

Careers Update October 2022

Welcome to Our New Careers Adviser

Miss Robinson is our new Careers Guidance Lead. She is based in school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and is based in the Careers Office next to the Finance Office in West. Miss Robinson offers impartial careers guidance for students from Year 7 to year 14. Miss Robinson has up to date information about labour markets locally, regionally and nationally. She is able to offer detailed careers advice and has up to date information on apprenticeships at all levels, further education and higher education. She currently is working pre-dominantly with the Year 11 students and ensuring each student has a destination for post 16. Students can drop in at lunchtimes and break times to book careers appointments and to get any careers questions answered. For a parental/carer request for a careers appointment please email holly.robinson@driffieldschool.org.uk

START Careers Portal

Every student including our new Year 7 cohort has free access to START. This is an excellent careers portal. Firstly they need to go onto <u>Start – Careers Information (startprofile.com)</u>.

Their username is their full school email and their password is their date of birth, for example 09/03/2010

On START our students can investigate how different subjects help support their future employment and training opportunities. START allows them to understand the world of work in the future and the desirable skills required for a rapidly changing jobs market. START allows students to research all job sectors and to evaluate the difference between academic and vocational pathways. They can learn about their strengths and interests, research their own personality type. There is a wealth of information on post 16 choices and post 18 choices. Students can investigate different desirable employability skills and how they can develop these.

Open Events and Apprenticeship Support

Year 11, 13 and 14 students need to be preparing for their next steps. It is important that every student in Year 11, 13 and 14 have a definite destination. Year 11 students can apply for more than one destination. Then when they have their GCSE results they then can make their final firm choice.

We advise that students and parents or carers book in for taster events, open days and evenings.

For the most up to date list of open events please look on: www.logonmoveon.co.uk then follow the link to the college/sixth form/apprenticeships provider and book on.

Open events for Year 11 students are placed on the form programme careers slide. The form programme also shows the careers appointments, up to date information on different qualifications such as T levels and different jobs and the skills required for these jobs. Sixth Form information is shared with students via form times with their tutors. Students will have the opportunity to join the Industry Mentoring group with Mrs Barley, the Trust Direct of Employability. Mrs Barley has a

dedicated apprenticeship group, sixth form students need to email Mrs Barley to join this group on: sarah.barley@theeducationalliance.org.uk

It is important any student wishing to complete an apprenticeship research and finds the right apprenticeship at the right level for their needs. The Amazing Apprenticeship Monthly Parent/Carer Newsletter is focused on helping your child search and apply for apprenticeships. Please follow the link here Parent_Pack_September_2022.pdf (ctfassets.net)

Amazing Apprenticeships have free parent/carer podcasts about apprenticeships. Please follow this link Apprenticeship resources for schools, teachers, parents (amazingapprenticeships.com) and click on the podcast section.

To find an apprenticeship locally students, parents or carers should visit the government website and research availabilities www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk. As of 4 October 2022 there are 106 apprenticeships advertised within a 20 mile radius of Driffield School and Sixth Form. Most apprenticeships are based on one day a week at college. Higher and Degree apprenticeships can include blocks of studying instead of just one day a week. The table below shows the different levels and the educational equivalent.

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grade A*– C or 9 – 4
Advanced	3	2 A level passes/Level 3 Diploma/ International Baccalaureate
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

T Levels

Students, parents and carers need to be aware of the new T levels on offer. These are the equivalent to 3 A levels. A T Level focuses on vocational skills and can help students into skilled employment, higher study or apprenticeships. Each T Level includes an in-depth industry placement that lasts at least 45 days. Students get valuable experience in the workplace; employers get early sight of the new talent in their industry. To complete a T level students, need to pass 5 GCSEs including Maths and English at grade 4 or above. Locally East Riding College and Bishop Burton College are offering T levels. Student that are interested are advised to attend a taster event to find out more information. Please note for those students interested in continuing their studies after a T level, certain universities are currently not accepting T levels as an equivalent to A levels.

Careers in the Curriculum – Visit From the Yorkshire Baker Food Company

Our thanks goes to the Yorkshire Baker company who are coming into lessons this month to run demonstrations with students who are studying GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition. Yorkshire Baker is a leading local business who pride themselves on their integrity and values in relation to quality, their people and the community. They have an unwavering focus on the environment and their impact as a business and always work with these core principles at heart. They will be completing a food preparation demonstration, including food tasting and explain about future opportunities with their business. They are now part of Cranswick and have a large varied employment portfolio including high quality apprenticeships on offer. Yorkshire Baker are expanding their work force and will discuss future training and employment opportunities during the visit. This will give students a chance to ask questions about these excellent opportunities. Yorkshire Baker are hosting a recruitment fair which is suitable for students aged 18 and above and any interested parents or carers. Please book in before attending by emailing kate.spivey@cranswick.co.uk.



Young Professional Event for Year 12 and 13 Students Interested in Law

On Tuesday 11th October from 5 pm - 6 pm Young Professional are hosting an online event with international law firm Charles Russell Speechlys. Charles Russell Speechlys are a top 30 law firm headquartered in London with offices across the UK, Europe, Asia and the Middle East with revenues of £120 million.

We know how rare Solicitor Apprenticeships are as well as mentoring and work experience placements within the legal profession. This is your chance to hear from global law firm Charles Russell Speechlys and discover how you can join their exciting school leaver programmes open to Year 12 and Year 13 students across the U.K.

Students will get some incredible insights from top lawyers at the firm, take part in some fantastic workshops and get a really great understanding of the alternative routes into the legal profession.

To sign up to this online event click here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/73Z9QJN

Partnership Working with Driffield Town Council

Driffield School and Sixth Form have formed a partnership with Driffield Town Council to ensure our students know about local employment opportunities and the employability skills that local businesses require. Driffield Town Council would like the community to be aware of their close working with businesses in the area and their free loyalty card. The free loyalty card information is here Loyalty Card - how it works - Driffield Town Council and is valid in 86 local businesses. There are regular prizes to win £50 'Discover Driffield' gift vouchers and prizes donated from local businesses. It is important that students learn business skills and entrepreneurial skills. We are fortunate that locally the town has an active successful high street and many outstanding businesses with excellent future employment and training opportunities for our students. For more information about opportunities please follow this link www.driffieldtowncouncil.gov.uk.