

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY UPDATE

TERM 3 – APRIL 2026

As part of the College's careers policy and in line with the Department for Education's statutory requirements, the College understands how critical quality careers education is for our learners.

The College has developed an ambitious careers strategy to ensure learners have access to **impartial careers guidance**, consisting of a **wide range of activities and information** in line with the **Eight Gatsby Benchmarks**.

Each term, we'll be issuing a Careers Service update to parents and carers, to ensure you are kept up to date with College careers activities and, in turn, **help support your young person to acquire self-development and career management skills** to achieve their personal career ambitions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Your child can contact the Careers Team for further details on accessing CV and student finance workshops. The team will also be supporting curriculum staff with information advice and guidance on progression into work and further training after college.

WORK EXPERIENCE UPDATE

The Industry Placements Team and tutors across the college have helped learners organise and capture some **brilliant work experience opportunities** across Coventry and Warwickshire this academic year.

Employer partners have delivered several fantastic **industry masterclasses**, to provide insights into the **key skills and behaviours** learners will require before they enter the workplace.

In February, ten of our **Electrical Installation learners** accessed the college roof together with Joe Wharton, Regional Technical Manager from Garland UK, to receive a **technical overview on how commercial solar panels are installed** and the impact this has on the College's clean energy strategy.



WORK EXPERIENCE WORKS!

The benefits of your child gaining an insight into the world of work is proven! Experience in industry whilst still studying, helps them to make informed choices, improve their own career readiness and employability.

"Joshua has been a great addition to the store and has been involved in every task. He is very motivated to be here and went out of his way to interact with staff and customers. He would be a great addition for any customer facing business."

D JONES, BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION, COVENTRY

DROP IN SESSIONS

Your child can visit one of the **Work Experience Drop In Stations** located in the **North Building Reception** on Tuesdays or the **South Building Reception** on Thursdays to speak to one of the team. They're available from 12pm-1pm and can support with:

- Finding a work placement
- Recording placements on their student portal
- Sharing details of a completed placement with the right staff.



SAFEGUARDING

We have revised our work experience safeguarding information. All learners have been emailed the guidance. Your child can also access the guidance on the work experience page of the college's Learner Dashboard.

DEADLINE REMINDER

Your child has until **Friday 19 June** to complete their work placement. If your child does require further support to source a work experience placement or would like to part in an arranged work-related activity, please encourage them to drop into one of the sessions on a Tuesday or Thursday or speak to their dedicated Industry Placement Coordinator in room S014.

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AND FINALLY...

Please encourage your young person to access the careers service to help them prepare for their future career pathway. They can book an appointment with a Careers Adviser via their learner dashboard or by emailing: careers@coventrycollege.ac.uk

The Careers Team regularly reviews its Careers programme for the academic year and **we welcome any comments or suggestions from parents, carers, employers and learners.** To do this, or if you are an employer looking to link in with our student community to promote future job and Apprenticeship opportunities. Or if you are a local business owner and wish to engage with the College to offer an industry masterclass or work experience, please get in touch. Our Careers Advice and Guidance Team are based in the Learning Hub in South Building:

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