



Year 11 Careers News and Updates

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WELCOME

Welcome to our first edition of the Platanos College Careers News and Updates.

Platanos College along with 16 other Lambeth schools is part of the 'Quality in Careers Standard'. The Quality in Careers Standard is the national quality award for careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) in schools, colleges and work-based learning.

The 'Quality in Careers Standard' is about improving our pupils' awareness of opportunities, raising their aspirations and working with them to ensure they achieve their full potential.

As part of our on-going commitment to provide impartial, independent careers education, information, advice and guidance to all of our pupils. All year 11 pupils will meet with the careers advisor for one-to-one meetings to receive advice and information about education courses, training courses apprenticeships and job opportunities.

This will start in November 2020.

The guidance is to help pupils decide their next steps, at the end of secondary education, and to support our pupils with applications and interview preparation.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's secondary transition or want detailed information pertaining to our whole school Careers Policy, please contact the careers team or visit the Platanos College website.

FORTHCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

Welcome to virtual Skills London 2020.

They will be hosting content and events virtual instead in person this year. As part of their replacement outreach, Skills London is sending curated content to schools via newsletters to help with careers planning. You can find that content and more below.. **You can also sign up for our virtual event series and watch recorded webinars:**

Find Your Career Goals

Skills London and Google Digital Garage are partnering to deliver live training webinars. Understanding what you enjoy doing most can help you take the next step in your career. Join us on 19 November, 10 – 11am, to explore what matters to you in a job.

[Book your free place](#)

Strength based interview skills

Skills London and Accenture are partnering to deliver strength-based interview skills training. Join us on 20 November 10.30 to 11.30am to learn how Accenture assess their candidates and the strengths they look for in the application process

[Book your free place](#)

Build a CV & Write a Cover Letter

A well-built CV and cover letter can help your job or university application stand

out. Skills London and Google Digital Garage are partnering to deliver live training webinars. Join us on 26 November 10 – 11am to learn how to highlight your achievements and write an engaging cover letter with Google Digital Garage.

[Book your free place](#)

APPRENTICESHIPS

Spotlight on apprenticeships:

Apprenticeships have been in the headlines a lot over the last few months as the Government has put in place subsidies to encourage employers to back this route into the workplace.

Apprenticeships have the obvious benefit of combining practical training in a job with study, as well as earning a wage. There are different [levels of apprenticeships](#) which are equivalent to various education levels and apprentices need to be 16+, living in England and not in full-time education.

What's on offer?

One of the first things for pupils to think about is what types of apprenticeships are on offer and how to apply to them. This video from the [National Apprenticeship Service](#) is a great introduction.

Degree apprenticeships

Students may be less familiar with degree apprenticeships, how they work and how long they last. This explainer on the type of courses available for [allied health](#)

[services](#) is a useful starting point for seeing how this works in practice and also links to the [UCAS information pages](#).

Taking the BTEC route

For pupils thinking about the BTEC route, Pearson hosts a range of success stories focused on [BTEC apprentices' experiences](#), from a chef at Whitbread through to a customer service field engineer with BT, with a video from an [IT assistant at Unilever](#)

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