



Longridge High School

Excellence and ambition from all, for all

Careers Information

Dear Year 11,

Welcome back to your final year at school. As you begin this important academic year, it is essential to start considering your future pathways. Although it may feel early, familiarising yourself with local colleges, their course offerings, qualifications, and entry requirements is a crucial step in preparing for life after secondary school.

Colleges will be hosting a variety of advice and open events, each delivered in slightly different formats. These may include campus visits, Zoom presentations, video resources, careers guidance drop-in sessions, and LiveChat opportunities for both pupils and their parents or guardians. Parental involvement in this process is highly encouraged. We will keep you informed of the dates and formats of these events. Please refer to the attached information for details regarding upcoming open events and scheduled college visits to the school.

In addition, colleges will be available for lunchtime drop-in sessions, where students can ask questions and seek advice on topics such as course options, qualification levels, transport arrangements, financial support, university pathways, and other post-18 opportunities.

It is important to keep your options open. You are encouraged to apply to multiple colleges and courses. All students are required to submit applications to at least two different colleges to ensure they have a backup plan.

Each pupil will have, or has already had, a careers interview with Charlotte Ainsworth, our independent Careers' Advisor. Charlotte provides high-quality, impartial advice to support pupils in making informed decisions about their future. Following the interview, a Career Action Plan will be created, outlining the discussions and agreed next steps.

In the new year, we will host assembly presentations from ASK and Training 2000 who are apprenticeship providers and who will offer guidance on finding and applying for apprenticeships. Students interested in pursuing an apprenticeship should register at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>.

We will also be issuing a weekly careers newsletter via Synergy. These newsletters, along with useful links, will be available on the school website.

Should you require any further support or guidance, please do not hesitate to speak with Mr Wright – CEIAG Lead or Miss Lovatt – Careers Co-ordinator.

Kind regards,

Mr J Wright
CEIAG Lead

You are invited to our

Open Event

Saturday **26 September** 10am-2pm



At our Open Events you will have the chance to meet our teachers and enjoy our lovely campus, whilst finding out everything you need to know about your next steps! We can't wait to say hi & show you why we're so proud of our lovely college here at Runshaw, and don't forget to pick up one of our famous #RunshawCookies!

Registration is now open. [Open Event Registration — Runshaw College](#)

Blackburn College

Tues 22 Sept
4:30PM-7:30PM

Wed 14 Oct
4:30PM-7:30PM

Sat 14 Nov
10:00AM-1:00PM

Find out what makes Blackburn College the college of choice and experience what it truly feels like to be a student here. Explore our industry leading facilities, chat with our supportive teaching staff, and hear first-hand from current students about life at college.

With a wide range of courses designed to match your ambitions, this is your chance to picture your future and see why Blackburn College is the right choice for you. [September College and Sixth Form Open Event](#)

YEAR 10 & 11

PRESTON
COLLEGE

OPEN EVENTS



Wednesday 30 September 2026 4pm - 7pm

Saturday 7 November 2026 10am - 1pm

Thursday 4 March 2027 4pm - 7pm

www.preston.ac.uk/fe-open-events

SEE FACILITIES MEET STUDENTS & STAFF EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

At our Open Event you can speak to our course tutors, specialist support staff, advisors and students about the experience you'll get at Preston College. You'll also have the chance to explore our industry standard facilities, Apprenticeships and learning opportunities including T Levels and Scholarships.

[Year 10 & 11 Open Event Wednesday 30 September - Preston College](#)

LUSoM Open Event - Saturday 10th October 2026 10am - 12:30pm

Lancaster University School of Mathematics (LUSoM) is a specialist maths and STEM sixth form in Preston. As the first purpose-built maths school in the country, we offer pupils with an exceptional aptitude and passion for mathematics to be part of a like-minded community that will not only challenge them but provide them with the necessary knowledge and skills to pursue a career in maths and STEM.

Lancaster University School of Mathematics (LUSoM) is holding an Open Day
from **10:00am to 12:30pm on Saturday 10th October.**

This is a fantastic opportunity to explore LUSoM's purpose-built facilities, hear from the Head of School, **Peter Tiltman**, and learn more about the medical curriculum and opportunities available beyond the classroom. Visitors will also have the chance to meet current students, who will be on hand to share their experiences and provide an insight into life at LUSoM.

To book your place, visit the LUSoM website homepage or use the booking link below:

 **Book here:** [LUSoM Open Day - Cardinal Newman College](#)

[Lancaster University School of Mathematics, Preston, Lancashire](#)

CARDINAL NEWMAN COLLEGE

If you have any questions with regards to the application process, courses or anything about Newman you can contact the Admissions Team.

admissions@cardinalnewman.ac.uk

Open Events for September 2027 entry

Please click the date to book your place:

[Saturday 10th October 2026 10am - 1pm](#)

[Saturday 14th November 2026 10am - 1pm](#)

[Saturday 6th February 2027 10am - 1pm](#)



Myerscough
College & University Centre
EMPOWERING FUTURES

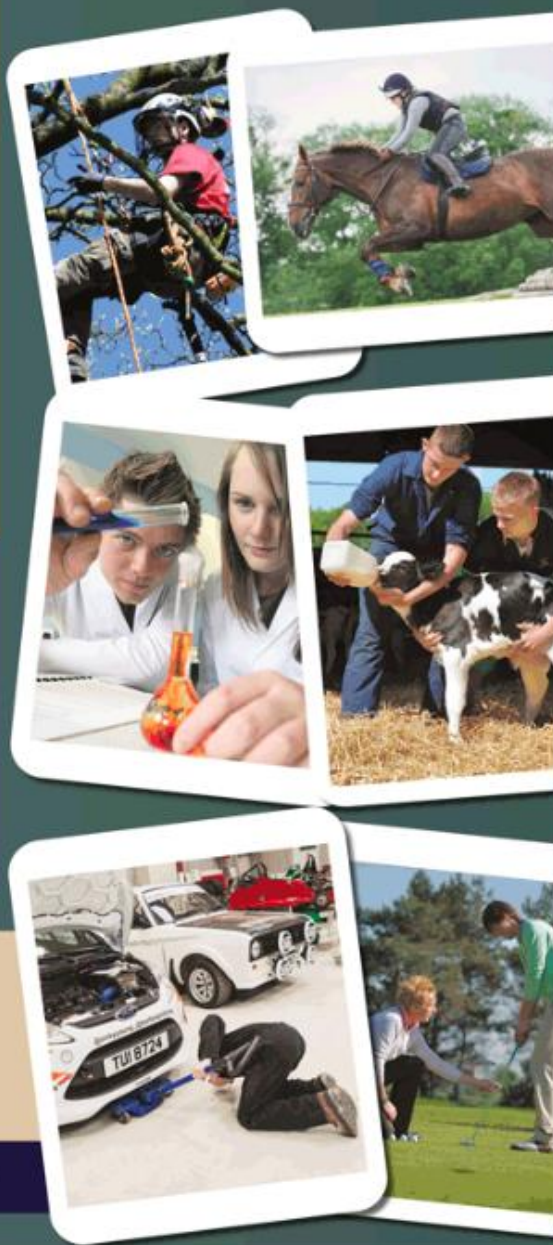
COURSE ADVICE MORNINGS

Saturday 3th October
Saturday 21st November
From 10.00am

■ **PRESTON** ■ **WARRINGTON**
■ **LIVERPOOL** ■ **MANCHESTER**

The North West centre for land-based & sports education

**School Leavers |
University Degrees
| Apprenticeships**



Myerscough College has a choice of subjects, covering a wide range of land-based industries (from Agriculture and Equestrian Studies to Motorsports and Veterinary Nursing.) There's also a choice of Sports Coaching and Performance routes - across Football, Rugby, Cricket, Golf and Basketball.

There are options at a range of levels within each subject, from bespoke Foundation Learning courses through to Level 3 Diploma suites and dedicated T-Level routes; ideal for progression to university. Plus, Apprenticeship opportunities in most subjects!

[Myerscough College & University Centre Advice Morning - Preston \(October\) Tickets, Saturday 3 October](#)



WESTHOLME

PREP | SENIORS | SIXTH FORM

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 8 October 2026

17:00 – 19:00

www.westholmeschool.com



Sign up via the
QR code

Our mission at Westholme is to develop better students and better people. This is serious work, but our community of pupils, teachers and parents also have serious fun.

We offer world class opportunities inside and outside the classroom for ages 3-18, that allow them to succeed and thrive whatever their interests and passions. Pupils develop their skillsets and personalities so that they are ready for the challenges of later life. [Sixth Form Open Evening 2026](#)

A DEGREE. A CAREER. THE WORLD AS YOUR WORKPLACE

Travel the World • Earn While You Learn • Graduate Debt Free

Imagine a career where you can travel the world, earn a competitive salary, gain a degree-level qualification and qualify with no student loan debt.

Join the Fleetwood Nautical College Maritime Careers Open Event and discover how training as a Merchant Navy officer can lead to a career full of adventure, responsibility and worldwide opportunities.

MARITIME CAREERS OPEN EVENT

Thursday 26 November 2026

1.30pm – 5.00pm



Fleetwood Nautical College

Broadwater Avenue, Fleetwood, FY7 8JZ

Register Now [Maritime Careers Open Event Tickets, Thursday 26 November • 1:30 PM - 5 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Activity	What You'll Discover
 Meet the Team	Speak to tutors, the Head of Campus and the Head of Maritime about training routes and careers.
 Campus Tour	Explore specialist maritime training facilities and learning spaces.
 Halls of Residence	Visit the accommodation where cadets live during their studies.
 Current Cadets	Hear first-hand experiences and honest advice about life at sea.
 Live	See maritime training in action through simulators and practical exercises.
 Sponsoring Companies	Meet employers offering sponsored training and future career opportunities.

Why Choose a Maritime Career?

-  Travel the world and experience different cultures
-  Gain degree-level qualifications with fully funded training
-  Earn a competitive salary with no student loan debt
-  Enjoy excellent career progression and global opportunities
-  Develop practical skills using cutting-edge technology
-  Work in an exciting industry full of adventure and variety

The maritime industry offers a unique combination of travel, adventure, qualifications, excellent pay, and career progression, making it an exciting alternative to university and many traditional career paths.

What are T Levels!!!!

[Introduction of T Levels - GOV.UK](#)
[T Levels | The Next Level Qualification](#)
[Resources for parents | T Levels](#)

T Levels: A Technical Route to Your Future

T Levels are an exciting post-16 qualification designed for young people who want to combine classroom learning with practical industry experience. Developed with employers, T Levels help pupils develop the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed for a successful career while keeping progression routes to university, apprenticeships, and employment open.

- T Levels are two-year technical qualifications for 16 to 19-year-olds and are equivalent in size to three A Levels.
- Courses are designed in partnership with employers to ensure pupils develop the skills and knowledge needed in today's workplace.
- Students spend approximately 80% of their time in the classroom and 20% on a substantial industry placement.
- Every T Level includes a minimum of 315 hours (approximately 45 days) of work experience with an employer, providing valuable real-world insight.
- T Levels combine academic learning with practical skills, helping students become work-ready and confident in their chosen career area.

Why Choose a T Level?

- ✓ Gain hands-on experience in a real workplace.
- ✓ Develop the technical and professional skills employers value.
- ✓ Learn through a combination of classroom study and practical application.
- ✓ Keep your options open for university, higher or degree apprenticeships, or skilled employment.
- ✓ Build confidence, independence, teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills.

Where Can a T Level Take You?

Successful completion of a T Level can lead to:

- University
- Higher or Degree Apprenticeships
- Skilled employment
- Further specialist training

T Levels are an excellent option for pupils who have a clear career interest and want to combine studying with meaningful industry experience, helping them take the next step towards their future career

THE NEXT LEVEL
QUALIFICATION

Apprenticeships

How apprenticeships work

Apprenticeships are real jobs with real employers, allowing you to work, earn a salary and gain valuable qualifications and experience. With hundreds of apprenticeship standards covering everything from accountancy to zoo keeping, there is an apprenticeship for everyone. Apprenticeships offer choice, opportunity, qualifications, support and a head start into a future career.

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study. As an apprentice, you will:

- be an employee, earning a wage and receiving holiday pay
- work alongside experienced staff
- gain job-specific skills
- complete training and study related to your role as part of your working hours

Apprenticeships can take between **8 months and 5 years** to complete, depending on the level, the apprenticeship standard and any relevant prior learning. Please visit: - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

APPRENTICESHIPS - Earn • Learn • Succeed

🌟 APPRENTICESHIP JOURNEY 🌟

Journey Step	What It Means
 SCHOOL	Building strong foundations through education and personal development.
 STUDIES	Gaining knowledge, qualifications and an understanding of different career pathways.
 SKILLS	Developing practical, technical and employability skills valued by employers.
 PROFESSION	Beginning your journey within a chosen industry or occupational sector.
 PROGRESS	Gaining experience, increasing responsibility and achieving further qualifications.
 CAREER	Advancing into higher-level roles and exciting career opportunities.
 MOTIVATION	Staying focused, working hard and striving towards your goals.
 SUCCESS	Achieving your ambitions and creating a rewarding future.

Longridge High School are pleased to say all Year 10s will participate in a

Work Experience Programme



Tracy Gardiner, Director of EBP

Tracy is proud to lead an organisation that works alongside schools, businesses and partners to help shape our future workforce together.

Year 10 pupils are having an assembly to clarify all the details.

Longridge High School is pleased to confirm that all Year 10 pupils will take part in a Work Experience Programme from

Monday 24th to Friday 28th May 2026.

Preparations will begin with support from Tracy at the Education Business Partnership (EBP), a specialist organisation that helps schools coordinate work experience placements. EBP conducts health, safety, and welfare assessments, provides all necessary documentation, and offers guidance before, during, and after placements.

This programme offers pupils a valuable opportunity to gain first-hand experience of the workplace, helping them make more informed and realistic decisions about their future beyond Year 11.

***'You will get out
what you put in'***

☀ BENEFITS OF WORK EXPERIENCE ☀

WHAT IT HELPS YOU DEVELOP

Gain first-hand experience of a real working environment & understand what employers expect

Develop confidence when speaking, listening and working with different people.

Learn how to work effectively with colleagues and contribute to shared goals.

Improve punctuality, organisation and time-management skills.

Build the skills employers value, including problem-solving, adaptability and initiative.

Explore different job roles and industries to help inform future career choices.

Increase self-confidence by taking on new challenges and responsibilities.

Strengthen college, apprenticeship, university & job applications with real-life examples.

Meet employers and professionals who can offer advice & insight into their careers.

Develop the knowledge, skills & experience needed for your next steps after school.

Fire Cadets in Lancashire.

Preston Fire Station
Blackpool Road,
Preston,
PR1 6US.

Runs every Thursday 18:30 – 20:30hrs



Are you aged between 13-18? Want to learn important life skills and firefighting skills too?

We aim to provide young people with an insight into a uniformed service with basic firefighting skills being learnt alongside personal and social skills. We strive to deliver a quality programme that combines key operational skills with invaluable knowledge of the Fire and Rescue Service.

[Fire Cadets | Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service \(lancsfirerescue.org.uk\)](http://lancsfirerescue.org.uk)

As a fire cadet, you will:

- Be treated like a young firefighter.
- Be provided with a service uniform and name badge as part of our uniformed service.
- Attend the weekly two-hour session at your local fire station.
- Represent Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service at community events.
- Learn important skills such as team building, leadership and communication.
- Learn self-discipline, respect and consideration for others.
- Foster inclusive values.
- Possess a 'can do' attitude and always try your very best.
- Have the opportunity to be mentored by our operational firefighters and community safety team staff.
- Work as part of a team to build a safer and stronger Lancashire and wider community.
- Have a real passion and genuine interest in learning about Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service.



1. Complete a Fire Cadets application form. [fire-cadet-application-form-2025.docx](#)
2. Once completed return your application form to the Fire Cadet Co-ordinator by [email](#) (opens a draft email) or post to Gemma McDonough, Fire Cadets, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Garstang Road, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 3LH.
3. If your application is successful, you will be invited to an informal interview at your local fire station.

JOB OF THE WEEK

FIREFIGHTER

To become a firefighter, your personal qualities and physical ability are more important than your academic qualification. Most trainee firefighter roles ask for you to have GCSEs at grade 9 – 4 in English & Maths as a minimum. The selection and training process will include physical and written tests to ensure that you are capable of performing this job.

As a fire fighter your day-to-day tasks. Every day will be different, but you could:

- ❖ inspect and maintain equipment
- ❖ carry out practice drills and take part in training
- ❖ respond to emergency call-outs
- ❖ rescue people and animals from burning buildings and accident sites
- ❖ control and put out fires
- ❖ deal with bomb alerts and floods
- ❖ manage chemical or hazardous substance spills
- ❖ give presentations to schools and community groups
- ❖ inspect buildings to make sure they meet fire safety regulations

Working environment

- ❖ You may need to wear safety clothing and use safety equipment and a uniform.
- ❖ You could work at a fire station, at a client's home or at a client's business.
- ❖ Your working environment may be at height, physically and emotionally demanding and cramped.

All fire services have a programme that lets you plan and track your career development.

You could work your way up to crew manager, watch manager or station manager. If you're prepared to move between services, you could become an area manager, a brigade manager or a chief fire officer. If you're involved in fire safety and prevention work, you can take professional qualifications leading to membership of the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE). You could also get a Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) licence for driving fire engines.

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #06 - FIREFIGHTER - YouTube](#)

[Careerpilot: Job sectors: Water, gas, oil, etc: Job profiles: Firefighter](#)

Firefighter

Firefighters help to protect people from fire and other dangers and give advice on fire prevention.

The average starting salary for this job is around £28,000 per year. With experience, salaries can expect to rise to £38,000 per year.

Firefighters can work full-time or work on an on-call basis in their local area. You could work evenings, weekends, bank holidays or shifts.



WORKING HOURS

42 to 48 a week

You could work: evenings / weekends / bank holidays; on shifts

Firefighters

