



Careers

Newsletter



"A successful career is built on a foundation of hard work and determination."



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Opportunities this month

The summer break is almost upon us and as well as taking a much needed break, it's also the perfect time to explore and plan your options for the future. Below are a range of ideas and resources that might be of help:

College and Sixth form exploration

If you are currently in Y10 and considering what your options are for the end of Y11, you can go on to each college/ sixth forms website and see when their open day takes place.

Post-16 options

The National Careers service website explains the different types of courses you can take at the end of Y11. Read through the guide to see which option is best for you:

[Post 16 options](#)

University exploration

If you are currently in Y12 and considering your options for the end of Y13, it is likely that university may be one of your areas of exploration. Here are some helpful guides:

[The pros and cons of university](#)
[How to choose the right course and university](#)
[UCAS Deadlines for university applications](#)



Civil Service

Employer Spotlight

The Civil Service is the organisation that helps run the country by supporting the government and providing important services for the public. Civil servants work in many different areas, including healthcare, education, finance, defence, transport, and helping communities. They work behind the scenes to create policies, solve problems, and make a difference to people's lives.

Benefits of joining the Civil Service as an apprentice:

- Earn while you learn
- No university fees
- Practical work experience
- Training and development
- A wide range of careers –
- Good employee benefits
- Make a difference
- Opportunities for progression

[Find out more using this link](#)

Labour Market information

Birmingham has changed from being mainly a manufacturing city into a modern city with opportunities in technology, finance, healthcare, engineering, and creative industries. .

Birmingham has a fast-growing technology sector, with jobs in software development, cyber security, artificial intelligence, data analysis, and digital design. The city has become a popular location for technology start-ups and large digital companies.

Examples of employers:

- Advanced – develops business software and digital services.
- Capgemini – provides IT and digital services.
- BT Group – offers careers in telecommunications and technology.



University spotlight

University of Birmingham

Studying at the University of Birmingham gives you the opportunity to learn at one of the UK's leading universities, recognised around the world for its outstanding teaching and research. Located in the heart of Birmingham, students benefit from strong links with major employers, providing excellent opportunities for work experience, placements, internships and graduate careers.

The university offers world-class facilities, a vibrant and diverse campus community, and a wide range of clubs, societies and sports teams, helping students develop confidence, independence and lifelong friendships. As a member of the prestigious Russell Group, the University of Birmingham is committed to academic excellence, giving students the knowledge, skills and experiences they need to succeed in their chosen careers. Whether your ambition is to become a scientist, teacher, engineer, lawyer, healthcare professional or entrepreneur, studying at the University of Birmingham can open doors to exciting opportunities both in the UK and around the world.

Student spotlight Zoya Safi (Y12)

Which A Levels are you studying this year?

I am studying A Level Philosophy and Ethics, Sociology and Level 3 Criminology

What do you want to do after finishing Hillcrest Sixth Form?

I want to complete an undergraduate degree in Midwifery at the University of Birmingham, and then a postgraduate degree in Sonography at Keele University

What career do you hope to pursue?

I want to be a sonographer, which involves using ultrasound technology to create images of the body to help diagnose, monitor, and guide treatment for medical conditions.



Job of the month



Robot Designer

A robot designer (often called a robotics engineer or robotics designer) creates robots and automated machines that can perform tasks humans find difficult, dangerous or repetitive. They combine engineering, computing and creativity to design robots that solve real-world problems.

Skills you'll need: Problem-solving, Creativity, Maths, physics, Computer programming, Design and technology skills, Teamwork, Attention to detail