

THE PROSPECT TRUST CAREERS SERVICES NEWSLETTER



Discover - Engage - Become



Hello and welcome to the first edition of our careers newsletter for this academic year. 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.

The Autumn term brings a particularly busy time for the year 11 students who are setting out on one of the most exciting, yet potentially daunting phases of their academic journey: making post 16 option choices! This time is absolutely crucial as they begin to seriously consider their path after GCSEs—be it A-Levels, BTECs, T-Levels, or apprenticeships. We know the sheer number of possibilities can feel overwhelming, but this is a fantastic opportunity for students to take the lead and make decisions that are truly right for them. The key to navigating this successfully is research, research, research! Now is the time to actively explore options, ask probing questions, and start marking those dates for upcoming college and sixth-form open events. As a team we're here to provide guidance and support every step of the way, helping them transform that initial feeling of 'too much to choose from' into 'this is my exciting next step!'

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

A WELCOME FROM YOUR CAREERS ADVISERS



Hello, we are Lorna Durbridge and Jane Owen, your Careers Advisers at **Tomlinscote School**.

Lorna will offer face to face meetings every Tuesday and Friday, and Jane will offer virtual appointments on Wednesdays and Thursdays.



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

Appointments are scheduled by the school and every student in Key Stage

4 will have the opportunity to have a careers discussion. Career summaries (My Next Steps) are shared with the students on their edulink account.

You can contact us for information by email at: careers@prospecttrust.org.uk or by contacting Mrs H Khan at school.

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 2025**



Resources for parents:

[Apprenticeship Levels explained](#)

[Qualification routes and levels explained](#)

[T-Level subjects](#)

A parents' toolkit for career conversations:

[Talking Futures](#)

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

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

[Parent and Carer Guide to Careers in the Screen Industries](#)

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.

Did you know that within **10 miles** of Tomlinscote School there are currently **53 apprenticeships** being advertised?

[Click here](#) and read the one-page guide to uncover the 5 steps you can take if you think you are interested in apprenticeships.



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

Read the article from HigherIn on the [Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers for 2025](#)

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

CAREERS SPOTLIGHT

Careers in Hair, Beauty, and Special Effects Makeup



Do you have a passion for creativity, style, and transforming appearances? A career in hair, beauty, or special effects makeup could be a rewarding choice. This dynamic industry offers a variety of exciting roles where you can showcase your skills and artistic flair.

Job Roles in Hair & Beauty

Careers in this sector include:

- Hairdresser/Stylist
- Barber
- Beauty Therapist
- Makeup Artist
- Nail Technician
- Spa Therapist
- Special Effects (SFX) Makeup Artist
- Prosthetics Creator

Special Effects Makeup and Prosthetics



This specialised field involves creating realistic injuries, aging effects, fantasy creatures, and other dramatic transformations for film, TV, theatre, and photography. SFX artists combine creative design with technical skill to produce stunning visual effects.

How to Enter the Hair & Beauty Industry

Entry routes vary depending on the career path you choose:

- *Hairdresser/Beauty Therapist:* Many start with Level 2 or 3 vocational courses in hairdressing or beauty therapy. Apprenticeships are also a common entry point.

- *Makeup Artist/SFX Specialist:* Specialized courses in media makeup, theatrical makeup, or prosthetics are essential. Experience in art, sculpture, or design can be beneficial.
- *Prosthetics Creator:* Higher education courses in special effects, makeup design, or model-making provide the best grounding.



Essential Skills for Success

Key skills required in these roles include:

- Creativity and Artistic Flair
- Attention to Detail
- Good Communication and Client Care
- Patience and Steady Hands
- Time Management and Ability to Work Under Pressure

Education and Training Pathways

Many colleges offer Level 2 and Level 3 pathways in hair, beauty, and special effects, including:

- Farnborough College of Technology
www.farn-ct.ac.uk
- Guildford College
<https://guildford.activatelearning.ac.uk/>
- Basingstoke College of Technology
<https://www.bcot.ac.uk/>

Progression Opportunities

- *Hairdresser/Barber:* Can progress to become a salon owner, trainer, or session stylist for fashion shows and media.
- *Beauty Therapist:* May specialize in advanced skincare, massage therapies, or aesthetic treatments.
- *SFX Makeup Artist/Prosthetics Creator:* Opportunities include working in TV, film, theatre, or freelance creative industries.



Useful Resources for Further Information

- [ScreenSkills](#) (for careers in film and TV makeup)
- [Habia](#) (Hair and Beauty Industry Authority)
- The British Association of Beauty Therapy and Cosmetology ([BABTAC](#))



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.

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.

FUTURES FOR ALL

Lots of exciting virtual opportunities can be found on the [Futures For All](#) website, including:

Cyber Sleuths Wanted!

Ever wondered how digital detectives catch criminals?

Age: 14 - 19

Industry: Digital, IT & Computing

Type: Virtual Work Experience

Date: 04 - 05/12/2025

Application Deadline: 07/11/2025

Timings: 09.00 - 13.00

Duration: 2 days

[Read more](#)

Careers that Fly:

Air Traffic Control & TUI host this real world experience

Age: 14 - 19

Industry: Travel & Tourism

Type: Virtual Work Experience

Date: 20 - 21/11/2025

Application Deadline: 03/11/2025

Timings: 09.00 - 15.00

Duration: 2 days

[Read more](#)

Springpod

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

Unlocking Fashion

Open to anyone aged 13+, this virtual work experience is tailored for aspiring fashion designers and provides an immersive experience from designing to styling. It covers important topics such as:

- Visual Merchandising
- Styling & Buying
- Marketing and Communications

[Start Now](#)

Explore MedTech Innovation

Open to anyone aged 13+, this virtual work experience dives into how medical technology is reshaping healthcare from robotics to AI-powered diagnostics.

It covers important topics such as:

- Biomedical Specialist
- Product Management in MedTech
- Careers in MedTech

[Start Now](#)

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 \(Guildford\)](#)

Diploma Open Evenings: Thursday 23 October and Thursday 4 December

[Basingstoke College of Technology](#)

Saturday 22 November and Monday 27 April

[Bracknell and Wokingham College](#)

Wednesday 19 November

[Farnborough College of Technology](#)

Wednesday 19 November, plus Thursday 20 November at Aldershot Construction College.

[Guildford College](#)

Wednesday 12 November

[Merrist Wood College](#)

Saturday 8 November