



Longridge High School

Excellence and ambition from all, for all

Careers Information

Post-16 College Support for Year 11

The lunchtime drop-in sessions with local colleges have been well attended and have provided Year 11 pupils with valuable opportunities to discuss their post-16 options. Pupils have been able to speak directly with college staff, ask questions about courses and college life, and receive advice and guidance on the application process.

The following lunchtime drop-in sessions have taken place:

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

We are also hopeful that Blackburn College will be able to attend on Monday to provide further support and guidance to pupils as they consider their next steps.

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 provide an excellent opportunity to explore different colleges, speak with 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.

Year 10 Work Experience

All Year 10 pupils will take part in a week of Work Experience during the summer term. The dates for this year's programme are **24th to 28th May 2027**. Work Experience provides pupils with a valuable opportunity to experience the workplace firsthand, develop key employability skills, and gain a greater understanding of potential career pathways. It can help pupils make more informed decisions about their future education, training, and employment choices.

Work Experience placements are organised through our partner provider, **Education Business Partnership (EBP) NW**. All information relating to placements, parental consent and medical details is completed online, meaning there is no paperwork to return to school.

If your child already has a placement in mind, they can complete the self-placement form through the online platform. Please note that a copy of the employer's liability insurance must also be uploaded. We encourage pupils to start discussing and arranging placements as early as possible to ensure they have access to the widest possible range of opportunities.

To access the online system, pupils should log in using their name and date of birth. Please ensure that the name entered matches the name shown on the pupil letter, as this is the name linked to their account. If a different name or spelling is used, access to the system will not be possible.

Medical Information and Parental Consent

Medical information and parental consent must be completed online by **Friday 23rd October 2026**.

You do not need to wait until the deadline to complete this information, and we strongly encourage all parents/carers to do so as soon as possible.

Medical Information and Consent Link:

[Student Information](#) / [Work Placement Medical and Health Information](#) / [Automate](#)

Work Experience Placement

The deadline for securing and confirming a Work Experience placement is **Friday 11th December 2027**.

Self-Placement Link:

[Student Information](#) / [Work Experience - Self Placement Form](#) / [Automate](#)

Once placements have been approved, pupils and parents/carers will be able to access full placement details through the online system, including job descriptions, working hours and any relevant health and safety information.

This marks the beginning of the Work Experience process, and further information will be shared as placements are confirmed. If you have any questions or require support in securing a placement, please do not hesitate to contact **Mr Wright or Miss Lovatt via Synergy**.

Work Experience Online Forms. Please scan the relevant QR code(s) below to access and complete the required Work Experience forms.

Medical Information & Parental Consent	Self-Placement Form
Complete by Friday 23rd October 2026	Complete if your child has arranged their own placement. Placement deadline: Friday 11th December 2027 .
	





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.

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

[October College and Sixth Form Open Event](#)

[November College and Sixth Form Open Event](#)

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](#)

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](#)

LUSoM Maths Revise 2026

LUSoM Maths Revise is a 10-week online lecture programme designed to support the start of your Year 11 GCSE Maths revision.

Sessions will take place every Wednesday from 4:30pm to 5:30pm, starting on Wednesday 30th September and running until Wednesday 9th December, with no session during half term.

Before confirming your booking, please ensure that you are available to attend all sessions, as regular participation will help you gain the maximum benefit from the programme.

To book your place, please complete the online registration form:

[Book your place on LUSoM Maths Revise](#)



Myerscough
College & University Centre
EMPOWERING FUTURES

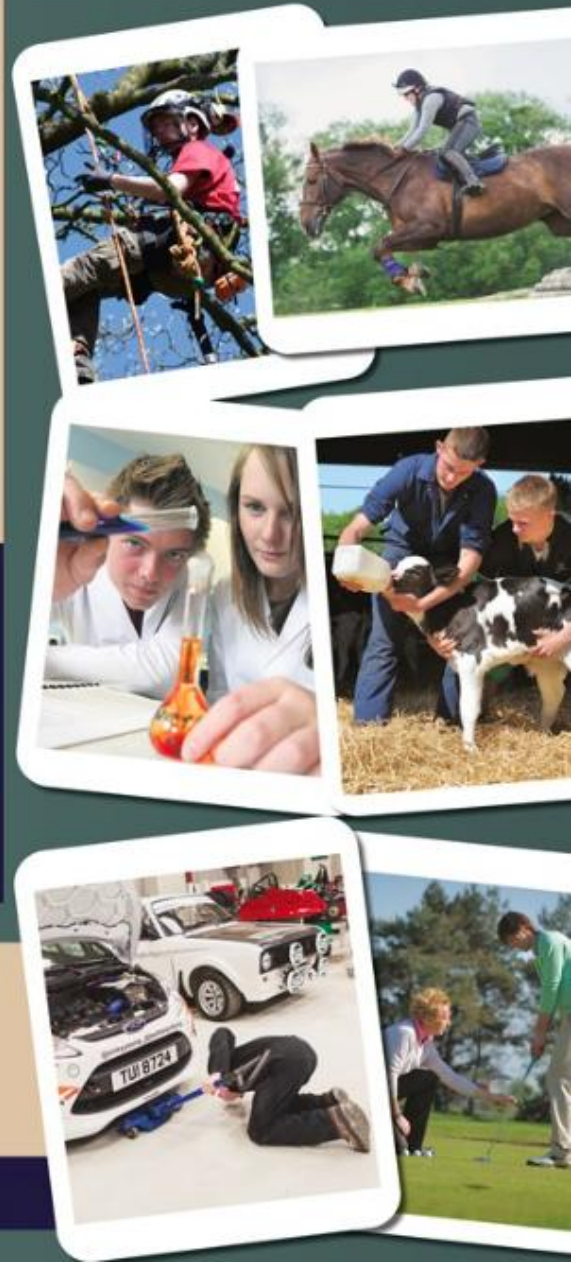
School Leavers |
University Degrees
| Apprenticeships

COURSE ADVICE MORNINGS

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!

[Course Advice Morning - Preston Centre NOV](#)



Department
for Transport

**Wednesday 14th
October @ 18:00**

A free, live, online event

Your Journey Into Transport

Your interests. Your skills. An unexpected route into transport.

Think a career in transport is all about trains, roads and engineering? Think again.

Today's transport industry needs people with a wide range of talents and interests, from artificial intelligence, data analysis and digital technology to marketing, sustainability, communications, project management and design. Whatever your strengths, there could be a place for you in shaping the future of how people and goods move around the country.

Join members of **Project ROUTE's Youth Advisory Group** as they lead an engaging and interactive session with **Nathan Hurdsfield, Head of Innovation at the Department for Transport**. Together, they'll explore real-world projects, discuss the skills employers are looking for, and explain how different subjects and qualifications can open doors to exciting opportunities across the sector.

Discover how innovation is transforming transport, from smart technologies and greener travel solutions to cutting-edge developments that will shape the future. Find out why transport is one of the UK's fastest-changing industries and how young people can play a vital role in creating a more sustainable world.

Get involved through live polls, hear first-hand experiences from young people on different education and career pathways, and ask your own questions about careers, university, apprenticeships and future opportunities.

You don't need to have your future mapped out. Just bring your curiosity, an open mind, and a willingness to explore careers you may never have considered before. You might just discover a pathway that's perfect for you.

Register now and discover your route... [Your Journey into Transport](#)



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

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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



BARBER

BARBER
Men's hairdresser.
Barbers cut, trim and style customers' hair, beards and moustaches.

ANNUAL SALARY

£15,000 to £25,000

You may be able to start work as a trainee barber in a barbershop and learn on the job. Your employer would expect you to take a part-time course to get qualifications, either at a college or in their own training school if they have one.

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Working Hours

- ❖ 37 to 40 a week
- ❖ You could work: evenings/weekends.

Skills and knowledge

You will need:

- + Customer service skills
- + To be thorough and pay attention to detail
- + Active listening skills
- + The ability to work well with your hands
- + Sensitivity and understanding
- + The ability to work well with others
- + The ability to work on your own
- + Excellent verbal communication skills
- + To be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

You will usually need:

2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A* to D), or equivalent, for a level 2 course.
4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, for a level 3 course.



As a barber, you might do the following as part of your daily routine:

- + Welcome customers and find out what they want
- + Give advice to customers on hairstyles and grooming
- + Cut and style hair
- + Shave, trim and shape beards and moustaches
- + Provide scalp, face and neck massages
- + Clean and sterilise equipment, like combs, razors and clippers
- + Take payments, keep records and make appointments
- + Keep up to date with new styles and techniques

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #02 - BARBER - YouTube](#)

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/barber>