

Sheldon School Careers Newsletter

September 2018

A careers update for parents/carers; national and local information on opportunities.

Careers support and guidance at Sheldon School

Jo Brown, our careers adviser, is available on Thursday and Friday lunchtimes for any student queries (no appointment needed, students can just pop into the work experience office - opposite the refectory). To book a longer careers appointment students can ask their tutor. Or please email any queries to:

jbrown@sheldonschool.co.uk

Information for Year 11: 6th form and college open events

Sheldon School 6th Form Information Evening
Thursday 29th November

Please check other schools for dates.

**The following college open dates were correct as of September 2018
but please check on college website before visiting.**

Wiltshire College: Chippenham

Wednesday 3rd October 2018 5-7pm
Saturday 10th November 2018 10am-12noon
Wednesday 16th January 2019 5-7pm

Wiltshire College: Lackham

Saturday 13th October 2018 10am-12noon
Saturday 24th November 2018 10am-12noon
Saturday 26th January 2019 10am-12noon

Bath College (for courses at the City Centre campus)

Saturday 20th October 2018 10am-1pm
Thursday 29th November 2018 4-8pm

Swindon College

Thursday 11th October 2018 5-7pm
Saturday 10th November 2018 10am-1pm
Wednesday 16th January 2019 5-7pm

New College Swindon

Saturday 6th October 2018 10am-2pm
Wednesday 23rd January 2019 5-7pm

University Technical College Swindon

Saturday 29th September 2018 10am-1pm
Saturday 1st December 2018 10am-1pm

Other events

Also for Year 11 students: Wiltshire College Lackham is offering a residential land-based 2 day taster course: 29th and 30th October 2018. Overnight accommodation and food is included in the package which is designed to give potential students a flavour of the hands-on activities they can expect, should they go on to study at the College. The cost is £50 which will be refunded in Amazon vouchers should the student go on to enrol at

Wiltshire College in September 2019. In addition, parents can attend if they wish at a price of £20. To book: <http://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/events/ID/72/Land-based-Residential-Taster-Days>

Apprenticeship and careers fairs are becoming more common (national events and some local events too). **What Career Live** and the **National Apprenticeship Show** are just 2 examples of national events; check websites for details of employers attending and dates.

The Canadian Higher Education fair is on the 6th October 2018 at The High Commission of Canada in London – a chance to meet informally with a selection of Canadian universities. To book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/educanada-uk-fair-2018-tickets-48556192880>

USA College Day, 28th and 29th September 2018, Central London. Over 150 US universities exhibit in this free to attend event. Register on: <http://www.fulbright.org.uk/events/usa-college-day-2018>

Focus on Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Service

- Most recruitment of firefighters within Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Service is to on-call roles. On-call firefighters are part-time staff who may have other jobs or responsibilities as well. Hours vary for on-call firefighters and they must be able to get to the fire station within a specified time.
- Whole-time firefighter recruitment is less regular, usually only every few years. On-call and whole-time firefighters are expected to meet the same entry standards and they receive the same training to enable them to work to common standards. Certain 'values and behaviours' are important to the Fire Service, see this section of their website.
- The Service also recruit Service Control Centre Operators, whose main role is answering 999 calls; other roles include fleet and equipment management, logistics, and community safety.

Useful careers websites

What is a paralegal? Apprenticeships are increasing in the area of paralegal work (and may be offered by non-legal companies). A Paralegal is a person 'trained to perform certain legal tasks but who is not a qualified solicitor, barrister or legal executive'. Tasks such as drawing up contracts are important for many companies, and they may employ a paralegal rather than use the services of a law company each time they need a contract. To find out more <http://www.nationalparalegals.co.uk>

For information on other **law careers** <http://www.lawcareers.net/> is a good starting point, see the '*The Beginner's Guide to a Career in Law*' on this site. Other useful information on law careers; <http://www.thelawyerportal.com/>

A reminder about <http://www.eclips-online.co.uk> – our excellent online careers library (log in is the Sheldon postcode SN14 6HJ – leave space in middle!). Access is available for parents and students via the internet. The site covers almost every job you can think of and links to professional bodies for more information. It is also useful for students who have no clear ideas as it allows exploration of broad job areas. Useful tabs include '*labour market information*' giving details of current trends/salaries and '*related leaflets*' - a great way to widen horizons by exploring jobs that are similar.