

Careers Newsletter

Autumn Edition 2023

September – December

Issue 3



Welcome to the Autumn term here at **Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College**. We hope that you have had a great summer break and are now looking to figure out your next steps.

In this edition, you will be able to start thinking about upcoming opportunities this term that you might want to get involved with, such as

- **University Open Days**
- **Trips – university campus visits and career fairs**
- **Career talks**
- **Apprenticeship and employability workshops**

Please visit the Futures Zone to speak to a member of the team, should you need further support with finding the right pathway for you.

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Meet the team!

For any queries, please message us

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We offer a wide range of support and resources, which may help you during your studies at **Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College**. Explore apprenticeships, your UCAS application, figure out your career pathway, plus much more!

→ **Careers Manager (Careers Leader), Heather Pryce**

- Apprenticeships, further/higher education, next steps and career pathways.

→ **Careers Advisor, Lin Hatton**

- Further/higher education, next steps and career pathways.

→ **Higher Education Advisor, Emily Prince**

- UCAS application support and personal statements.

Booking an appointment online

Email the FuturesTeam@jcc.ac.uk



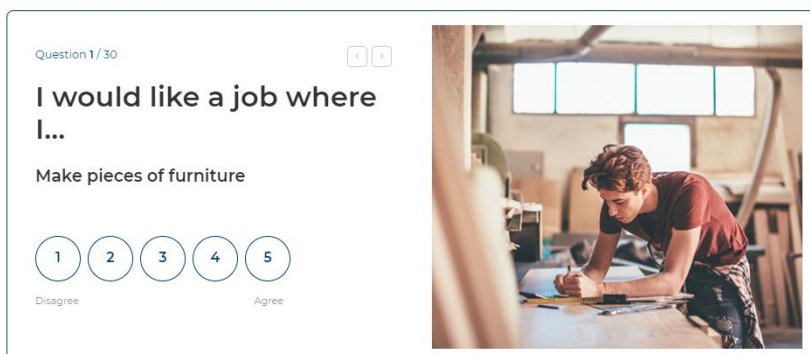
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Thinking about your next steps

Where do you want to be?

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Although you may have just started the new academic year, it is important to think about where you would like to be by the end of the year. This is **forward planning**, and will support you in understanding what you need to do, to ensure you are making the most of your time here at the college.



We have a **pathways software** on our JCC [careers page](#) online, which you can visit to find out more about different roles within each subject area.

[Click here to take the quiz!](#)

You can find us at the end of the library in the Futures Zone.

Drop-in service Monday to Thursday 1pm to 4pm.

Uni Open Days

Have you thought about attending an Open Day?



Questions to think about

1) What are the student services like? Is this enough support for you?

2) Do the lecturers spare enough time for 1-2-1s?

3) Can you see yourself studying there for 3+ years?

4) Is it far to travel to campus from student halls?

5) Will you be happy living at home or away in student halls?

For those of you interested in pursuing the university route, it is important that you start exploring universities and courses that are available to you. The best way you can do this, is by attending an **Open Day**.

- ✓ Explore the campus
- ✓ Learn more about the university
- ✓ Ask questions about the courses on offer
- ✓ Check out their support services
- ✓ Speak to student ambassadors



[Click here](https://www.opendays.com) to access the link to [Opendays.com](https://www.opendays.com)

Uni Open Days

Have you thought about attending an Open Day?




Aston University
BIRMINGHAM UK

- Saturday **30th** September 2023
- Saturday **18th** November 2023

 **UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM**

- Saturday **7th** October 2023
- Saturday **11th** November 2023


STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY

- Saturday **7th** October 2023
- Saturday **11th** November 2023

September 2023

 **University of BRISTOL**

 **UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS**

 **The University of Nottingham**

 **University of Sheffield**

 **UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE**

 **UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**

 **LONDON FILM ACADEMY**

 **UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN**

MANCHESTER 1824
The University of Manchester

October 2023

 **UNIVERSITY OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE**
at Cheltenham and Gloucester

The University of Law

December 2023

The University of Law



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UCAS 2023

Autumn Timeline

31st January 2024

Jan deadline for UCAS applications for 2024 courses



Higher/degree apprenticeships are like jobs; they have set deadlines of when to apply by, so keep checking regularly!

UCAS

5th September 2023

Applications for 2024 entry are available

16th October 2023

Oct deadline for applications to Oxford, Cambridge, and medical courses



[Click here](#) to access the link to UCAS

[Click here](#) to access the link for apprenticeships via UCAS

Apprenticeships

Taking the next step into
employment + training



Make sure you
check which
level you are
applying for!

Apprenticeships are a great way to learn and earn at the same time. With an apprenticeship, you can expect your employer to pay for your qualification and provide you with a salary for your work.

Apprenticeships have different levels of study:

»» Intermediate – Level 2

»» Advanced – Level 3

»» Higher – Level 4

»» Degree – includes Level 4, 5 and qualifies you overall at Level 6

NEW OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE NOW!

»» Postgraduate – Level 7



[Click here](#) to learn more about apprenticeships

Apprenticeships

A step-by-step guide to applying online



Apprenticeships are competitive, which means you need to stand out from the crowd. You can do this by:

Completing some work experience

Participating in college events

Owning a strong CV

Giving answers with plenty of examples

1) Start thinking about the type of apprenticeship you would like to complete

- Do you have the right skills? How will you develop these?
- Are you ready for the responsibility of working and studying at the same time?

2) Do not limit yourself to one area

- Have you looked for opportunities outside of your local area?
- Are there opportunities in the City Centre?

 [Click here](#) to register a free account to start applying

If you need support creating a CV, drop by the Futures Zone.

Looking for a job?

Are you ready for the world of employment?

When you start applying for a job, remember that you are just starting out, so you will not have as much experience, which is why you need to provide examples from college activities, events, volunteering, and work experience.

Make yourself stand out!

- Languages you can speak – are you bilingual (2) or multilingual (3+)?
- Are you confident with technology?
- Are you creative?
- Do you have a driving license?
Have you won an award?



Top 6 skills employers are looking for:

- ✓ Creativity
- ✓ Flexibility
- ✓ Motivation
- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ Active listening
- ✓ Attention to detail



[Click here](#) to access Get My First Job

[Click here](#) to access further tips from Youth Employment UK

Check the Vacancies board outside the OLC for jobs, apprenticeships and university open days!

Key Events

Do you want to get involved? Keep an eye out for these Autumn opportunities.



Wednesday 8th November



NEC

11.00 – 1.30pm

Get involved with the below opportunities to link in with employers for apprenticeships at the Millennium Point, speak to universities and apprenticeship providers at Edgbaston Stadium and explore apprenticeships/ job opportunities at the NEC this Autumn.



Tuesday 10th October



Edgbaston Stadium

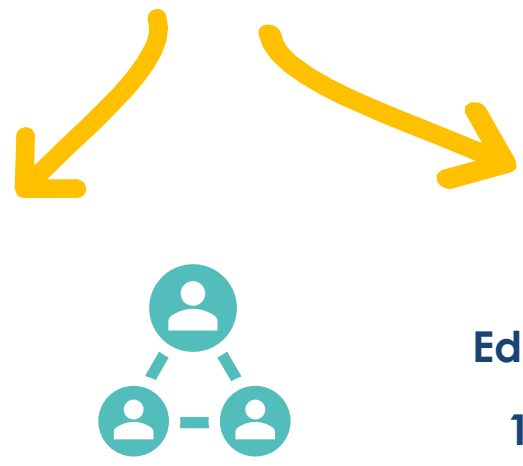
10.30 – 12.30pm

Tuesday 3rd October



Millennium Point

11.00 – 1.30pm



At the college we provide you with opportunities to get involved with career talks, trips, and events throughout the year. If you are interested, please drop by the Futures Zone.

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Deloitte Birmingham Apprenticeship Evening

Monday 18th September 6 – 7.30pm (arrive from 5.45pm)



You will:

- Hear from our recruitment team on our BrightStart Apprenticeship opportunities in Birmingham.
- Find out about our application process and get top hints and tips.
- Hear from our BrightStart apprentices on their Deloitte journey so far, followed by a Q&A session.

BrightStart apprenticeship applications are open for a September 2024 start. These are **degree-level** apprenticeships, requiring **104 UCAS points**.

You can [sign up here](#) for the event.

Location – Four BrindleyPlace, B1 2HZ

Under 18, to be accompanied by an adult.

Guest Speakers

Starting from September 2023



During your studies, there will be opportunities to get involved with career activities, through a variety of career talks and university visits. See below, some examples of who we will be working with in the **Autumn term.**

This will be in your **Personal Development tutorial sessions.**



Researching a university session



Life as a HE student session



Personal statement support

Keep an eye out for sessions that will take place above, plus more. These will start from September 2023 and are designed to support you with your personal and professional development.

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Apprenticeships

ASK programme



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NHS
West Midlands
Ambulance Service
NHS Foundation Trust

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