



## **Careers Bulletin May 2022**

Welcome to the half termly Blatchington Mill Careers Bulletin. The aim of the publication is to keep you informed about what is happening at Blatch, as well as opportunities that are available for both parents/carers and students.

If you have any queries, ideas or need general information in regard to futures and/or careers, please contact us using the email address here:

[careers@blatchingtonmill.org.uk](mailto:careers@blatchingtonmill.org.uk)

### **Opportunities available**

#### **Investin Summer Experiences**



Investin has some exciting Summer experiences. Students can register now. You can access more information about these via the link below. Please note that there is a charge for these courses whether live online or in person.

However there are also some other excellent resources on this web page to browse through .[Investin courses](#)

## **STEMfest Crawley - Saturday 21st May 2022**

On Saturday 21st May an annual STEMfest will take place in the park (near Crawley College). It starts at 11am and finishes at 4pm. It is targeted primarily at primary and secondary school pupils and there will be 20 different STEM related organisations there, planetarium and science shows will be taking place every hour.

Alongside this, there will also be a "STEM at Crawley College" in the STEM building with lots of practical activities for everyone, including adults.

## **Apprenticeships**

The latest edition of the parents and carers apprenticeship newsletter is available [here](#). It is packed full of information and interesting articles about National Apprenticeship week and an insight into the life of an apprentice.

## **Open events**

### **Free Apprenticeship Taster Days**

There is a wonderful opportunity available for students that may be considering a practical career in the future. Steve Willis Training are offering free Gas & Electrical Taster Days at their Burgess Hill centre on the date below:

Thursday 26 May 10am – 1pm

Applicants need to be aged 13 or over and call 01444 870860 to request a booking form.

## **Dates for your diary**

### **Year 10 College Taster Days**

All applications will be via an online booking system the details of which are below.

**BHASVIC** - The taster day is on Wednesday 13th July and the link to apply is below. Parents and carers need to apply on behalf of their child.

<https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/admissions/taster-day-2022>

**Varndean** - The taster day is on Monday 11th July. The online booking system link is below

<https://varndean.ac.uk/events/>.

## **Open events at Met College**

### **Tuesday 5 July - 3.30-5.30pm**

Brighton MET, Central Brighton Campus, Pelham Street, Brighton, BN1 4FA  
Northbrook MET, West Durrington Campus, Littlehampton Road, Worthing, BN12 6NU

**Wednesday 6 July - 3.30-5.30pm**

Northbrook MET, Broadwater Campus, Broadwater Road, Worthing, BN14 8HJ

**Wednesday 6 July - 3.30-5pm**

Northbrook MET, Shoreham Airport Campus, Cecil Pashley Way, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5FF

**Thursday 7 July - 3.30-5pm**

Brighton MET, East Brighton Campus, Wilson Avenue, Brighton, BN2 5PB

More details and the booking form can be found here:

<https://www.gbmc.ac.uk/year-10-taster-open-events>

**Plumpton College - open days**

Plumpton College are hosting three open events on Saturday 21st May and Saturday 18th June at Plumpton College, and a third at One Garden Brighton, their Stanmer Campus, also on Saturday 18th June.

Students of all year groups are welcome to the College Open Events as they offer a great introduction to the college campus and their fantastic facilities. These can be explored in more depth with tour opportunities of the Farm and their Aquatic Education Centre. Further details and event registration available [here](#).

**Please ensure you notify the school using the normal channels about which taster day your child has signed up for.**

**Barrister talk at Blatch**

We were really excited to welcome Simon Goldstone to Blatch last week to talk to some of our students about the possibility of following a career in law.

Simon is an experienced barrister, with particular expertise in areas such as commercial, banking, and insurance law. Before coming to the bar he also spent 5 years as a management consultant and also worked as a professional musician, touring with pop group Morcheeba. Simon also obtained a first class degree in French and Russian from Oxford University and has lived in the Former Soviet Union.

Simon's talk was really interesting and gave our students the opportunity to get involved in discussing court cases, and give their opinion on what the outcomes should be.

We'd like to thank Simon for visiting us, and our students for taking part so enthusiastically.



### **Labour Market Information (LMI)**

As part of the regular bulletins, we will be including any labour market information we have available to keep you abreast of where new opportunities are likely to arise as well as what is currently available within the labour market.

The Office for National Statistics link below gives national information that gives estimates as well as regional, local authority and Parliamentary constituency breakdowns of changes in the UK of employment, unemployment, economic inactivity and other employment-related statistics for the UK.

Click [here](#) for the national picture.

Click [here](#) for a breakdown of information broken down into regions of the UK.

Click [here](#) for Brighton and Hove local economic information

## **Job HotSpot**

In this bulletin we are giving you an insight into working in the construction and trade sector.

Want to turn your talents to a practical career? Together, the building trades make up one of Britain's widest-ranging industry sectors, offering many different roles to choose from. You can go straight from sitting your GCSEs to working on site. You can complete an intermediate or advanced apprenticeship, for which you usually need GCSEs. Alternatively, you can take a vocational qualification at college and then find an entry-level job.

As the UK recovers from the coronavirus pandemic, the construction and trade industry is thriving. Research for the construction Industry Training Board suggests that 217,000 new jobs will be created in UK construction in the next five years. Work in this field covers an enormous variety of roles – so, if you are a practical person, interested in how things work and are put together, why not consider the building trades as a possible way to construct your ideal career. Well-trained, competent trades people are always in demand.


Some of the major skills in which people who work in the building trades are trained include:

- electrical installation and maintenance
- plumbing
- bricklaying
- plastering
- carpentry and joinery
- gas installation and maintenance
- air conditioning and refrigeration.

Would a job in a construction trade or craft suit you?

- You are physically fit.
- You wouldn't mind interacting with customers if required.
- You are practical and like working with your hands.
- You don't want to work in an office – and don't mind being out in all weathers.
- Keeping up to date with building and health and safety regulations.

You could find work with large construction contractors, smaller specialist employers or within the public sector. Many experienced trades and crafts people work for themselves.



## Carpenter

Carpenters construct, install and repair a variety of residential, commercial and industrial structures and fixtures. In general, carpenters work with wood, steel and concrete. Carpenters are also often involved with demolition and maintenance of these structures and fixtures.

You can become a carpenter or joiner through a college course or an apprenticeship.

The salary for a carpenter can range between £17,000 - £38,000. You will be expected to work a 40 hour week and possibly some weekends.

**Skills required**

- Able to pay attention to detail
- Knowledge of Maths
- Have the ability to work alone or as part of a team
- Good communication skills

### **Blatch's Week of Action**

As you are most likely aware, all members of the school community undertook a 'Week of Action' in which tutor groups devised, planned and delivered their own initiative or 'action' for the benefit of the communities within school, the local area and beyond. The outcomes were extremely impressive and, although not all went as smoothly as planned, all were a learning opportunity for our students. As such, our tutor groups have been focussing on the skills they have used and developed through the process of creating and delivering their 'action'. This has thrown up some interesting outcomes and the value of this experience of real life work tasks has been a real success and holds real value in understanding how skills intertwine to create an effective team and work force.

## **Employer Database**

At Blatchington Mill School we are looking to develop our careers provision and would like to increase opportunities and links with local employers and employees. Our aim is to build a database of willing employers and their employees who we can call on in the future to help us. We would like to thank parents/carers of Year 7 and 8 students for already providing similar information on your child's registration form. We would kindly ask you to complete our survey as well, as we are very aware that circumstances may change. If you feel you are able to help with this, please click [here](#) to complete a short survey.

**For more careers education information, advice and guidance visit the careers page on Blatchington Mill School website by clicking [here](#).**