



Longridge High School

Excellence and ambition from all, for all

Careers Information

Post-16 Taster Assemblies and College Support for Year 11

To help our Year 11 pupils prepare for life after Longridge High School, representatives from Cardinal Newman College, Blackburn College, Preston College, Runshaw College and Myerscough College have been delivering informative taster assemblies highlighting the wide range of post-16 opportunities available.

The assemblies have provided pupils with valuable information about A Level courses, vocational pathways, enrichment activities and college life. Pupils have also had the opportunity to receive college prospectuses to support their post-16 decision-making.

To further support pupils with their next steps, we have arranged a series of lunchtime drop-in sessions where they can speak directly with college staff, ask questions about courses and college life, and receive advice and guidance on the application process.

Lunchtime Drop-In Sessions

- Preston College – 5 October
- Cardinal Newman College – 6 October
- Blackburn College – 7 October
- Runshaw College – 8 October
- Myerscough College – 9 October

In addition, an Application Support Session will take place in school on 23 November, giving pupils the opportunity to receive help with completing applications and making informed decisions about their future pathways.

These sessions provide an excellent opportunity for pupils to explore their options, gather information and gain confidence in planning their next steps after Longridge High School.

All Year 11 pupils have been advised that they **must apply for at least two full-time college courses** to ensure they keep their options open. Even if a pupil is committed to pursuing an apprenticeship, they are still required to submit applications for full-time college courses as a backup plan. This helps to ensure that every pupil has a suitable destination in place should their preferred apprenticeship opportunity not materialise.

The deadline for all Year 11 pupils to submit their college applications is 4 December.

As a final reminder, pupils should be attending as many college open events as possible. Open events are an excellent opportunity to explore different colleges, speak to tutors and current students, view facilities, and gain a better understanding of the courses on offer before making final post-16 decisions.

We encourage pupils to apply early and seek support if required. If pupils or parents/carers have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Mr Wright or Miss Lovatt via Synergy**.

Work Experience Programme – Year 10

Monday 24th to Friday 28th May 2027

On Monday 28th September 2026, all Year 10 pupils attended a Work Experience Assembly delivered by Tracy Gardiner, Director of **Education Business Partnership (EBP)**. During the assembly, Tracy introduced the Work Experience Programme and explained how placements are arranged, what pupils can expect, and the steps they need to take to prepare for their placement.

Preparations will now begin with support from Tracy and the team at EBP, a specialist organisation that works closely with schools to coordinate high-quality work experience opportunities. EBP carries out all necessary health, safety and welfare assessments, manages the required documentation, and provides guidance and support before, during and after placements.

A letter containing further information about the programme and the next steps will be sent home with pupils next week. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Mr Wright** or **Miss Lovatt** via Synergy.

Work experience provides pupils with a valuable opportunity to gain first-hand insight into the world of work. It helps them develop essential employability skills, build confidence, explore career interests, and make informed decisions about their future education and career pathways beyond Year 11.

“You will get out what you put in.”

Work experience is your chance to build confidence, develop new skills and learn about the world of work. Be positive, ask questions, get involved and make every day count.



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.





BRITISH ARMY INSIGHTS: PARENT VOICES

Army Careers Webinar for Parents and Carers

If your young person is considering a career in the Army, you may have questions about the opportunities available, the application process, and the support available along the way.

The British Army is hosting a free online webinar for parents, carers, and guardians, providing valuable information and insight into Army careers. During the session, parents will hear firsthand experiences from families who have supported their young people through the journey from initial conversations to joining the Army.

Topics covered will include:

- Safety and the realities of Army life and deployments
- How parents and carers can support the application process
- Support and resources available to families
- Real experiences and testimonials from parents and carers
- A live Q&A with the Army Careers team



This webinar is an excellent opportunity to gain a better understanding of Army careers and to ask any questions you may have about supporting your young person's next steps.

Date: Thursday 1 October

Time: 5:30pm to 6:15pm

Cost: Free to attend

For further details and registration information: -

[Parent to parent: shared experiences on how the British Army funds university bursaries, paid internships, and apprenticeships: Unifrog Event](#)

BRITISH ARMY INSIGHTS: PARENT VOICES



OPEN EVENT

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](#)

Get your ticket below and we'll see you there!



QEGS **OPEN DAY**

Saturday
3rd October

9am - 12pm

QEGSblackburn.com/seniors

Build ^{your}
future



Welcome to QEGS Sixth Form - To start a new application, please register for a student account.

[Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School](#)

If you have any questions, please call Admissions on 01254 686300 or email us at sixth@qegsblackburn.com

YEAR 10 & 11

PRESTON
COLLEGE

OPEN EVENTS



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 - Saturday 7 November - 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

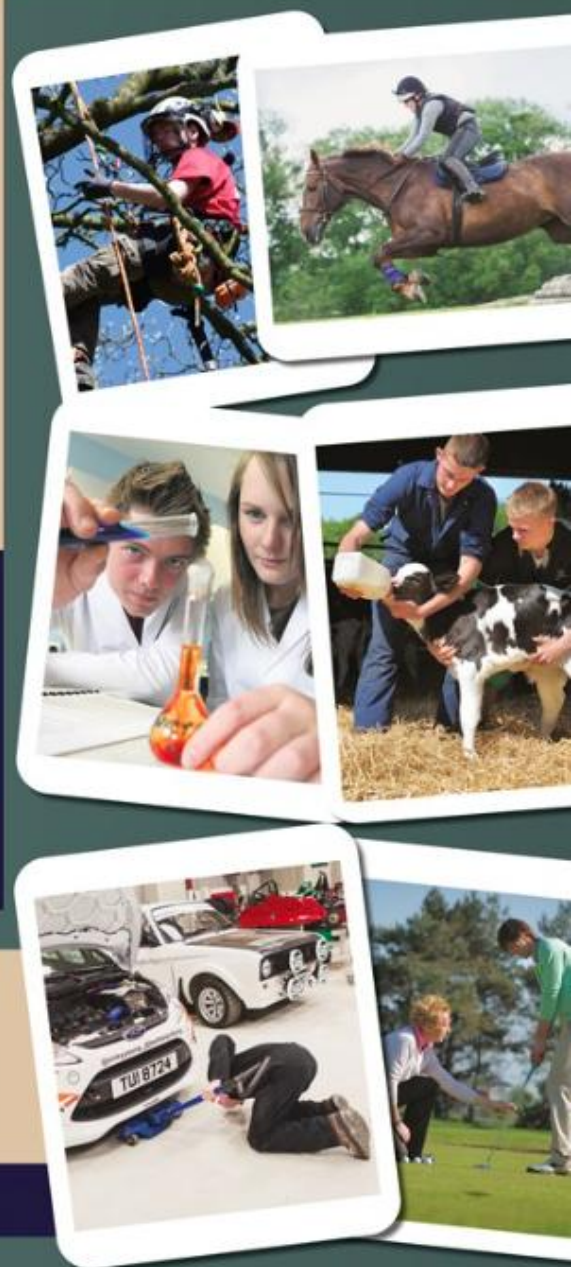
School Leavers |
University Degrees
| Apprenticeships

COURSE ADVICE MORNINGS

Saturday 3rd October
Saturday 21st November
From 10.00am

■ PRESTON ■ WARRINGTON
■ LIVERPOOL ■ MANCHESTER

The North West centre for land-based & sports education



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

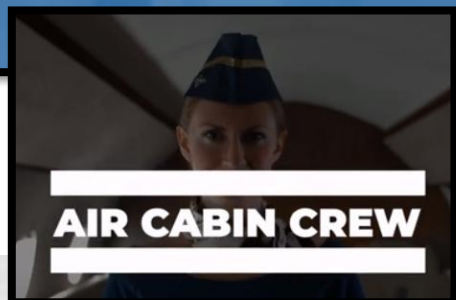
Apprenticeships can take between **8 months and 5 years** to complete, depending on the level, the apprenticeship standard and any relevant prior learning. Please visit: - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

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.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Air cabin crew help make sure that airline passengers have a comfortable, safe and pleasant flight.

ANNUAL SALARY

£15,000 to £30,000

Day to day tasks

Before a flight you could:

- Attend a staff meeting about the route and schedule
- Check supplies on the plane and make sure emergency equipment is working properly
- Greet passengers and check documents
- Demonstrate emergency equipment and procedures

During a flight, you might:

- Make sure passengers are comfortable and respond to any requests
- Serve food and drinks, and sell duty-free items
- Make announcements
- Reassure passengers in the event of an emergency, and make sure they follow safety procedures

At the end of a flight you'll often:

- Make sure passengers leave the plane safely
- Write a flight report, including details about any unusual incidents
- Add up and record food and drink orders, and duty-free sales

What skills are required?

- Customer service skills for working with passengers.
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations.
- To enjoy working with other people.
- Knowledge of public safety and security.
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure.
- Sensitivity and understanding for dealing with customers.
- A desire to help people and a friendly manner.
- The ability to work well with others.
- To be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device.

Career Path & Progression - With experience, you could progress to cabin crew supervisor or a senior air cabin crew role. You could also work in a ground-based job, like cabin crew training, recruitment, passenger services, marketing or sales.

Working Environment.

1. You may need to wear a uniform.
2. You could work on an aircraft.
3. Your working environment may be physically demanding and cramped.

Working Hours 30 to 40 a week

You could work - evenings / weekends / bank holidays; away from home.

Qualifications

You can get into this job through:

- a college course
- an apprenticeship
- applying directly

College

You could do a college course like a Level 2 Certificate or Diploma in Air Cabin Crew, or study a cabin crew module as part of a broader travel and tourism course.

Entry requirements

You may need:

2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A* to D), or equivalent, for a level 2 course

Apprenticeship

You could start by doing a cabin crew advanced apprenticeship. This will usually take 12 months to complete. You'll do on-the-job training and spend time with a college or training provider.

Entry requirements

You may need:

5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship.

[JOB OF THE WEEK EPISODE #050 - AIR CABIN CREW - YouTube](#)

[Careerpivot: Job sectors: Food & drink: Job profiles: Cabin crew](#)