



OPPORTUNITIES/EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Event/Activity	What is it?	When & where is it?	What next?	Who for?
COLLEGE & SIXTH FORM INFORMATION				
COLLEGE/SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE VIA THE SCHOOL WEBSITE OR THE LINK PROVIDED FOR THE FOLLOWING: Richard Huish College Bridgwater & Taunton College (all campuses) The SPACE Exeter College Exeter Maths School Queen's College Taunton School Huish Episcopi Academy Sixth Form			College Open Events for 2024-25	Year 10 & 11
April Open Events include: <i>Bridgwater & Taunton College Cannington Campus - Wednesday 30 April, 6:00pm to 8:00pm</i> <i>Richard Huish College - Wednesday 30 April, 5:00pm to 8:00pm</i> <i>Exeter College - Wednesday 23 April, 4:00pm to 7:00pm</i> <i>Queens College Sixth Form - Monday 5 May</i>				
The Somerset Careers Hub has a Facebook page for parents of children between 11-18 with impartial information about careers and a variety of routes students can take to get where they want to go, as well as advertising employer activities and employability sessions. Search 'Somerset Careers Hub' on Facebook or use attached link.			Somerset Careers Hub Facebook	All year groups
The Castle School is now on LinkedIn! Follow for news about careers activities, work experience and jobs.			The Castle School LinkedIn	All year groups
The Castle School Careers Team now have their own Instagram page for careers-related information, events and activities.			The Castle School Careers Instagram	All year groups
Bridgwater & Taunton College have a number of upcoming activities and after school clubs at both Bridgwater & Taunton campuses, including tours for school leavers and sports development days. Check their events page for more details.			Bridgwater & Taunton College	Year 10 & 11
HEALTHCARE, MEDICINE, DENTISTRY & VETERINARY MEDICINE				
NHS: South West Health & Care Career Pathways	South West Health & Care Career Pathways is a website containing info about NHS job opportunities, apprenticeships, work experience and events.	A variety of info including events in Somerset and virtual events.	South West Health and Care Career Pathways	Year 10 & 11
Allied Healthcare Mentor	For students interested in healthcare-related careers, this mentor site provides virtual work experience opportunities (some with a small cost,) throughout the year, as well as advice and support.	Visit website for more info.	Allied Healthcare Mentor website To register for virtual work experience: Healthcare Careers Virtual Work Experience	Year 10 & 11

Medic Mentor (plus Dental Mentor/Vet Mentor)	For students interested in a career in medicine, this mentor site provides free virtual work experience/guidance session opportunities throughout the year, as well as advice and support. There is also a Dental Mentor site for those interested in careers in dentistry.	Flexible virtual work experience, students can complete placements in their own time. Virtual sessions. <i>NB: parents must also attend.</i>	Main Medic Mentor website (check calendar for free virtual sessions): Medic Mentor To register for virtual work experience: Virtual Work Experience Dental Mentor site	Year 10 & 11
Premed Projects	Premed Projects offer in-person (London) or online/virtual medical work experience (costs vary), for students aged 14+ interested in careers in medicine, nursing, midwifery & dentistry.	Various dates mostly falling within school holidays and/or weekends.	Medical Work Experience in Hospitals Ages 14+ Premed (premedprojects.co.uk)	Year 10 & 11
	They also offer a virtual Weekly Surgery (also at a cost).	The Weekly Surgery is every Monday evening.	The Weekly Surgery	
Career Days (virtual work experience)	See OTHER USEFUL INFO section of this bulletin for more details of online careers and work experience days including Medicine, Midwifery, Dentistry, Psychology and Veterinary.	Various dates, all virtual courses on Saturdays.	Apply Now — CareerDays.co.uk	Years 9-11
STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS)				
Digdata	Live online challenges. Students interact with data champions from leading brands and services in work-experience challenges.	Ongoing	Register: Digdata Live online career challenges	Year 9-11
Young HPC (Hinkley Point C)	Young HPC was designed to help 16-21-year olds consider their future and understand whether a career at Hinkley Point C could be right for them, including job opportunities, education & training pathways and tools, events and workshops.	Young HPC have a variety of events during 2025.	Click to register (free) for Young HPC: Hinkley Point C EDF Info for parents and guardians: Young HPC EDF	Year 11
LAW				
Forage (virtual work experience)	A number of law firms offer virtual work experience via Forage.	Online - ongoing	Free Virtual Work Experience Programs from Top Companies - Forage	Year 10 & 11
Kennedys Law virtual work experience	Kennedys Law offer a virtual work experience programme to give an insight into law and Kennedys, with real life tasks to improve your skills and develop your knowledge.	Online - ongoing	Virtual work experience (kennedyslaw.com)	Year 10 & 11

Career Days (virtual work experience)	See OTHER USEFUL INFO section of this bulletin for more details of online careers and work experience days including Law.	Online - ongoing	Apply Now — CareerDays.co.uk	Year 10 & 11
APPRENTICESHIPS INFO				
Thatchers Cider	Apprenticeship applications with Thatchers Cider, Myrtle Farm, Somerset are now open for a variety of roles including: Lab (Quality) Orchard (Farm-Based Engineer) IT Communications Commis Chef Operations Commercial	2025 start	Apprenticeships - Thatchers Cider Company	Year 11
EDF - Hinkley Point C	EDF Apprenticeship vacancies are now open!	Find out more via the EDF website	Apprenticeship schemes in the UK energy industry EDF	Year 11
Specsavers	Check out the link for details of potential early careers apprenticeship opportunities with Specsavers	Online - ongoing	Early Careers Jobs - Specsavers Careers UK	Year 11
Find an Apprenticeship	Website with apprenticeship vacancies.	Online - ongoing	www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship	All students & families
Amazing Apprenticeships	Lots of resources around apprenticeships available including events, webinars, links to job vacancies and the monthly Choices Magazine (a parent and carer guide to apprenticeships).	Online - ongoing	Amazing Apprenticeships	All students & families
Rate My Apprenticeship	A job resource for young people seeking apprenticeships.	Online – ongoing	RateMyApprenticeship	Year 10 & 11
OTHER USEFUL INFO				
National Highways	National Highways offer live online career challenges where you can gain free virtual work experience.	Check the link provided for more info	National Highways career challenges - Digdata - a Data Inspiration Group programme	All Years
Forage (virtual work experience)	Lots of free virtual work experience/job simulations in a variety of careers, from law to investment banking to marketing to data analytics and many many more.	Visit the website & create a student account to access	Free Virtual Work Experience Programs from Top Companies - Forage	All years

Career Days (virtual work experience)	<p>Career Days offer online careers and work experience days in a wide variety of potential careers including: Medicine, Midwifery, Dentistry, Psychology, Business, Architecture, Veterinary, Law, Performing Arts, Computer Science and Teaching.</p> <p><i>All courses cost £69, although bursaries are available if you meet certain criteria (see website for details)</i></p>	Various dates, all virtual courses on Saturdays.	Apply Now — CareerDays.co.uk	Years 9-11
Springpod Virtual Work Experience	Springpod virtual work experience offers lots of different virtual work experience programmes in a variety of industries.	Virtual online	Springpod Virtual Work Experience Search Springpod	Years 9-11
Cats Protection	For students interested in careers in animal welfare, Cats Protection have a Student Hub where you can expand your knowledge and boost employability. There are useful videos with job profiles and skills required for different roles at Cats Protection.	Visit the Student Hub section of their website to access in your own time.	Cats Protection Student Hub	All students & families
InvestIn	Virtual or London-based career programmes covering a variety of industries, available for either ages 12-14 or 15-18 (costs vary).	Various dates in 2024/25.	InvestIn Programmes	All students & families
Careerpilot	Informative careers website with information for students and parents.	Online - ongoing	Careerpilot	All students & families
Success at School	Website with information about career choices, apprenticeships, advice and helpful articles about developing transferable skills.	Online – ongoing	Success at School	All students & families