

The Prospect Trust Careers Services Newsletter

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Hello and welcome to our February careers newsletter. I am delighted that The Prospect Trust Careers Services are working with **Tomlinscote School** and providing the students from Year 7 to Year 11 with high quality independent, impartial careers advice and guidance.

5-11 FEBRUARY 2024

#NAW2024

I ♥ APPRENTICESHIPS

February brings with it the annual National Apprenticeship Week, which will be taking place from 5th -11th February. The annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships, taking place across England, will reflect on how apprenticeships

can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career, and businesses to develop a talented workforce that is equipped with future-ready skills. Apprenticeships are open to anyone aged 16+ covering 15 sectors. They go right up to Degree and Masters level so If you are in Year 11 and earning and learning appeals to you, speak to your Careers Adviser in school for information on how to search and apply. Have a look at the apprenticeship section below which contains lots of useful information for parents, carers and students.

Best Wishes, Nikki Coleman - Head of Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance.

A WELCOME FROM YOUR CAREERS ADVISER



Hi, my name is Lorraine Lewington and I am the Lead Careers Adviser at Tomlinscote School.

I am in school every week on Thursday and Friday.

Careers appointments take place in a dedicated space in the LRC.

Appointments are scheduled by the school and every student will have the opportunity to have a careers discussion.

Careers summaries are shared with the students on their edulink account.

You can contact me for information by email at: lorraine.lewington@prospecttrust.org.uk

We've had some really positive feedback from our pupils about careers interviews recently:

- *Very friendly and informative I know a lot of information about what I want to get into*
- *Before I came here I didn't know anything about college, A levels and T levels, and apprenticeships but now I know more about them,*

WE'RE RECRUITING!

Do you have the passion and expertise to make a difference to people's lives? The Prospect Trust Careers Services are currently recruiting for a **Careers Adviser/ Apprentice Careers Adviser.**



[Find out more here.](#) Please feel free to share with anyone who you think may be interested!

IT'S GCSE OPTION TIME!

If you are in Year 9, here's some guidance to help you decide which subjects to study for GCSE:

1. Firstly, find out what subjects are available
2. Discuss your ideas with your parents, teachers and Careers Adviser
3. Research each subject. What will you be studying? How will you be assessed?
4. Submit your choices by the deadline given.

Don't worry if you don't know what you want to do in the future, just make sure that you choose a broad range of subjects in order to keep your options as wide as possible. Click here for [further information](#).

WHAT ARE APPRENTICESHIPS?

Apprenticeships enable you to earn and learn at the same time, gaining a nationally recognised qualification. They are open to anyone over the age of 16.



Check the [Gov.UK webpages](#) for more information, or [watch this video from Amazing Apprenticeships](#).

Parents and Carers can download the [Hints & Tips for Parents & Carers](#) guide, or take a look at the latest [Parents and Carers' Pack](#).

Did you know that within **10 miles** of Tomlinscote School there are currently **99 apprenticeships** being advertised?

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CAREERS RESOURCES



Take a free [Career Cloud Quiz](#) (Spartan Test). The test is a quick and simple, image based quiz to help you start thinking about and researching Apprenticeships, Degrees and careers.

Take the [Buzz Quiz](#) and in just a few minutes this fun quiz can help you:

- Discover your strengths and what makes you tick
- Understand how others may see you
- Explore subject choices and jobs that suit you



Websites to help you with your career research:

www.careerpilot.org.uk

www.icould.com

www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk

www.ucas.com

[Pathways Explore](#)

[Explore your education and training choices](#) - National Careers Service



[Click here](#) for more information on the World Economic Forum Future of Jobs Report 2023.

Resources for parents:

[Apprenticeship Levels explained](#)

[Qualification routes and levels explained](#)

[T-Level subjects](#)

A parents' toolkit for career conversations:

<https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/>

[Careermag for Parents, Carers and Guardians](#)

[Apprenticeships: Hints & Tips for Parents & Carers](#)

CAREERS FEATURE

Careers in the Legal Sector

Jobs in law are really important because we need a safe society where the needs and human rights of people are met and laws that help us all are being kept.



What job roles are available? Most people think of the following:

- Solicitor
- Barrister
- Legal Executive
- Licensed Conveyancer
- Paralegal
- Police Officer

But what about:

- Court Usher
- Patent Attorney
- Private Investigator
- Trading Standards Officer
- Border Force Officer
- Intelligence Analyst

To learn about the roles listed above and others, take a look at Careerpilot's [Law](#) sector information and watch a video from [Bitesize Careers](#)

How do I get a job in the legal sector?



The routes into the legal sector will vary depending on the role you choose. Some will require A levels, followed by a degree and further professional training

(such as a [Barrister](#)), whilst for others you may be able to apply directly, gain relevant experience or train through an apprenticeship (for example in [Trading Standards](#)). It's essential that you achieve grade 4 in 5 GCSEs including English and Maths.

What skills are needed?

Depending on the role you would like, the skills needed will differ. Common skills include:

- Good written and verbal communication
- Attention to detail

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- Teamwork
- Strong organisational skills
- Interpersonal and customer service skills
- Work under pressure

Most of the local colleges offer Level 3 pathways, including the A level subject route or the Vocational course based route:

[The Sixth Form College Farnborough](#)
[Farnborough College of Technology](#)
[Farnham College](#)
[Guildford College](#)

WORK EXPERIENCE - YOU CAN'T BE WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE!



Work experience helps you to learn new skills, decide what you do and don't like doing and supports you in choosing a future career.

Students: Once you have found a placement for work experience week, please remember to enter the details onto Grofar as you were shown in tutor time!

Calling all parents and carers - Can you help?

We are always looking for employers to support us. If you or someone you know might be able to help, our friendly work experience team would be delighted to hear from you: wex@prospecttrust.org.uk

Current virtual work experience opportunities:

Virtual work experience and insight days can provide an overview of an industry and give a taster of the sorts of careers available. All of these include talks from those who work in the industry, plus live webinars and a certificate of completion.



Lots of exciting opportunities can be found on the [Speakers for Schools](#) website, including:

[Cadburys](#) "Who doesn't love chocolate?"

5 day virtual work experience, 8-12 July

Join the team who develop Cadbury chocolates and learn how it's done. You'll get to experience the product development process by creating your very own chocolate bar. To do this you will hear from and work together with a range of people with different

skills and careers within our Research and Development department.

[Santander](#) Virtual Insight Day 11 March.

Over an action packed session run via Zoom, you'll gain an insight into banking and get tips on how to apply for our apprenticeship and graduate programmes. There's interview preparation and CV workshops too.



Have a look at the [Springpod](#) virtual work experience platform for upcoming opportunities including:

[LNER](#) Virtual Engineering Work Experience

Explore the dynamic world of the rail industry, and hear from the professionals who work in it. Explore various career paths, attend live webinars and complete activities and quizzes to test your knowledge.

[Heathrow Airport](#) Virtual Marketing Work Experience

A chance to get a behind the scenes look at the marketing behind one of Europe's busiest airports. You'll understand the methods taken to attract a wide variety of customers and how customer research is the key to their success. You'll take part in quizzes and thought-provoking activities,

LOCAL COLLEGES & SCHOOLS WITH SIXTH FORMS

Upcoming Events and Open Days. You will need to book to attend these events, so book early to avoid disappointment.

[Academy of Contemporary Music \(Guildford\)](#)

Check the website for details of any upcoming events.

[Basingstoke College of Technology](#)

Open Event on Monday 29 April at 4.30. A Virtual tour is also available online.

[Bracknell and Wokingham College](#)

Open Event on Wednesday 6 March, 4.30-7.30.

[Farnborough College of Technology](#)

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[Guildford College](#)

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[Merrist Wood College](#)

Open Event on Wednesday 28 February, 4.30-7.30.