

# WCSA Community School Academy careers calendar 2023-24

A brief guide to some of the careers events and activities throughout the year

Date	Activity	Year	Timing	Where?	Gatsby	Why?
Sept - Jan	Year 11 121 appointments to capture progression plans beyond WCSA. Repeat appointments for undecided students and priority groups. Parents welcome.	11	In the school day.	WCSA	1,2,3,7,8	Personalised support to help students and families make informed decisions. Learn about FE study options. Diplomas, A levels, T Levels, Apprenticeships & more.
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 11 Parent information evening	11	TBC	WCSA	1,2,3,4,7	Learn about study options beyond WCSA. Diplomas, A Levels, T Levels, Apprenticeships & more.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	It's a big TPLT Careers Fair (TKASA)	All	5pm-7pm	TKASA	1,2,3,4,5,7,8	Meet colleges, 6 <sup>th</sup> Forms, employers, universities to help plan next steps beyond school.
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	HE University & Apprenticeship Fair	11 (50 students)	11.15 – 2.45pm	Ashton Gate	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Explore Higher education – university and degree apprenticeship pathways.
11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Army recruitment information session	10 & 11	1.50pm – 2.40pm	Careers office	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	Meet armed forces personnel and learn about careers in the Army and how to apply.
Sept-Dec	Careers assemblies with progression info and visits from all local further education providers.	11	8.40-9am	Auditorium	1,3,7,8	Understand the range of Post 16 options available locally to assist in applications.
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Oxford University, Exeter College visit	10 (Minibus)	During school day.	Exeter College, Oxford Uni	1, 2, 4, 7	Explore what a leading opportunity has to offer.
6 <sup>th</sup> –11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Green Careers Week	All	Throughout the week	Tutor time & social media posts	1, 2, 4	Learn about Green skills, Labour market Information (LMI) and how young people can have a positive impact.

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Dec	Launch Work Experience in assembly and mail home. Plenty of notice so students can find their placement. Ongoing 121s.	10	Assembly	Auditorium	2, 3, 5, 6, 8	An early start to source the best placements.
Xmas	Heroes Awards – celebrating students acts of kindness	All	Breakfast	8am in WCSA LRC		Celebrating skills, kindness & endeavour in school, home and the community.
Dec–Sixth Forms Jan - College	College and sixth form application deadline. Further 121s when needed.	11	Online and tutor time.	WCSA	1,3,7,8	Helping students and families make informed decisions.
Jan - June	Y10 121s to support with WEX placements, until all students source an employer.	10	Careers office	WCSA	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to the curriculum. Labour market information. Employer awareness.
Feb 5-10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	National Apprenticeship Week. Online events and activities.	All	Thursday tutor time	WCSA	1,2,3,4, 5,7,8	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum. Labour market information.
Feb	Year 9 options support offered to students and families.	9	By appointment	WCSA	1,3,4, 7, 8	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum.
Feb TBC	Apprenticeship Academy to help students create CVs, search and secure an apprenticeship.	11	Period 6	WCSA	2,4,6,8	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to the curriculum.
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	International Day of Women in Science	All				
4 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> March	National Careers Week. Online talks and presentations from universities and employers.	All	Tutor time and in the school day.	WCSA	1,2,3,4,5,7, 8	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum. Labour market information.
4 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week	All				
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Maths Day	All				
March	Esports Tournament	10	Eve events	Weston College	1, 2, 3, 4, 7	Practical skills, college insight, linking careers with curriculum.

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28 <sup>th</sup> March	It's a big TPLT careers fair! For the whole community. 30+ employers, colleges and universities. Workshops and career training sessions.	All	4pm – 7pm	WCSA	1, 2, 3, 4	Employer insight. College and university links. Career guidance sessions. Curriculum links.
April TBC	EXWEX Army - Okehampton	10	4 day residential	Army base - Okehampton	1,2,3,4,5,6	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum. Labour market information.
Easter	EXWEX Army - Okehampton	10	4 day residential	Army base - Okehampton	1,2,3,4,5,6	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum. Labour market information.
April/May	Year 7 Interview Challenge. All Year 7 students choose a vacancy, create a CV and attend an interview.	7	Tutor time and in the school day.	The careers office	1,2,3,4,5,8	Research skills. Career planning. Confidence and interview skills.
June TBC	EXWEX Army - Okehampton	10	4 day residential	Army base - Okehampton	1,2,3,4,5,6	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum. Labour market information.
May/June	Year 10 Mock Interview prep - creating CVs, practising interview skills.	10	Tutor time	WCSA	1,2,3,4,5	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum. Labour market information. Employer awareness.
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Unlock Cyber Taster Day	8	During the school day	UWE	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to the curriculum. LMI. Employer contact. College & university insight.
June/July TBC	Weston College Taster Day	10	Through the school day.	Offsite	1,2,3,4,7	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum. Labour market information. FE awareness.
24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Work Experience week	10	All week	Offsite	1,2,3,4,5,6	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum. Labour market information.

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July	Year 10 Mock Interview Day. Students attend employer interviews.	10	Through the school day.	WCSA	1,2,3,4,5	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum. Labour market information. Employer awareness.
August	GCSE Results Day!	11	TBC	WCSA restaurant	3, 7, 8	Personalised support to help students and families make informed decisions.

Ongoing activities throughout the year.	Year	Timing	Location	Gatsby
Monthly career bulletins sent to parents via Weduc app and Facebook. Also promoted via tutors, notice boards and screens. All local careers events and activities.	All	Monthly	Online & in school	1,2,3,5
Ongoing Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn presence answering student and parent enquiries.	All	24/7	Online	1,2,3,5
Publish inspirational posters. Focus on achievable career goals with previous students.	All	Monthly	Online and in school	1,3,4,5
Hero awards for student acts of kindness at school, home and the community.	All	Annually	LRC	
Ongoing offer to all current & previous students and families for pre-booked appointments on zoom and the school atrium.	All	Ongoing	WCSA	1,2,3,8
Careers related enquiries from parents can also be handled via face to face in the reception or careers office, phone, Weduc and Facebook.	All	Ongoing	WCSA	1,2,3,8
Ongoing engagement with alumni to help inspire current students.	All	Ongoing	WCSA	1,2,3,4,5
Youth council opportunities for all year groups to make their town a better place.	All	TBC	Offsite	1,5,6
National Citizenship Service engagement for Year 11 students.	11	Summer	WCSA & Offsite	1,5
Ongoing support for students at risk of bullying, suffering from anxiety etc.	All	Ongoing	WCSA	1,3,8
Ongoing engagement with stakeholders to highlight the potential of our students.	All	Ongoing	Online/F2F	1,2,3,5,7
Ongoing engagement with our Enterprise Advisor & Local Enterprise Partnerships.	All	Ongoing	Online/F2F	1,2,3,5
Be a contributor to the Careers Advisor Network to ensure events are shared.	All	Ongoing	Online/F2F	1,2,3,5
Ongoing impartial engagement with FE providers.	All	Ongoing	Online/F2F	1,2,7
PLT Careers Membership of the North Somerset Council Employment and Skills Taskforce.		Ongoing	Online/F2F	1,5,6



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