in separate form)	Public:	Employer:	Combined:
Insurance Name:	Policy Number:	Expiry date:	

Work Experience placement form

Ask the employer at intended work placement to complete their details.

Parents then sign the form, and the student returns the completed form to school by **Friday 31st March**

Year 11 Information

College Websites

Byron Sixth Form: <https://www.st-bedes.durham.sch.uk/byron-sixth-form-college/>

Durham Sixth Form Centre:

<http://www.durhamsixthformcentre.org.uk/>

East Durham College: <https://www.eastdurham.ac.uk/>

English Martyrs Sixth Form: <https://ems6.bhcet.org.uk/>

Hartlepool Sixth Form:

<https://www.hartlepoolsixth.ac.uk/>

Hartlepool College: <https://www.hartlepoolfe.ac.uk/>

Middlesbrough College: <https://www.mbro.ac.uk/school-leavers>

New College Durham: <https://newcollegedurham.ac.uk/>

Northern School of Art: <https://northernart.ac.uk/>

Sunderland College:

<https://www.sunderlandcollege.ac.uk/>

Bedlington Academy Sixth Form: [Sixth form | Bedlington Academy](#)

Remember to attend your college interviews – watch your emails!!

Useful Careers Websites

National Careers Service:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Prospects: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>

ICould: <https://icould.com/>

Careers Box: [Home - CareersBox](#)

Careers4U: [Careers4u –](#)



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