

Wath Academy Careers Corner



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Welcome to Careers Corner!



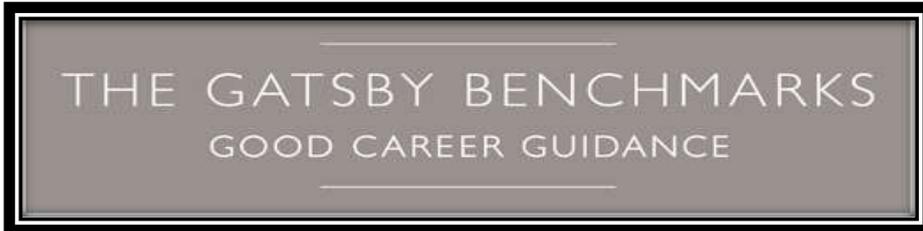
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Welcome to **May's** edition of Careers Corner—the one-stop bulletin to update members of our community at Wath Academy about all things careers.



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Benchmark 5: Encounters with employers and employees

“Every pupil should have multiple opportunities to learn from employers about work, employment and the skills that are valued in the workplace. This can be through a range of enrichment activities including visiting speakers, mentoring and enterprise schemes.”

Every year, from the age of 11, pupils should participate in at least one meaningful encounter* with an employer.

A ‘meaningful’ encounter is one in which the student has an opportunity to learn about what work is like or what it takes to be successful in the workplace.

At Wath Academy activities and events are organised to give students opportunities to speak and interact with employers, to hear about their individual journeys and to learn about how their school experience will differ from and prepare them for the world of work.

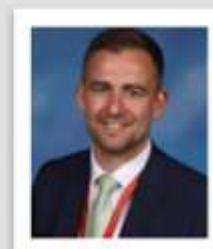
Activities such as careers fairs, careers speed networking, mock interview days bring employees and students together, to either share experiences or to gain valuable feedback on employability skills. Visiting speakers can give insights into attitudes and skills needed for a successful life and enterprise activities offer learning experiences and opportunities to practise entrepreneurial skills.

Don't forget to visit our careers page on the website and our Twitter page [@Wath_Careers](#) for information about upcoming events!

Meet the Team...Mr Shaw!

Mr Shaw has several roles and responsibilities: Assistant Vice Principal, Head of Sixth Form, and the Senior Leadership Team Link for Careers. Mr Shaw works closely with the careers team to ensure that all students have access to the best careers education and experiences, to raise aspirations and ambitions, and to uphold the Trust vision:

‘Delivering exceptional learning experiences that enable all young people to thrive in a competitive world and lead successful and fulfilling lives’.





Spotlight On... Geography



Careers in Geography

There has never been a more important time to use geographical knowledge and skills to pursue a career. None of the changes and challenges facing the UK and the world in the 21st century, including climate change, energy security, migration, urbanisation and globalisation, can be properly understood, let alone tackled, without geography.

Whether your future career lies in the environmental sector, business, education, the natural or social sciences, the media, in geospatial industries or in travel, geography opens up a range of choices for your future work and career.

Urban Planner/ Town Planner:

Geography is a natural tie-in with urban or city planning. City planners work on zoning, land use and new developments.

Cartographer

Those with cartography course backgrounds probably enjoy making maps. News media, book and atlas publishers, government agencies, and others are looking for cartographers to help produce maps.

Climatologist

Organisations such as the Met Office need to know what is happening to our climate and what the consequences of climate change are.

National Park Service Ranger

Are you a physical geographer who needs to be outside and wouldn't consider working in an office?

Get up to Speed with STEM is a fantastic opportunity for young people to meet employers and learn exciting things about the world of STEM and advancements in this sector. This annual event showcases industry and career opportunities in the science, technology, engineering and manufacturing industries. This year's programme was adapted to allow students to take part virtually, bringing the whole experience inside the classroom. Year 9 students were able to watch some guest talks by various scientists in a variety of industries. With a spotlight on a different area of science each day, students watched an assortment of talks to showcase the vast spread of scientific knowledge within our lives. 9L4/Sc watched two guest talks - one on 'Working in the Modern Rail Industry' and the second being 'Working in the Modern Sustainable Construction' as part of the '1st-4th Industrial Revolution' spotlight event. 9T5/Sc also took part in a guest talk, watching 'Motor Racing – Behind the Wheel and under the Bonnet'. This talk was delivered by Ollie Jackson, BTCC Race winner and Chief Engineer. Here students learnt about how scientists are involved even in the sport industry, highlighting again how science is involved in all aspects of our lives.



Keeping in Touch: Alumni, don't say goodbye!

It is the time of year when we are getting ready to say au revoir to our Y11 and Y13 students as they plan the next stage of their journey. We will see some again in Y12 at Wath Academy Sixth Form, but for those moving on to pastures new, why not consider joining our alumni network? Alumni can help support the Wath community and future generations of Wath students by sharing their journey, offering advice, taking part in activities and events, and speaking to students about what they have learnt. Students enjoy hearing about the different experiences on offer and as part of the alumni network, you can help to shape future generations of Wathonians. If this is something that you would like to be involved in, please get in touch by emailing careers@wathacademy.com

Coming soon...

Look out for the next issue featuring MFL

Who is the CDI and how do we plan our careers programme?

Skills – what are employers looking for?

Quote of the Month...

“Geography prepares for the world of work - geographers, with their skills of analysis are highly employable!” Michael Palin

‘Meliora Spectare’ – ‘Look to Better Things’