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CAREERS NEWS



Welcome to the
December 2025
edition!



Welcome!

Whats new?!

Within our Careers newsletter we will bring you updates, news, views!
It's very important to look out for this every half term as there will always be important information enclosed.

Let's go!

Introduction - Who's who?

Do you know who the schools Careers Adviser is?

Her name is Miss Brennan and she is based in AM05 in the Sixth Form block.

The Careers Lead is the Head of Careers and her name is Mrs Scanlon.



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Careers Definition

Careers is about understanding yourself and what you are good at. Knowing what opportunities are out there for you. You having or developing the skills required to progress.



Be the best you can be!

If you work hard at your studies you can set your mind to be anything you want to be! Its never to early to be thinking about your career path and aiming towards achieving your goals!



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Provider & Careers Fair



We were excited to welcome local providers into school during the last week of November for Year 11 to meet. This enabled our Year 11 to ask about courses; seek advice and gather literature and merchandise.

It was a really fun morning and there was lots of interaction. Coventry College brought in a hairdressing dolls head for the students to practice on.....lots of braiding taking place! It was a wonderful to see one of our alumni - Adrien Jean – who took time out of his busy day as a Degree Apprentice with Jaguar Landover to meet our students. He brought along 2 colleagues also who were Apprentices. Not only did this benefit Year 11, our Sixth Form students were invited in and I saw many conversations taking place at their stand and many others.

We had a number of universities join us and this again gave insight. The Sixth form will have their own official UCAS trip -however this was a good taster to talk to university representatives.

We had 24 providers in total, and we really appreciate their time and continued support.

All in all a great morning and very useful. The students enjoyed it and found it's a great motivator to focus in and think seriously about their next steps.



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School Leaver and College Festival

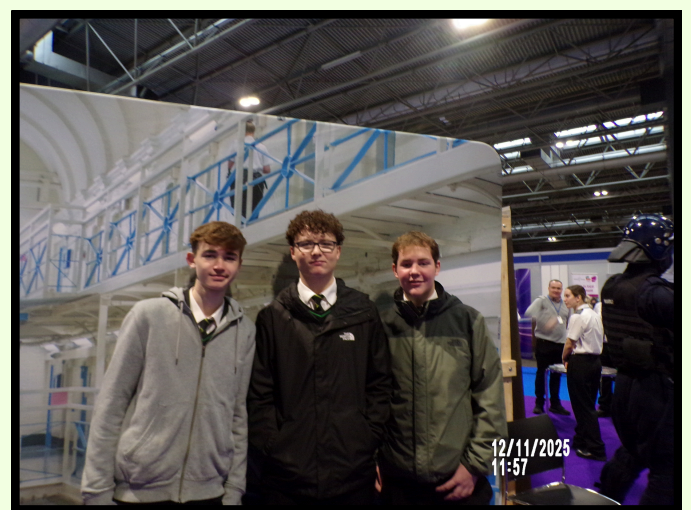


We had a great day out in early November when we went to the National School and College Leavers Festival.

This is a fantastic event and always has a lot going on! From music to cars to cooking to racing car simulators – it has it all!

The student took themselves round and were able to talk to companies and organisations that they will be potentially looking to join Post 16/18.

A valuable insight into the world of work – we are so lucky to have this virtually on our doorstep. We can't for next year to do it all again!





What's Coming up?

December 2025

We are looking forward to visiting Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber Training in December. This is as an Apprenticeship Training Provider who deliver apprenticeships in various industry types such as Business Accounting Hairdressing Health & Social Care and Early year Care. Miss Brennan is taking a group of Year 11 students who have expressed an interest in Hairdressing and Early year Care. Within the workshop they will have an hour looking at fun craft activities that take place within an Early Years Care setting – there will be glitter as its Christmas!

Then we will go to their own in-house salon where we will get to style on dolls heads that are used to train hairdressers. Curling tongs at the ready! This again is such an insightful trip where the students get to see the setting they may choose for their futures.

It is an opportunity to ask questions and overcome any existing perceptions that they may have had. We would like to thank Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber training for their time and trouble.



Coventry College

We are taking some students out to Coventry College – this will be an opportunity for some of our students to have a look around practical faculties such as construction which involves Plastering; Carpentry; painting and Decorating; bricklaying. Also Motor mechanics dept to see the 'real life' look setting they have as a motor vehicle garage workshop.

Looking at the students at work on real cars. The setting has to be seen to be believed– it really is true to life!



The MTC and MGTS – January 2026.

We are also talking our students who are interested in engineering out to MGTS and The MTC where we will spend a day with each respectively and see some training and get a feel for the environment. They will also be set some complex problem-solving tasks themselves – it's a great day and we are very fortunate to have their support.



Job of the Month: Engineering

Engineering is a very popular choice of our students.

Engineering is a very broad subject and its wis to research the pathway you are interested in.

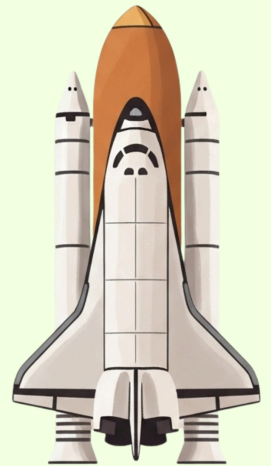
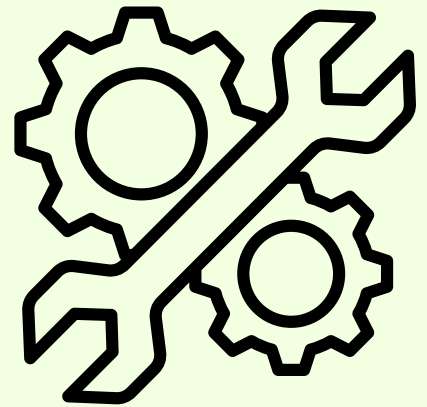
It can range from aerospace engineering; structural engineering; mechanical engineering; motor vehicle engineering; software developer; chemical engineer; environmental engineer.....pew....see what I mean the list is endless!!

Please use the Careers library in Unifrog to research all the various types of engineering so you can focus in on the ones you are most interested in.

Also think about your subjects – Maths & Physics re very important. Also, Computer Science / Timbers / Geography – again all depending on our career pathway. We need to be the best that we can be across ALL our subjects as they ALL play a part.

You may want to go one step further can see what its like to STUDY engineering at University. If you go onto Unifrog homepage and scroll down to the Subjects Library > type in keyword search of Engineering > you will then see a variety of short video clips of students studying various types of Engineering at university.

Very insightful! Do it today!





Job of the Month: Father Christmas



Its nearly Christmas – we can't let job of the month go without a very important addition!! Oh go on then!
Job description

Can you bring Joy & Magic to children's Igo onn Deepest Darkest December? Are you of a Cheery Disposition? Have you got twinkly eyes? A beaming smile? Rosy Cheeks? Then you may be just the person we need!

We need a special individual who can deliver parcels of all shapes and sizes right across the UK ...and internationally!

In brief - there may be some heavy lifting; you may have to motivate your team of elves.....you will get a separate handbook on how to deal with them..... and you must be prepared to travel long distances in a short space of time! In return you will get a mince pie at every stop along with a carrot for your sidekick – Rudolph! And364 days holiday a year!

Does this sound like a job for you? Apply now – be quick – you snooze, you lose!!

Skills Required

<u>Soft Skills</u>	<u>Key Skills</u>
Gentle	Leadership Skills
Warm	Team Player
Patient	Organised
Merry	Punctual
Friendly	Reliable
Approachable	Physically Fit
Kind hearted	Able to drive
Loves mince pies!	Geographical knowledge
Good sense of direction	Flexible – night shift working
Loves to... Ho Ho Ho!	Not afraid of heights
Dedicated	Literate
Comitted	Listening
	Numerate
	Good with animals
	Problem Solving
	Customer Service Skills
	People Skills





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Main duties

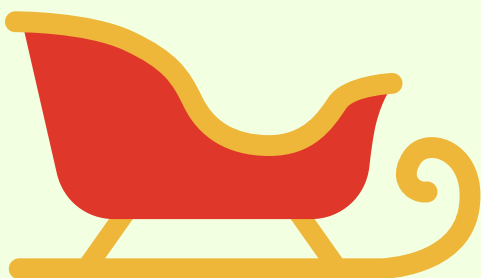
Managing and Designating tasks to Elves – ie wrapping and labelling presents; reading and responding to Santa's letters; sorting parcels for swift delivery to correct destination/Chimney!

- Planning route
- Prepping sleigh – oil; water and waxing runners.
- Prepping Reindeer Team – ensuring fitness levels; fed & watered for journey; extra carrots for journey; soft cloth for shining Rudolph's red nose.....
- Carry out Risk Assessment
- Perform Health & Safety checks
- Delivering goods with a smile – the customers (even the naughty ones) are always right!

Essential requirements

- Uniform (will be supplied)
- Full DBS check in place
- Clean Driving Licence
- Able to work in all weathers
- Not allergic to Pine Trees!
- Possess a belly that wobbles like a bowl-full of Jelly!

The Elves look forward to reading your application – don't delay!!





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Unifrog

Unifrog is our careers platform within school. It's such a useful resource, from looking at Careers pathways and detailed job descriptions to finding college courses; Apprenticeships and Universities.

It even help you if you don't know what to do – look at the Personality quiz – complete that and it will determine the jobs that suit your personality type.

I have just refreshed Year 9 on Unifrog and the quiz It will be so useful to have an idea of a future pathway as this will help you choose your option subjects.



How to access?

Go onto the Cardinal Newman Catholic School website > quick links > Unifrog.
Or google www.unifrog.org

Sign in with school email address and password previously chosen. If you have forgotten the password select 'forgot password' and Unifrog will send an email to reset.

Unifrog is in hundreds of schools across the country. Its a fantastic resource. Please use it - the more you look the more you will find!

What type of 'Frog' are you?
Sign in and find out!



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Provider Open Events – Dates for the Diary

**SAVE
THE DATE**

Provider	Date	Time 17:15 to	Website
Coventry College	16th October 2025 2nd Dec 2025 29th Jan 2026 10th March 2026 9th May 2026 18th June 2026	19:00 17:15 to 19:00 17:15 to 19:00 17:15 to 19:00 17:15 to 19:00 17:15 to 19:00	Coventry College Make it Coventry College
MGTS	TBA		Engineering Apprenticeships & Apprentice Placements in Coventry - MGTS
The MTC	TBA		The MTC Transformative UK Manufacturing Technologies
Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber Training	Advice shop every Wednesday PM.	2-4pm Call 02476 231122 to book on.	Chamber Training, Apprenticeships, Business courses, Support
NWSLC (North Warwickshire and South Leicester college)	16th October 2025 22nd November 2025	4pm to 7pm 9:30am to 12pm.	NWSLC'S Open events - NWSLC
WCG (Warwickshire College group) Warwick Trident Rugby College Leamington College Moreton Morrell	13th November 25 14th November 25 15th November 25 17th November 25 18th March 2026	5:30pm to 8pm 5:30pm to 8pm 5:30pm to 8pm 10am to 1pm	November open events at WCG colleges - WCG - Warwickshire College
Stratford College		5:00pm to 7:30pm	Stratford-Upon-Avon College High Quality Further Education o
Solihull College	22nd January 2026	See website.	Solihull College And University Centre



Apprenticeships



What is an apprenticeship?

- A paid job with learning running alongside
- Hands on experience and training in your chosen career pathway (where applicable)
- Full time - minimum of 30 hours a week.
- An assessor to guide you through the whole process – you will not be alone.
- A launchpad into the working world – paced; supportive; informative.
- Industry employers names you will recognise eg: Jaguar land Rover.

Find out more here: [Amazing Apprenticeships | Explore Technical Education & Apprenticeship Opportunities](#)



Post 16 Pathways Sixth Form



- You will choose from a broad selection of A levels and BTech subjects.
- To look at the choice of subjects available you can visit the Cardinal Newman website and look at Post 16 choices using the following pathway:

CNCS > homepage > Menu > Post 16 > Year 12 entry requirements.

Please also note the entry requirements as they will be key – there will be no movement from the actual entry requirements for CNCS Sixth Form.

- NOW is the time to be thinking about your A level choices; where possible link them to your career choice. It is important to do this research as you're A levels will invariably link to your career choice. Don't choose A levels based on Teacher preferences / Friendships. Also don't choose a subject based on someone else's view on how it was for them – this is YOUR future you are investing in. Take a look at this link for more advice: Six things you need to know before making your final A-level choices - The Uni Guide
- If you don't have career choices now, use Unifrog > Personality quiz/Careers Library to get some ideas.
- You will be notified of the Sixth Form application deadline – don't miss it!

Useful Websites

Exploring, researching,
focusing on the future!?!

Look at these websites to
inspire and motivate you!

careermag | Careermap

Success at School: Careers
advice for schools and
students

Careers advice - job profiles,
information and resources |
National Careers Service



HELP AND SUPPORT

If you need any help or support Miss Brennan is available as follows:

Her office is AM05 (Sixth Form block)

- Tuesdays - Lunchtime – for Years 7-9 – Location LM13
- Wednesdays – Lunchtime – for Year 11 – Location TLC
- Wednesday 3pm to 4pm – for Years 12/13 – AM05/Lecture Theatre
- Thursdays – Lunchtime – For Year 10/11 – Location LM13.