



# William Brookes School NEWSLETTER



## Congratulations Health & Social Care Sixth Formers

A big congratulations to Ms Hennessey and all the Health and Social Care students in the sixth form for a set of excellent results in the January exams. Your hard work and perseverance has paid off and has resulted in outstanding results so a massive congratulations to you all.



## Returning Library Books

Can you please have a look at home for any library books that you may have. A small group of year 7's and English classes of year 8's and 9's were all issued a book in December to help with Accelerated reader programme and to enhance your learning; these books in particular need returning so a new one can be issued to you.

A returns box will be placed outside Student services for you to return any outstanding books, please deposit them here.

If you are unsure of the books you may have drop an email to [kharrison@williambrookes.com](mailto:kharrison@williambrookes.com) and she will happily let you know.

## Psychology Textbooks

Psychology department has asked if anyone has borrowed a psychology textbook either AS or A2 level, please can they either be returned to Miss Dickinson or let her know which text book you have at the moment so she can record where it is. During the school closure all textbooks have gone out to students and it would be much appreciated if they are returned if no longer needed.

## NCS Assembly

**Wednesday March 31st (13.05 to 13.25)** there will be a 20-minute session to introduce the NCS offer to our current year 11 during their tutor time Year 11's will also provide application forms and QR cards which will be distributed at the start of these sessions. Please make a note in your student planner.



## House Points Achievers YR 7 & YR 8

This is this week's report for students that have achieved 100+ house points or more!

### Year 7

Student For	Tutor Group	Comme
Ethan	Sydney 6	350+
Isaac	London 2	250+
Lewis	London 1	200+
Lydia	Beijing 3	350+
Lacey	Beijing 1	350+
Caleb	Beijing 8	350+
Gracie	Athens 5	350+
Robert	London 5	350+
Coby	Athens 9	250+
Mollie	London 8	200+
Elizabeth	Sydney 7	350+
Jessica	Beijing 4	250+
Harry	Sydney 5	250+
Alexander	London 2	350+
Grace	London 1	250+
Hannah	Sydney 5	350+
Annie	London 6	350+
Charlie	London 4	250+
Josie	Athens 2	350+

### Year 8

Student For	Tutor Group	Comme
Charlie	Athens 6	450+
Chloe	London 6	200+
Callum	Sydney 6	350+
Faith	Sydney 2	350+
Joseph	Beijing 6	350+
Lucas	London 8	350+
Ellie	Sydney 3	100+
Thomas	London 9	250+
Ewan	London 1	250+
Sophia	Athens 7	450+
William	Sydney 8	350+
Annabel	Sydney 7	350+
Wills	Beijing 5	250+
Abi	London 4	150+
Fletcher	Beijing 1	350+





## House Points Achievers YR 9, 10 & 11

### Year 9

Student For	Tutor Group	Comm
<i>Delyth</i>	<i>Athens 5</i>	450+
<i>Eleanor</i>	<i>Sydney 4</i>	450+
<i>Phoebe</i>	<i>London 1</i>	350+
<i>Chloe</i>	<i>London 3</i>	350+
<i>Freya</i>	<i>Beijing 8</i>	450+
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Athens 1</i>	350+
<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Athens 2</i>	250+
<i>Isabella</i>	<i>Sydney 7</i>	350+
<i>Isla</i>	<i>London 4</i>	250+
<i>George</i>	<i>London 9</i>	450+
<i>Daisy</i>	<i>Beijing 9</i>	150+

### Year 10

Student For	Tutor Group	Comm
<i>Olivia</i>	<i>Sydney 2</i>	200+
<i>Nadja</i>	<i>Athens 7</i>	250+
<i>Tallulah</i>	<i>Beijing 8</i>	350+
<i>Ned</i>	<i>Athens 9</i>	250+
<i>Jessica</i>	<i>Athens 5</i>	350+
<i>Courtney</i>	<i>Sydney 4</i>	200+
<i>Molly</i>	<i>Athens 7</i>	150+

### Year 11

Student For	Tutor Group	Comme
<i>Jude</i>	<i>Beijing 3</i>	200+
<i>Keira</i>	<i>Athens 5</i>	150+
<i>Fernley-</i>	<i>Beijing 5</i>	200+
<i>Erin</i>	<i>Athens 6</i>	200+
<i>Kieran</i>	<i>Sydney 2</i>	250+
<i>Hannah</i>	<i>Sydney 7</i>	250+
<i>Moya</i>	<i>Athens 3</i>	250+





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Newsletter for Mon 21 - Fri 25 Sept

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### Year 9 Registration

DofE registration for year 9 students is now live. Parents have been emailed with information about the Award and how to register their child. The recording of the assembly has been emailed to all year 9 students, in case they missed it. The deadline to register is 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021.

### Expeditions 2021

Parents of all year 11 and year 10 DofE participants have been emailed with details of the expeditions for this summer. Parents must inform us of which expedition (or none) that they wish their child to take part in as soon as possible.

### #DofE with a Difference

If a participant is struggling to find suitable activities for their programme due to the current restrictions, you can find many ideas here [www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/activities](http://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/activities)

Please remember that any program plan makes needs to be entered into their eDofE account so that it can be approved before they start the activity. Once they have completed the required time, they need to get their assessor to write an assessor report. This can be done at [www.dofe.org/assessor](http://www.dofe.org/assessor)

### eDofE App

Participants can access their eDofE account via the DofE App. The DofE app has made eDofE more accessible and convenient for thousands of participants across the UK. Participants can now set their activities, record evidence and submit programmes for approval at any time, no matter where they are. The DofE App is currently available for participants to download on Android and iOS.

You can download the App by going to the Google Play Store or Apple App Store and searching 'The Duke of Edinburgh's Award'.

### eDofE help

Below is an eDofE helpsheet.

Any questions, please email [jmccombie@williambrookes.com](mailto:jmccombie@williambrookes.com)



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To track your Bronze DofE Award you have an online account. This is where you put in your plans for each section, add your evidence and crucially, submit the Assessor Report once you have completed each activity. Every time that you submit something, your DofE Leader will be able to check and approve it. Once all four sections have been approved you will achieve your Bronze DofE Award.

Bronze (Year 9+)	Volunteering <b>3</b> months	Physical <b>3</b> months	Skills <b>3</b> months	Expedition <b>2 days</b> <b>1 night</b>
	Plus a further 3 months in either the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.			

Here is a quick recap on the section timescales for the Bronze Award. You must commit 1 hour per week over the 3-6 month time period for the Volunteering, Physical & Skills sections.

**Logging in to your online account**

- To log in please search [www.edofe.org](http://www.edofe.org) you can access this through a computer or mobile phone. Or, you can download the DofE App, which is available for free from the App Store & Google Play.
- Each time you log in you will need your Username and Password. If you do not know your Username ask your DofE Manager.
- If you have never logged in to eDofE before your temporary Password will be your D.O.B: **DDMMYYYY**
- Once you log in you will be able to reset your Password. If ever you forget it then just click: Forgot Your Password on the eDofE home page and you can input your username and get a new Password link sent to your email (check your junk mail) you will have 15 minutes to then reset your Password.



**Step 1:** The first time you log in you will be asked to put in your personal details. Please note every box with a \* needs to be completed. We would recommend using your personal email address. Once you have completed your Contact Details, Personal Details and Communication Preferences press 'Continue'. You will receive your Welcome Pack to the address you entered within the next 30 days! This contains important information about your award, your DofE discount card & Assessor Book.



**Step 2:** Select your timescales. We would recommend that the 6-month section is the one that you are able to access every week and perhaps the one that you think you will enjoy the most. Just click on the option that you would like and then press Save.



**Step 3:** Putting in your Programme Plans. You will need to do this for the **Physical, Skills & Volunteering** sections: Click edit section or click on the section you wish to edit and fill out everything with a \*. Your start date can be put back as far as the Enrolment date, which is in the top left corner of the screen. If you have not started yet, then put today's date or the date you are going to start. Everything that you do from your start date on eDofE can be counted towards your 3/6-month section. The Assessor must be a responsible adult (not a family member) who is able to write your report once you have completed the section. Remember to "Submit for Approval".



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**Next steps:**

Once you have submitted your Programme Plans for each section you will be able to complete your activities. You can keep track of how many weeks you have done by using the 'Weekly Log Sheet'. These are available from your DofE Manager and are a great way to keep a track of how many weeks you have done. Once you have filled your log sheet in for the 3 or 6 months for the relevant section:

- Take a photo of it
- Log in to eDofE
- Click on the relevant section on the left-hand side
- Add evidence
- Select 'Photos'
- Upload the photo
- Select your leader
- Save and submit

Other evidence that you can upload could be photos of you doing the activity. For example, if you chose cooking for your skills section it may be good for your leader to see a photo of what you have cooked each week. Upload these following the same steps as the Weekly Log Sheets.

**Photos and Log Sheets are great evidence but are not compulsory.**



**Assessor Reports**



The key piece of evidence that your DofE Leader needs to see on your eDofE account before they can approve the section is the **Assessor Report**. You will receive your Assessor Report book within your Welcome Pack (sent to the address you put in to eDofE at Step 1). Once you have completed your 3 or 6 month section please take the relevant report to your Assessor and ask them to fill it in full. You can complete the Description, Date started, Completed & Goals (please make sure the start date is not before the one you put in your plan on eDofE in step 3).

Once it has been filled in please take a photo of it (make sure the whole page is visible) and upload using the steps shown at the top of this page. This time, before you press the Save & Submit button you can mark it as your Assessor Report.



**Introducing the DofE Certificate of Achievement**

The Certificate of Achievement is an official recognition, by the DofE, of just how much you've achieved by completing your Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections. To receive your certificate, you need to have completed your Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections and had them signed off by your Leader. Once you've completed your three sections you don't need to do anything else. We'll email your personalised Certificate to you, using the name and email address on your eDofE profile.

When you complete the Expedition section you will still be able to get your full DofE Award in addition to the Certificate of Achievement!

The DofE have made lots of temporary changes over the last few months to ensure you can still achieve your award. You can check these out here: [www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/](http://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/)

If you need help with eDofE please visit **theDofEUk** on YouTube to find lots of helpful eDofE training videos and guides.



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## CAREER NEWS



**Cap Gemini has launched its 2021 virtual work experience in two areas:**

**Legal** – The team at Capgemini actively want to support social mobility in this industry, though applicants need to be Y12 and keen to go to university to study law.

**Business & Technology (including Cyber) and Finance** – Young people should explain in their application what they would want from the programme.

<https://www.capgemini.com/gb-en/careers/capgemini-schools-programme/capgemini-work-experience-programme/work-experience-2021/>

There are approximately 80 places- though this depends on demand.



We're thrilled to announce that applications are now open for our Virtual Insight Week programme.

If you're in Year 12 and you're keen to understand how you can progress your career in the world of business, accounting or technology at PwC, our Virtual Insight Week offers you a fantastic opportunity to do just this. During this action packed week you can choose from a range of sessions covering Accounting, Business, Technology and your career development. You'll also have the chance to connect with our people and hear their stories.

The programme will run virtually across five days from Monday 26 July - Friday 30 July 2021.

# TALK TO US TUESDAYS

14TH, 21ST & 28TH APRIL



WHERE COULD I WORK &  
WHAT PROGRESSION IS  
THERE?



WHAT IS AN  
APPRENTICESHIP? WOULD  
IT SUIT ME?



WILL YOU HELP ME WITH  
MY CV & APPLICATION?



HOW & WHAT DO I NEED TO  
APPLY?

To book a slot email [Lora.rogers@telfordcollege.ac.uk](mailto:Lora.rogers@telfordcollege.ac.uk)



# brownejacobson<sup>LLP</sup>

## Virtual Law Work Experience 6th & 7th April 2021

An insight to a top 50 law firm, 5 UK offices,  
1,000+ employees, £50m turnover

Interactive workshops with real solicitors working  
across different areas of law

Breakout rooms and sessions covering off  
specific areas of law and their different  
departments (Legal, HR, Tech & more!)

Learn how a law firm operates, what a week in  
the life of a solicitor looks like, what career paths  
exist in law firms for those wanting to work in law  
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Open to all 16 - 18-year olds across the UK

**DM us for your application link!**

# ROYAL NAVY APPRENTICESHIPS

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## ROYAL NAVY APPRENTICESHIPS VIRTUAL SHOWCASE

When you start an apprenticeship in the Royal Navy, you're right at the beginning of an adventure that will take you all around the world. You'll be a valuable member of our team as soon as you join because you'll be learning on the job, making a vital contribution, and earning a competitive salary from day one.

Join us on Tuesday 23rd March at 18:30 for our free Royal Navy Apprenticeships Virtual Showcase. You can discover the wide variety of roles available, hear from our team about their Apprenticeship journey's and their advice. Along with this you will also learn about the benefits, world travel and how you can be empowered to make a difference - and supported to get further, faster.

### EVENT DETAILS

## ROYAL NAVY APPRENTICESHIPS VIRTUAL SHOWCASE

23.03.21 AT 18:30

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## ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND ENGINEERING

Engineering and manufacturing plays a vital role in the UK economy and its future but despite there being lots of opportunities, the sector is struggling to recruit people to roles in areas such as engineering and technician work.



**182,000 people** with engineering skills needed in the UK each year to 2022<sup>1</sup>

More **women** needed - only 9% of the engineering workforce is female<sup>2</sup>

HS2 will create **thousands of local jobs** in this sector – both directly and in the supply chain

More jobs will be **highly skilled jobs**

**20,000** predicted shortfall of engineering graduates every year



### COMPANIES IN THE AREA

Large and valued companies in the area include:

Caterpillar • Bridgnorth Aluminium • Smithers Rapra • Stadco • Grainger and Worrall • Doncasters Group • Fullwood • BAE Systems • Cedo UK • Classic Motor Cars ...and close-by Jaguar Land Rover

But there are many more smaller employers offering a broad range of careers.



### FUTURE TRENDS

The sector is becoming more hi-tech and the UK is playing its part in leading the way in innovation and cutting-edge technology. This means employers are on the look-out for people with: **STEM qualifications** • **creative talent** • **problem solving skills** • **digital skills**

These are all areas where innovation will create new roles:

**robotics** • **cyber security** • **biomedical technology** • **telecommunications and satellites** • **driverless vehicles** • **smart energy** • **agri-tech** • **low-carbon technology**



### THE LOCAL PICTURE

In Shropshire, our strengths include:

**automotive** • **machinery and equipment manufacturing** • **metals and polymers (such as plastics)** • **food and drink production**

We are also becoming a UK leader in developing agricultural technologies to help better growing of food and we can expect to see more jobs in low carbon – or 'green collar' -industries such as alternative fuel vehicles and sustainable energy.

How many people are employed in a manufacturing job in our area?

More than 11,000 people are employed in manufacturing in Shropshire<sup>3</sup> – that's around 10% of all employment which is slightly higher than the UK average.

<sup>1</sup>Engineering UK

<sup>2</sup>WES

<sup>3</sup>Business Register of Employment Survey 2015



## SKILLS AND QUALITIES

Some employers report that they struggle to find candidates with the right personal and people skills. In engineering and manufacturing, employers are particularly looking for:

Communication	Advanced ICT and digital skills
Problem solving	Design
Maths	Attention to detail
Creative thinking	Languages
Leadership and management	Teamwork



## WHAT COULD YOU EARN?

These are the average salaries you might expect to earn in manufacturing and engineering\*

Metal working machine operative	£21,350	Engineering technician	£35,050
Plastics process operative	£22,450	Design engineer	£39,150
Production technician	£26,300	Electronics engineer	£46,500
Motor vehicle assembler	£31,950	Mechanical engineer	£41,750



## GETTING IN

As well as the BTECs, HNC/Ds or a degree route, higher and degree apprenticeships will play a larger part in training the engineers of the future allowing an employer to train somebody up while working in partnership with a higher education institution. There's no age cut off for starting an apprenticeship and nor is there one set route - it's possible to switch between qualification and training pathways depending on your starting point.

**Types of apprenticeships include:** rail engineering operative, welder, composites technician, aviation maintenance mechanic and nuclear technician.

Many of the colleges and universities in the West Midlands and local training centres such as the In-Comm Training Academy offer courses which match the jobs available in the area.



## FINDING OUT MORE

[www.semta.org.uk/careers](http://www.semta.org.uk/careers)  
[www.tomorrowseengineers.org.uk](http://www.tomorrowseengineers.org.uk)  
[www.futuremorph.org/my-future-finder](http://www.futuremorph.org/my-future-finder)  
[www.wisecampaign.org.uk](http://www.wisecampaign.org.uk)  
[www.engineeringuk.com/research](http://www.engineeringuk.com/research)

\*Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings median salary rounded to nearest £50



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# OPEN EVENTS

Explore our vibrant university-style campus, learn about your course and future options and meet your new classmates and tutors at our next open event.

- ✓ Discover our industry-standard facilities
- ✓ Get your first taste of college life
- ✓ Explore your career pathway and future options

## DISCOVER OUR VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT

[telfordcollege.ac.uk/open-events](http://telfordcollege.ac.uk/open-events)

DEFINE YOUR  
**FUTURE**

## PROVISIONAL DATES

Wednesday 14th October 2020\*

Wednesday 18th November 2020\*

Wednesday 20th January 2021\*

Wednesday 23rd June 2021\*

\*Please note that these dates may be subject to change

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