



HILLCREST CAREERS NEWSLETTER



"EXPLORE YOUR POTENTIAL, DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE"

OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH



Green Careers Week

Green Careers Week (2–6 November 2026) raises awareness of the wide range of careers that help protect the environment and tackle climate change, inspiring young people to explore green jobs, develop sustainability skills and discover future career pathways.

This [webpage](#) from the Green Careers website features a virtual careers fair where you can explore a range of different green employers and discover careers, jobs, roles, and develop your green skills.

On this [website](#) you can become a Climate Detective and challenge yourself to become environmental researchers, using real satellite data and scientific enquiry to investigate climate issues in your local area.

From rising temperatures to flooding, air quality to biodiversity, you can explore real-world questions that matter and learn how space technology helps us understand Earth.



Employer Spotlight

Cadbury is one of Britain's best-loved chocolate brands, with its historic home in Bournville, Birmingham. It is part of Mondelēz International, a global snacking company whose other brands include Oreo, Toblerone and Philadelphia. Behind every chocolate bar is a team of people with different skills, making Cadbury an exciting employer to explore. Careers extend far beyond chocolate making, with opportunities in manufacturing, engineering, food science, research and development, marketing, finance, digital technology and logistics.

Mondelēz International offers early-career opportunities, including apprenticeships, university placements, internships and graduate programmes. These routes can help young people gain practical experience, develop professional skills and work towards recognised qualifications. Whether you enjoy science, maths, technology, creativity or business, there are many ways your interests and school subjects could lead to a future in the food and drink industry. Find out more about careers and current opportunities at [Mondelēz International Early Careers](#).

Labour Market Information

Green careers are a growing area of the UK labour market, with opportunities in renewable energy, electric vehicles, construction, engineering & conservation. UK government forecasts show increasing demand for workers with clean-energy skills over the coming decade. Salaries vary by role and experience:

Solar panel installer £25,000–£47,000
Wind turbine technician £25,000–£47,000
Renewable energy engineer £31,000–£61,000
Environmental consultant £25,000–£50,000

Green careers are accessible through university, college courses and apprenticeships, making them an option for students with interests in science, maths, technology, geography and practical skills.



University Spotlight: University of Bath



The University of Bath, located in the historic city of Bath in South West England, is a highly regarded university known for its academic excellence, strong links with employers and focus on preparing students for successful careers. It offers over 190 undergraduate degrees across a wide range of subjects, with opportunities to gain practical experience through professional placements and study abroad programmes. Students can choose from courses in engineering, architecture, computer science, business and management, accounting and finance, economics,

mathematics, chemistry, biology, physics, psychology, criminology, politics, education, modern languages, pharmacy, sport and social sciences. Many courses offer placement options, allowing students to develop valuable workplace skills and gain industry experience before graduating. Whether you are interested in technology, healthcare, business, science or helping others, Bath offers a variety of pathways to explore. Its supportive campus community and strong employer connections make it an excellent option for students considering higher education.



Student Spotlight: Bella and Yasmin (Y12)

Which A Levels are you studying?

We are both studying Sociology, Religious Studies and English Literature

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

After sixth form, we both would like to study Law at The University of Birmingham, as Birmingham Law School is recognised for its research expertise and has been ranked among the top law schools in the UK. It is also conveniently located for both of us to travel to and from.

What career do you hope to pursue?

We would both like to specialise in Corporate Law, and our dream is to own our own law firm together one day. Corporate Law is in high demand and the opportunities for career advancement are vast. The profession involves problem-solving, negotiations and strategic planning, making it an intellectually stimulating job.

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JOB OF THE MONTH: TRAIN DRIVER



A train driver operates passenger or freight trains, ensuring journeys are safe, punctual and smooth. They follow signals, monitor track conditions, control the train's

speed and respond to emergencies. Train drivers need excellent concentration, communication and problem-solving skills, alongside specialist training and a strong commitment to safety.



What's been happening in school?

- Weekly careers form programme (Y7-13)
- Work experience launch assembly (Y10)
- Aspiring medics talk (Y12 and Y13)
- UK University and apprenticeship search (Y12)
- Brilliant Club Scholar's Programme (selected Y8)
- Inspiring Local media careers talk (selected Y10)
- Employability Workshop at the EY Foundation (selected Y8)
- Careers talk at the Houses of Parliament, London (Selected Y11,12,13)

What's coming up in school?

- Clinical skills session (selected Y9)
- M&G Investment challenge (selected Y11)
- KPMG insight day in Birmingham (selected Y9)
- Employability skill online workshop (selected Y11)
- Network Rail workshop (selected Y7)

COULD YOU HELP TO INSPIRE OUR STUDENTS?

At Hillcrest, we are committed to helping students understand the wide range of careers and opportunities available to them. One of the most valuable ways we can do this is by connecting students with real people from the world of work. We are therefore asking our parents and carers to get involved in our future careers events, including careers fairs, assemblies, workshops, employer talks and workplace activities.

You might be able to:

- Talk to students about your career and how you got there.
- Share information about your industry or organisation.
- Attend a careers fair and answer students' questions.
- Deliver a short assembly or careers talk.
- Offer advice about qualifications, apprenticeships or university.
- Share information about work experience or employment opportunities.
- Explain the skills that employers value.

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You do not need to be a careers expert or an experienced presenter. Students benefit simply from hearing about the different jobs, pathways and experiences of people in our local community. Your involvement can help students understand that there isn't just one route into a successful career. Whether you work in healthcare, engineering, business, education, construction, law, technology, retail, the creative industries or any other sector, your experience could help a young person see a career they had never considered before.

If you would be interested in supporting future careers events, please email jabbotts@hillcrest.bham.sch.uk with your name, job role/industry and organisation, along with any particular ways you would be happy to support. We will then contact you when suitable opportunities arise.

Together, we can help our students make informed decisions about their futures and raise their aspirations.

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