

Year 11 Careers information

Making sure that you maintain a positive viewpoint in this period will be really helpful when you return to sixth form or college next year. Although you will not be doing exams there are lots of great things that you can be doing to build your skills which will be very valuable in the future. They will also help employers you to show that you have made the most of the situation which is sure to put you ahead of others when you are looking for employment in the future.

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

You are all learning valuable skills that will be helpful in the future. Communicating differently is just one of these skills and your IT skills are likely to have improved. Start to build your employability skills – teamwork, time management, IT skills, resilience and problem solving – all the qualities employers are looking for and you are doing it already.

In the future, when you go for an interview, whether it is to attend college, work experience or an apprenticeship, employers might well ask ‘What did you do during COVID-19? How did you cope? How did you keep yourself motivated? Did you learn any new skills?’

Ways to make employers notice you- Here are a few ideas which may help you to impress future employers with your lockdown activity-

Learn a new skill- learn to do something that has always interested you, this could be a practical skill like cooking, craft, computer skills or learning online sign language.

Create opportunities- don't wait for opportunities create them. You will have lots of your own ideas of how to use the time effectively doing things that you enjoy.

Stay connected and communicate- we can't speak face to face but develop your skills to ensure you stay connected using online apps.

Build your commercial awareness- now is a great time to develop knowledge of the area that you are considering after school. Use the internet to sign up for newsletters and explore training opportunities or listen to podcasts in your chosen field.

Write and update your CV- add a section to show what you have done during the lockdown.

Enhance your digital footprint- think about developing a more professional digital footprint using social media.

What can I do to use my time to develop my employability skills?

1. Create / update your CV

Use the following websites to help you ensure your CV is completed.

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/i-want-to-use-my-online-presence-to-get-ahead/school/cv-builder>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/cvs-and-cover-letters/how-to-write-a-cv>

2. Use the time to complete Upcoming virtual talks / courses

There are thousands of courses to choose from but choosing try choosing one of two useful courses.

TOUCH TYPING If you complete this course you will be able to save time when you are at sixth form and enable you to work more efficiently. You can watch the tutorials, test yourself along the way and gain a certificate at the end.

<https://sense-lang.org/typing/>

Online courses from futurelearn- Use the opportunity to complete some online courses which you can add to your CV.

FIRST AID If you haven't got a first aid qualification currently this would be an excellent skill to gain over lockdown. <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/basic-first-aid>

STUDY SKILLS <https://www.futurelearn.com/subjects/study-skills-courses>

INTERVIEWS <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/interviews>

CREATING YOUR FUTURE <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/creating-your-future>

CAREERS SUCCESS <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/career-success>

CAREERS IN GAME DEVELOPMENT <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/how-to-start-your-career-in-games-development>

COURSES FOR THOSE FOLLOWING A VOCATIONAL ROUTE If you are seeking an apprenticeship or are doing a vocational qualification at college try these courses-

PLUMBING <https://alison.com/course/introduction-to-plumbing-revised>

Look at <https://alison.com/> for other trades and courses.

FOOD SAFETY <https://www.cocoms.eu/mycompliance/PowerPointHtml5.aspx?page=a4ea52eb-01fa-43c8-9ef3-0213d5d0b471>

Online lessons to build your skills

MAPPING STRENGTHS <https://hub.skillsbuilder.org/resources/mapping-strengths>

GETTING A JOB <https://hub.skillsbuilder.org/resources/getting-job>

Finance online course

As special online finance course will help you to understand finance and will give you valuable knowledge for the future. **This would be really valuable for all year 11s to complete.**

<https://www.nebulalearning.co.uk/home-study>

STEM WORK EXPERIENCE Learning in Lockdown – Work Experience Week:

18th-22nd May 2020 <https://learnliveuk.com/learning-in-lockdown/>

If you are interested in **Construction / engineering / STEM** then check out this amazing opportunity. It involves an accredited Work Experience opportunity which will be brilliant on your CV.

There are 30 places available so please email me if you are interested **bennett@clystvale.org**

Scape Group is proud to be working with Class of Your Own, Learn Live and the Engineering Development Trust to provide UK students with an exceptional opportunity to take part in a home-based work experience week, supported by some of the country's top professionals! The Class Of Your Own 'Esteem Pavilion' design challenge forms the basis of an exciting week of project-based learning, enabling all students with an interest in architecture, engineering and construction, to work from home (just like real life!) and secure a recognised experience that will be a great addition to their CVs.

VIRTUAL TALKS FROM SPEAKERS IN SCHOOLS

Speakers for Schools are excited to present our VTalks schedule for week commencing 20th April. This schedule will be updated weekly and talks will be targeted to different age groups and will be accessible via the links included below.

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/upcoming-vtalks/>

To access the talks, links should be opened in a browser that is not Internet Explorer and students should join the live event anonymously, there is no need to create a login.

Further guidance on how to access talks can be **[found here](#)**

USEFUL CAREERS WEBSITES

<https://careerpilot.org.uk/>

Complete the activities which have been highlighted for your yeargroup.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers>

Take a look at the new Careers information which includes looking at jobs to protect the planet.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zv6992p>

<https://www.mycareerspringboard.org/>

<https://successatschool.org/>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Information about apprenticeships

<http://www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk/>

<https://allaboutapprenticeships.co.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships>

Building Greater Exeter have just launched a brand new website- if you're looking into construction as a career path check it out!

<https://buildinggreaterexeter.co.uk/about-us/>

If you have any careers questions in the meantime please don't hesitate to contact me- bennett@clystvale.org

Take care

Mrs Bennett