



# Newsletter

**Welcome to Easington Academy's December 2024 Careers Newsletter.**

*Supporting Every Student's Future at Easington Academy*

*At Easington Academy, we take pride in our inclusive and forward-thinking careers programme. Integrated into the curriculum, World Ready lessons, assemblies, and tailored support, our programme ensures students are equipped for success.*

*Our dedicated team includes two Level 6 qualified Careers Advisors, Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Wann, who collaborate with Mr. Rewcastle from our partner company, Progress Careers. Together, they provide impartial, personalised advice to help students make informed choices, develop vital skills, and confidently plan their next steps in education or employment. Stay connected for more updates, guidance, and exciting opportunities in the months ahead! Access our full Careers Programme here: [Careers information | Easington Academy](#)  
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## Year 11 – Post-16 Applications

### Year 11: The Time to Act is Now

As we progress through the school year, it's crucial that all Year 11 students have applied to at least one post-16 provider by now. Early applications are not just about reserving a place—they're a vital step in ensuring you have a clear plan in place as you approach your GCSEs. Securing your next step brings peace of mind, reduces stress, and allows you to focus fully on achieving your best in exams.

Whether you're considering college courses, apprenticeships, or A Levels, applying early gives you the advantage of having more time to evaluate your options and make informed decisions. Don't leave it to the last minute—start now!

If you're feeling unsure about your path, remember that Unifrog offers a wealth of resources to help you explore courses, apprenticeships, and career possibilities. Use this platform to research what's right for you. Additionally, Careers Meetings are well underway, and personalised support is available to all students. For immediate advice or guidance, don't hesitate to reach out:

-  Contact Mrs. Collins directly via email
  -  Fill out a request card in the Student Services open area
- Take control of your future—secure your post-16 plans today!**



**North East  
Learning Trust**

### Discover Your Future at the Careers Café

We're delighted to continue offering the **Careers Café** at lunchtimes in the **KS4 servery**—a fantastic opportunity for students to engage directly with post-16 providers. Over the past weeks, we've enjoyed and greatly benefited from an array of providers who have attended, helping to guide and inspire our students.

For **Year 11 students**, the Careers Café has provided vital support with post-16 applications, personalised advice, and guidance on pathways to suit their goals. Equally, it's been a valuable opportunity for **younger students** to ask questions, explore potential careers, and broaden their understanding of future options—raising aspirations and encouraging them to think ahead.

Whether you're preparing to submit applications, exploring courses and subjects, or simply looking to learn more about your future, the **Careers Café** provides support and inspiration.



## World of Work Day 2024: Inspiring Futures at Easington Academy

On **5th November 2024**, Easington Academy hosted its highly anticipated **World of Work Day**, welcoming a fantastic range of employers to inspire and inform our students about the diverse opportunities available in the modern workforce. The event gave all students, from Years 7 to 11, the chance to explore careers across sectors such as healthcare, engineering, creative media, construction, emergency services, teaching, IT, and more. Employers provided hands-on activities and engaging discussions, offering students valuable insights into their industries and the skills required for success.

This year's event was especially exciting as it coincided with **Green Careers Week**, featuring activities and discussions around sustainability-focused roles. Students were encouraged to think about how they could play a part in building a greener future.

The feedback from both students and employers has been overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on how the day opened their eyes to new possibilities and inspired fresh ambitions. Events like these play a vital role in raising aspirations and preparing our students for the future world of work. We extend a huge thank you to all the businesses and organisations who supported this event



*You plant the seeds of what they can be,  
Nurturing hope, helping them see,  
That their potential is greater than they know,  
With your support, their ambitions will grow.*





### Lego Engineering – Year 8

Our Year 8 students recently took part in an exciting Lego Engineering Careers Event, where they combined creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving to tackle a range of engineering challenges. The event was designed to inspire students to think innovatively while demonstrating how STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) skills are applied in the real world of work.

Throughout the day, students worked in teams to design and construct intricate Lego models, simulating real-life engineering scenarios. They explored concepts such as structural integrity, mechanical systems, and creative design—skills that are vital in careers ranging from engineering and construction to architecture and product design.

The event also highlighted the importance of STEM in shaping the future workforce, helping students to see the exciting career opportunities that arise from combining science and technology with imagination and creativity.

The energy and enthusiasm from our Year 8 students were outstanding, and it was wonderful to see them thinking like engineers, learning through hands-on activities, and developing key skills such as collaboration, critical thinking, and resilience—qualities that will serve them well in any future career.





## CSI – Easington Academy – Year 10



Our students had a blast at the *Crack the Case* workshop, working together to solve a gripping mystery using real forensic techniques! From analysing video clues to taking their own fingerprints, they got hands-on experience and a fascinating insight into careers in crime and forensic science. A perfect blend of teamwork, problem-solving, and future career inspiration!



#CareersInAction  
#FutureForensicScientists  
#EasingtonAcademy



OPEN  
EVENTS

## Post-16 Providers – Open Events – January 2025

| Date       | Day       | Provider  | Time             |
|------------|-----------|---|------------------|
| 08/01/2025 | Wednesday | East Durham College – Main and Technical Campus | 5.00pm - 6.30pm  |
| 08/01/2025 | Wednesday | Newcastle College                               | 4.45pm – 7.00pm  |
| 14/01/2025 | Tuesday   | Sunderland College – Bede                       | 4.45pm - 6.30pm  |
| 16/01/2025 | Thursday  | Sunderland College - City                       | 4.45pm - 6.30pm  |
| 21/01/2025 | Tuesday   | Hartlepool Sixth Form                           | 4.45pm - 6.30pm  |
| 28/01/2025 | Tuesday   | Houghall College – Animal Care                  | 5.00pm - 6.30pm  |
| 29/01/2025 | Wednesday | Houghall College – Land base Courses            | 5.00pm - 6.30pm  |
| 30/01/2025 | Thursday  | Hartlepool College                              | 5.00pm - 7.00pm  |
| 01/02/2025 | Tuesday   | New College Durham – A Levels                   | 10.30am - 1.00pm |



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**OUR CAREERS ADVISORS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PROVIDING 1:1 CAREERS GUIDANCE TO YEAR 11 STUDENTS**

## 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/>

Newcastle College: [College Courses For 16 to 18 Year Olds \(ncl-coll.ac.uk\)](https://www.newcastlecollege.ac.uk/college-courses-for-16-to-18-year-olds)

## 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 -](#)

## Labour Market Information (LMI) Careerometer

**Careerometer** lets you compare the average wages and working hours of up to three jobs in England. You can also use it to find out the predicted demand for these jobs in the future.

**How to use it:** Type in the first career that you're interested in and select from the drop-down list, then add your second and third choices to see the comparison.

Check it out here: [Careerometer – LMI For All](#)

You could also check out the **National Careers Service:** [Careers advice - job profiles, information and resources | National Careers Service](#) They provide careers information, advice and guidance. They can help you make decisions at all stages in your career.

