



The Year Ahead in Careers Education & Guidance

Welcome back to a new year at Fearnhill School. I hope you are settling in well and are focused on achieving your full potential throughout the next 3 terms.

In careers education, we are proposing, amongst other activities, the following...

Key Stage 3

Year 7s will take part in a skills for work day hosted by Tesco. This will test their listening, presentation and team work skills from the get go and the chance to win vouchers for the winning team.

Year 8s will be given the opportunity to experience a 'World of Work' day which introduces them to the skills required in the work place and how their curriculum subjects help to develop these.

Year 9s will be choosing their subjects for KS4 as part of the options process. These are decisions that will shape their future so they must choose wisely.

Key Stage 4

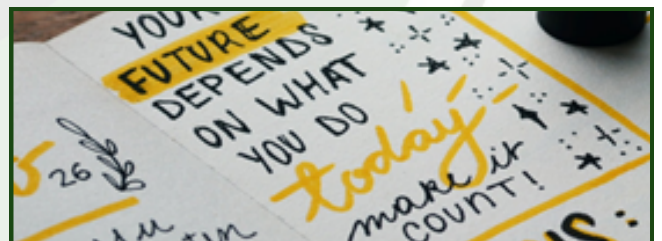
Year 10s will be preparing for and taking part in a virtual Work Experience programme - a fantastic opportunity with rewarding outcomes. Work Experience continues to be a vital part of a year 10 student's development and teaches them numerous skills that will be crucial to their future success. We do encourage all students to source their own work experience in the actual work place and obviously, where possible, in the school holidays. This will be a significant asset on their C.V.

Year 11s, aside from navigating their next steps choices post 16, will learn how to write an impressive CV and will take part in an Interview day standing them in good stead for their higher/further education and future work choices. They will also take part in an Enterprise Day whereby teams compete to win the tender for the end of year prom. This involves, team work, initiative, problem solving, literacy, numeracy and artistic flair in order to be successful.

Key Stage 5

Students will be writing their personal statements and applying for universities and degree apprenticeships and preparing for life after their 7 years in secondary education.

Ms Balchin, Careers Lead



Summer Work Experience

If you took part in any work experience over the summer holidays, I would love for you to tell me about your experience to be shared in the next edition of Careerfile.

Look out every fortnight
for new features -
all things career related!



Services for Young People

Services for Young People is part of Hertfordshire County Council and delivers youth work projects and programmes, careers education, information, advice and guidance, work-related learning, outdoor education and other services to young people in Hertfordshire. Our Personal Advisers and Youth Workers are professionally trained to provide the highest level of support and work closely with partners to provide counselling, mentoring and access to other services.

Services for Young People

We run a wide range of youth work projects across the county in which young people can get involved. Through these projects they meet new people, learn new skills and take part in challenging opportunities. They are encouraged to develop their personal and social skills by taking part in activities including sports, drama, dance, music, workshops, outdoor education, DofE, forums, residential and volunteering.

We help young people with the issues which are important to them such as jobs, careers and education, relationships, sexual health, confidence, self-esteem, substance misuse, staying safe, housing and independent living skills. Please explore this website to see the diverse range of opportunities and support we offer to young people of different ages and needs.

For full details of all the projects for young people available in your local area, please visit the [Youth work projects in your area](#) section. Information, advice and support for young people is available at our [SfYP young people's centres](#).

If you have any questions or would like contact details for local teams or individual staff, please [contact us](#). Parents/carers, professionals who work with young people and young people themselves can [make a referral to SfYP](#).

All Year 11 students will have a 1:1 interview with Jo Bains, our Personal Adviser, starting in October. If any students wish to be seen as a priority please email me to secure an early slot. In addition students in all other year groups will have the opportunity to drop-in to discuss anything careers-related with Jo at lunchtime. More info to follow...

Special Mention - September



A special thank you to all the helpers and sixth form guides who have represented both themselves and the school so admirably during Open Evening the Open Mornings. You are excellent role models and ambassadors and should be so proud of yourselves. The feedback on your enthusiasm, conduct and confidence was amazing. Congratulations to you all!



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Key Word/Phrase of the Fortnight

FLEXITIME



A SYSTEM IN WHICH EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO WORK A CERTAIN NUMBER OF HOURS BUT **ARE ALLOWED TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN TIMES FOR STARTING AND FINISHING WORK.**

Obscure / Obsolete Job Titles



ack Frame Tenter

worked in a Card Room in the weaving industry.

Operated a jack frame machine which twisted threads.

Apprenticeship FAQs

Express yourself with hair and beauty apprenticeships

Hair and beauty apprenticeships provide a real opportunity to improve the lives of the people you work with. Looking and feeling good is a great motivator in life. The social aspect of hair and beauty is another great reason to enter the industry as you will meet many people each day, and working in a team environment can be a lot of fun.

Any questions please [contact us](#).



[Hair & Beauty](#)
[Apprenticeships](#)

6th Form Pastoral Evening



FEARNHILL
SIXTH FORM

On Wednesday 17th September our Sixth Form Pastoral Evening was held here at Fearnhill.

Parents/carers were invited along with their child to provide them with information about our expectations of the students as they work towards their A Levels/BTECs and how they can be supported at home during this crucial period in their education.

All who attended received information about the procedures and systems that are in place in the Sixth Form.

The following areas were covered:

- Expectations Enrichment
- 16-19 bursary
- Consortium arrangements
- Future paths
- Academic and pastoral support Assessment
- Sixth Form procedures

Duke of Edinburgh

We are pleased to let you know that Fearnhill School offers the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) to students in Year 9. The DofE is a great chance for your child to broaden their horizons, discover new interests and talents, have fun with friends, develop essential skills for their future and achieve an internationally renowned Award.

Parents/carers were invited along with their child on Thursday 18th September to provide them with information about the award. Full details can be found [here](#)

If your child would like to take part, they need to come along to the first DofE session running Thursday 25th September at 3:00pm in E1 where they will be provided with an enrolment form. This will need to be completed and returned along with non-refundable payment of the £35.00 which will need to be paid via Arbor by Thursday 2nd October.

This is a great addition students' CV!

Any questions, please speak to Mr Fox, DofE Manager.



Year 7 Pastoral Evening

We invite **Year 7** parents/carers and students to join us on **Thursday 9th October**. This is an opportunity to spend time with form tutors, reviewing work and discussing the transition from primary to secondary school. In addition, we will be sharing some key information on helping students to thrive at Fearnhill School. The formal element of the evening starts at 5pm but if you are experiencing any issues using any of our schools online platforms we encourage you to arrive from 4:30pm where we will try and support you to resolve these.

Your attendance at this evening is important and greatly appreciated. Staff and parents/carers working together in partnership will enable your child to achieve his/her full potential.

We look forward to seeing you and celebrating the students' successes.



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Amazing Apprenticeships

WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

A series of informative webinars for teachers, careers advisers, parents and carers and aspiring apprentices that will provide an abundance of tips, advice, and information around the topic of apprenticeships and technical education. Each webinar lasts between 30 – 60 minutes and takes place on Zoom. Participants are required to sign up before the session and will receive an email confirmation and a reminder an hour before it begins. The webinars are recorded and shared with all registrants after the session.

REGISTER FOR UPCOMING WEBINARS

WATCH PREVIOUS WEBINARS



Apprenticeships in Hospitality Week + Year Ahead Planner

Our new interactive Year Ahead Planner brings together key dates and ready-to-use resources to help you get organised and inspired.

From T Levels Week to Green Careers Week, Hospitality Apprenticeship Week and more - there's a packed calendar of national campaigns coming up and we've made it simple to stay on top of things.

PLANNING YOUR YEAR

The Year Ahead 2025-26



 Hospitality Apprenticeship Week 29 September - 5 October 2025	 T Levels Week 13 October - 17 October 2025	 National Care Leavers' Month 1 November - 30 November 2025
 Green Careers Week 3 November - 8 November 2025	 Tomorrow's Engineers Week 10 November - 14 November 2025	 National Apprenticeship Week 9 February - 15 February 2026
 National Careers Week 2 March - 7 March 2026	 British Science Week 6 March - 15 March 2026	 International Women's Day 8 March 2026
 PRIDE Month 1 June - 30 June 2026	 Results Day T Level, A-level & BTEC: 13 August 2026 GCSE: 20 August 2026	 amazingapprenticeships.com/planning-your-year

EMPLOYER WEBINARS!

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COMING SOON



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Employer Webinars: a new series!

Join us live to spend time with the BBC, Dunelm and the British Army! These exclusive new webinars are the perfect way to find out all about their brilliant apprenticeship programmes, hear from staff and apprentices, discover what life is like as an apprenticeship, and ask your all-important questions.



Over the next few months we'll be confirming more brilliant careers webinars with top employers, including EDF and KPMG - so stay tuned for more!

Amazing Apprenticeships Cont'd

Parents and carers have a difficult role helping their child with career choices. The amount of information and advice out there, it is a minefield! We are here to help you navigate this important time in your child's education, helping you to support your child with careers advice and guidance.

Together with Not Going to Uni, Amazing Apprenticeships want to make sure they are supporting parents to feel informed and confident in providing careers support and guidance to their child, so that they ultimately make the best decisions for them.

- Explore which careers are available today
- Showcase the experiences of interesting and diverse role models
- Provide real-time insights into how the world of work is changing



WHAT HELP IS AVAILABLE?

YOUR 4-POINT CHECKLIST

ENGAGE WITH YOUR CHILD	Remember
☐ Do they know what they want to do? ☐ Do they have a dream? Is it realistic? ☐ What skills do they have or want to develop? ☐ What hobbies and interests do they have that could lead to a career?	It's not all about life choices now, it's also about skills development.
ENGAGE WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL	
☐ Look at the careers section on your school website. ☐ Attend careers fairs or other events (on the school calendar). ☐ Make contact with the careers leader. ☐ See the careers leader at consultation evenings.	You have the right to access free support and guidance for your child.
ENGAGE WITH YOUR LOCAL AREA	
☐ Research local opportunities ☐ Think about which sectors are crucial to your local economy ☐ Be aware of any work experience opportunities ☐ Ask people their career stories.	There will be amazing employers and opportunities in your local area.
ENGAGE WITH INFORMATION	
☐ Look at websites recommended by your school. ☐ Do independent research into areas of interest. ☐ Start by looking at the National Careers Service website https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/	Parents don't have to have all of the answers. It can be helpful to research together.

Together we uncover practical solutions and informative answers, to help you and your child make informed decisions on those all important next steps.

Discover more about your career options
www.amazingapprenticeships.com

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The Sunday Times Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers 2025



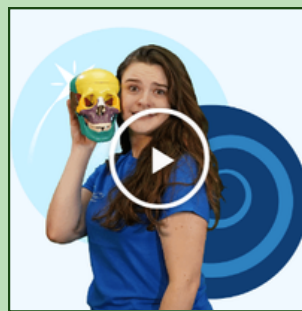
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Medic Mentor

Real Students. Real Journeys. Honest Reviews.

Pursuing your dream of becoming a doctor may feel overwhelming, but remember that countless successful doctors have faced similar challenges and doubts. Believe in yourself and your abilities, focusing on your strengths and passion for medicine. Medic Mentor and its community of supportive students and mentors are here to guide you. Embrace the journey, knowing that success comes from resilience and learning from setbacks. Trust in your intelligence, drive, and passion, taking it one step at a time and seeking support when needed. Never lose sight of your dreams, for you have what it takes to achieve them.

The Medic Mentor website has numerous videos of med students sharing their journey. Honor is in their 4th year at Leeds University. Click [here](#) for Honor's story.



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MENTOR
YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

Unifrog Student Fair



Join live sessions
and chat directly
with **32** universities
across the globe

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UNIVERSITY FAIR
Wednesday 24th September 2025
[Sign-Up here](#)

Get to know more about university at the UK University Fair, where you can join live sessions and get in touch directly with universities across the UK. Have your questions answered, attend live sessions on topics including student finance, personal statements, student life in the UK, and how to apply to your dream university!

Our virtual fair is a great opportunity for your students to meet 40 universities in two hours to help them decide where to study. Ahead of the upcoming admissions cycle, they'll get advice on writing their Personal Statements and getting ready for university life.

Teachers, advisors, parents, and caregivers are all welcome to sign up too!

From acing your application, to understanding scholarships, and learning more about what it's like to study in different countries, this fair is a great opportunity to get all your questions answered by the experts. Join universities from across the world to speak to their representatives via Q&A, and attend live sessions to get an insight into all things university!

Important dates for your diary

Year 7 Pastoral Evening - Thursday 9th October

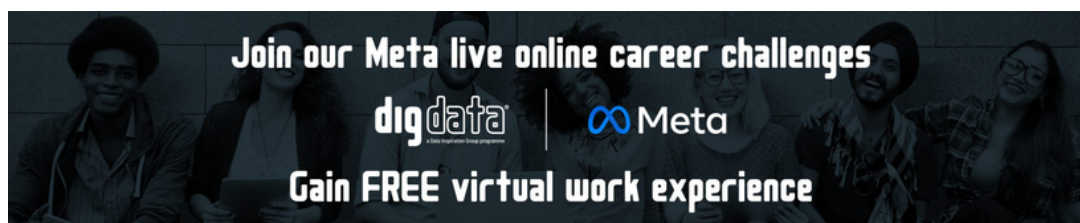
An opportunity to see how Year 7 students are settling in

Sixth Form Careers Insight Session - 25th September P5

Contact Mr Marlow for more information

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External Opportunities



Meta Marketing Science

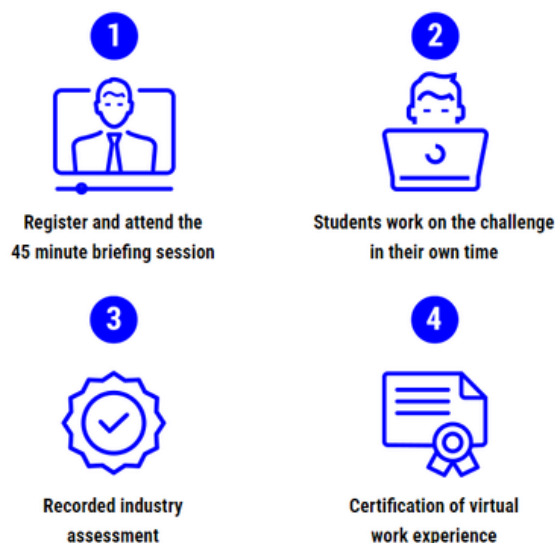
Have you ever noticed that your feed and stories are linked by your interests? For example: Whatever you like and follow on Facebook or Instagram whether that is cute animals, video games or food, you will notice that adverts appearing in your feed or stories will be related to your interests online.

The reason for this? Our advertising platform recognises what you are interested in and gives you adverts it knows you will like! The Marketing Science team's mission is to help all business grow by improving the way they advertise their products or services using social media.

We help our clients solve a variety of problems, from achieving more sales to increasing brand exposure, while providing engaging and relevant ads on Facebook and Instagram.

Our team uses a range of skills, such as: creative thinking, problem solving, data literacy and storytelling to solve these problems. Join us in our online career challenges to find out how we use data to solve problems every day.

What's involved?



REGISTER NOW

FIRST STEP CAREER CHALLENGE

Years 7-9,
8-10 (Northern Ireland)
& S1-S3 (Scotland)

Making WhatsApp Even More
Awesome for Everyone!

REGISTER NOW

NEXT STEP CAREER CHALLENGE

Years 10-13 + FE,
11-14 + FE (N Ireland) &
Years S4-S6 (Scotland)
Ignite the Future of Athletic
Excellence: Athlemax Joins Forces
with Gold Medallist Riley Storm to
Launch Game-Changing Trainers!

REGISTER NOW

STEP UP CAREER CHALLENGE

University + HE
Help a Global
Sportswear Brand
Dominate the UK
Market!

Reminder

Students are advised to check their school email accounts weekly, if not daily! Careers information and opportunities are sent regularly and we wouldn't want them to miss the deadlines. These are copied to parents/carers as well for reference. A few of these opportunities are listed here.