



Newsletter

Dear families,

It is with great pleasure that I bring to you the all new Ashington Academy Careers Newsletter. Our CEaIG programme is full of ways in which our students can learn about the progression opportunities available to them, therefore we wanted to share this with you. In our first of three newsletters this academic year you will be introduced to the careers teams and find out about the amazing events that have taken place already this year. You will also find dates of future careers events as well as helpful websites to support your child when supporting with planning their future.

If you have any careers related questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Rachel Watkins

Associate Assistant Headteacher – Careers Lead

Meet the Ashington Academy Careers Team

Mrs Watkins (Associate Assistant Headteacher – Careers Lead)

Leads on the development of careers provision across all year groups to ensure students understand progression opportunities available to them.

David Coe (Enterprise Coordinator)

Works for the NELEP as part of the skills, employment, inclusion and progression team and his role focuses on education and business engagement as part of the North-East Ambition programme. He supports the school with effectively adopting and implementing the careers benchmarks and ensures we have access to an enterprise adviser who is a senior business professional.

Jonathan Cowey (Enterprise Advisor)

Jonathan of Concentrix + Webhelp, is our enterprise advisor and he works closely with the school to ensure that students at Ashington Academy can learn from his experience and become aware and develop key transferable skills that will help them thrive in the 21st century ever changing workplace.



Zeren Akyol, Oliver Bell, Ben Clark, Clare Baxter, Hareem Iqbal, Jack Robson, Sophie Holmes, Jake Johnson (Student Careers Ambassadors)

Student ambassadors will support Mrs Watkins with ensuring students engage in their careers programme and understand what support and advice is available to them.

What's been going on in term 1?

September

Ashington Academy's Enterprise Advisor, Jonathan Cowey joined us for a Year 10 assembly in September.

He delivered a very inspiring and informative presentation around top tips to success based on his real-life experiences.



Year 11 continue to have one to one appointments with progress careers advisor, Mrs Mullin. Students and parents/carers will receive a copy of the agreed action plan via email.



WHERE CAN YOU FIND US?
www.progress-education.org.uk/ashington

HOW CAN WE HELP?

- Y8 & Y9 OPTIONS
- POST 16 OPTIONS
- FURTHER EDUCATION
- HIGHER EDUCATION
- APPRENTICESHIPS
- EMPLOYMENT



Come and talk to us your future is our business!



October

Year 7 enjoyed a fantastic STEM performance by the Roadshow Team. They gained an insight into careers with BAE, the RAF and the Royal Navy.



Year 9 students attended a 'women in construction' event at Northumberland College. Our students listened to inspirational stories of a range of successful women currently in the sector in the NE and they worked in teams on a construction challenge.



November - We celebrated **Green Careers Week**:

We were excited to be joined by Visuna, an Energy and Tech recruitment firm who following their assembly invited a group of Year 9 students to participate in a session on sustainable career opportunities.



A group of Year 8 students visited ORE Catapult in Blyth, the UK's leading Technology, Innovation and Research Centre for Offshore Renewable Energy. Students learned all about renewable energy and the exciting Dogger Bank project.



Year 10 and 12 got involved in the school outreach event at PwC in Newcastle, learning about the vast range of services and employment opportunities at the company.

Students also prepared and presented scenario-based pitches on how they would improve diversity and sustainability in the workplace.



December

Year 8 students enjoyed a Careers performance to gain an insight into the range of career opportunities available in the NHS.



Year 10 and 11 learned about the different levels of apprenticeships during the assembly delivered by Donna from the Ask Programme.

Year 11 students interested in apprenticeships after school registered on the apprenticeship website and browsed apprenticeship opportunities already available.





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Important careers dates:

WC 5th February 2024	National Apprenticeship week: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Year 10 mock interviews- KS4 'Supporting my child's future' information evening
WC 6th March 2024	National Careers Week: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ashington Academy Careers fair
WC 8th July 2024	Work Experience – Year 10 and 12

Helpful Careers Websites:

UNIFROG Our student one stop shop for all things careers!	Unifrog - The universal destinations platform. www.unifrog.org All students have a login!
Apprenticeship Support	www.apprenticeships.gov.uk Amazing Apprenticeships
Local colleges	Home - Northumberland College Newcastle College (ncl-coll.ac.uk) Education with Employment Edge Gateshead College
University Support	UCAS At the heart of connecting people to higher education Find and Compare the Best University & Degree Courses – The Uni Guide
T-Levels Support	T Levels The Next Level Qualification

