



Longridge High School

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Careers Information

Message from Newman College.....

Our next open event for Year 11s and Year 10s is Saturday 15 November 10am – 1pm, please share this information to your pupils and parents. They are welcome to book online [Open Events - Cardinal Newman College](#)

Please see below, course details on two new Level 3 qualifications we are looking to run from September 2026. These are the equivalent to 1 A-Level and can be studied alongside two A-levels or a Diploma Btec as part of a mixed programme at Newman.

CARDINAL NEWMAN COLLEGE

CYBER SECURITY & NETWORKS

ADVANCED NATIONAL
(SINGLE A-LEVEL EQUIVALENT)

This qualification will give you a thorough understanding of cyber security threats and how networks operate, preparing you to progress to further study. It will also equip you with the practical skills to audit measures used on networks to protect against cyberattacks and demonstrate how these can be improved.

You will have the opportunity to demonstrate your capability in:

- assess for risks to networks, devices and applications and creating risk assessments
- explore the options, tools and techniques to tackle problems and use critical thinking skills to select the most appropriate solution
- audit the measures used to prevent cyberattacks
- design policies that control access to systems and educate users in cyberattack prevention

You will spend time outside of lessons learning about the latest cyber security threats and the measures used to prevent cyberattacks.

You will be assessed with two external exams and three internal coursework assessments over the course of two years.

Study with Computing: Application Development and/or IT Data Analytics

POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Network Administrator
- IT Support Specialist
- Cyber Security Analyst (Entry-Level)
- Security Operations Centre (SOC) Analyst

CARDINAL NEWMAN COLLEGE

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

ADVANCED NATIONAL
(SINGLE A-LEVEL EQUIVALENT)

This qualification will equip you with the confidence to use practical IT knowledge and skills relevant for future study in an IT role or a wide range of other career pathways. You will develop practical skills for gathering, storing, analysing and accessing data as well as visualisation and presentation.

You will develop skills in the advanced use of spreadsheets and databases, explore the Internet of Everything and work with digital marketing. Data is all around us in today's digital world and no matter your career path the ability to work effectively with IT tools to use data to guide a business will make you an invaluable asset to any organisation.

You will have the opportunity to demonstrate your capability in:

- planning, developing and reviewing spreadsheet data models that meet the needs of a client
- developing creativity through opportunities for planning creative solutions that meet the needs of different clients or end-users
- developing skills of project-based working in the internally assessed units You will be required to complete individual tasks that combine to form a larger project
- managing different aspects of a project effectively to ensure the success of the whole project

You will spend time outside of lessons learning how to use different software packages to create solutions to problems.

You will be assessed with two external exams and three internal coursework assessments over the course of two years

Study with Cyber Security & Networks and/or Computing: Application Development

POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Data Analyst
- Reporting Specialist
- Business Intelligence Analyst
- Junior Data Scientist

Newman College application is open and year 11s can now apply.

[Admissions - Cardinal Newman College](#)

Applications for starting September 2026 are now open [Online Application - Preston College](#). This summer saw the highest number of enrolments for several years meaning most courses had waiting lists over the enrolment period. Unfortunately, this resulted in several young people not being able to enrol. We are encouraging people to apply this year early, so they are fully in the system for if they do decide to take up the offer of a place.

Next open event information.

Saturday 8th November 10am - 2pm.

[Year 10 & 11 Open Event - Saturday 8 November - Preston College](#)

PRESTON
COLLEGE

YEAR 10 & 11

OPEN EVENTS



SCAN TO REGISTER

SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 10AM - 2PM
www.preston.ac.uk/fe-open-events

SEE FACILITIES MEET STUDENTS & STAFF EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

LUSoM Maths Revise

LUSoM Maths Revise is a 10-week lecture program designed to aid the start of your Year 11 GCSE Maths revision. The lectures will run online each Wednesday between 4:30pm and 5:30pm from October through to December. Please ensure you can attend before confirming your booking.

[LUSoM Maths Revise - Cardinal Newman College](#)

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.

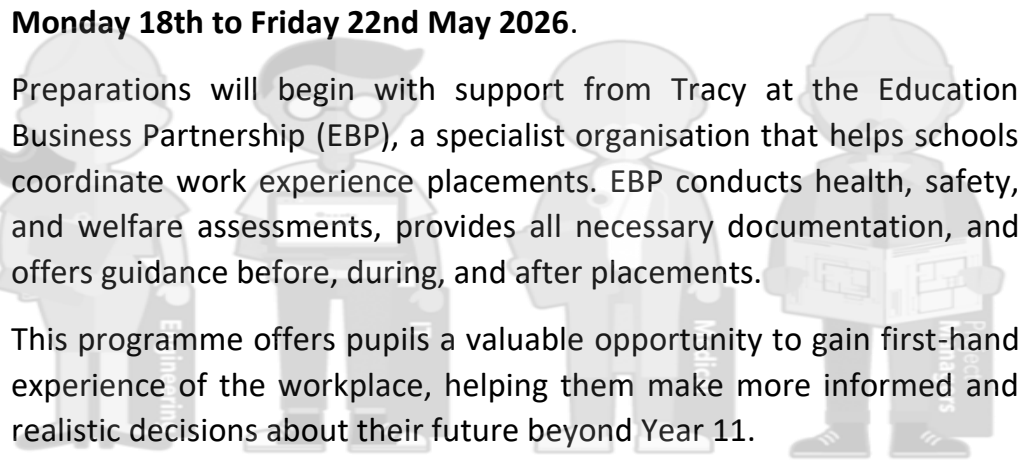


Longridge High School is pleased to confirm that all Year 10 pupils will take part in a Work Experience Programme from

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd 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.



All pupils should have received the following paperwork:

- LHS Work Experience letter
- Self-Placement Green Form
- Health Declaration Form

Dear Parents/Carers,
YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
All Year 10 pupils will participate in a week of Work Experience from 18th – 22nd May 2026. This programme gives pupils a more realistic and informed view of the world of work when leaving school in Year 11.
To allow pupils to participate in time, I have included deadlines in this letter. It is important that you have a clear idea of where they are going to work. Pupils must complete a Self-Placement form by filling in the prospectus and a signature from the prospectus by **Friday 27th March 2026**. A copy of the insurance is produced for the placement and cannot be accepted after the deadline. Please check all placements and check all placements are completed by a parent or carer.
Once all placements have been completed, I will detail the full job description of the workplace. This form will need to be visited by the child by **Friday 27th March 2026**. Work Experience starts on **Monday 18th May 2026**.
Please note if you or your child do not meet all the criteria requested in this letter, please do not request a placement. This fine is due to the necessary safety equipment and specialist equipment which is required for the placement.
This is just the start of the process. If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Yours sincerely,
Mr J. Wright
CEIAG Lead
www.lhs.lancs.sch.uk

WORK EXPERIENCE - SELF PLACEMENT FORM
Pupil/Parent/Carer - School will not accept this form without a copy of the relevant insurance(s)
THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION TO SCHOOL IS: **7th November 2025**
Employer Name & Placement Address
Pupil Name
Year Group: Year 10
Tutor Group: A1/G1/P1/D1/J1/B1/S1/J1/C1/G1/B1
Signed _____ Date / / Position in Company _____

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR EMPLOYER'S HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION TO THIS FORM - SHOULD THE PUPIL BE TRAVELLING IN A MOTOR VEHICLE, PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE RELEVANT MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE INFORMATION.
Please note that the pupil cannot join you without this information.
By providing your data to us you are instructing us to act as your Data Processor. We will carry out our work in relation to work placements and site visits with you and will hold your details with your instruction. We acknowledge our GDPR responsibilities and will not communicate the data to any other party unless instructed by you to do so, other than the schools/colleges and their pupils concerned or if you request it. Unless otherwise instructed, we will retain your data for a period either dictated to by law or by our discretion (usually no more than 7 years) or after you send us your details/completed a request, whichever is the sooner. All files will then be securely and confidentially destroyed. Our privacy notice is available online at www.lhs.lancs.sch.uk. Our ICO registration number is: 225835
Signed _____ Date / / Position in Company _____

If you need any help or assistance, please speak to: -


- Your Form Tutor.
- Mr Wright- CEIAG Lead.
- Mrs Kin -Head of Year 10.
- Miss Lovatt-Teaching Assistance/Careers.





> Are you aged 14-16?
 > Are you curious to learn what Virgin Media O2 is all about?
 > Are you passionate about STEM?

Virtual Work Experience Week
 27th - 30th October 2025



Apply now
 Click or scan the QR code to apply with code **VMO2C**

Application Form - [Virgin Media O2 Virtual Work Experience](#)

Any queries email - VirginmediaO2@school-outreach.com

Our four-day programme will immerse you in the world of telecoms, help boost your potential, and enhance your knowledge of Virgin Media O2 and our offerings.

You will hear from business leaders about what it's like to work in a dynamic industry, learn the latest developments in broadband, TV, fixed line, and mobile, and gain insight into our purpose: *"See What You Can Do!"*

Explore our graduate, industrial placement, and apprenticeship opportunities while working on a dynamic project that will help you earn **Bronze Industrial Cadets accreditation**.

Hear first-hand testimony and tips from graduates, interns, apprentices, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) ambassadors! Delve into the importance of hands-on problem-solving, critical thinking skills, and company and sector research.

Take control of your future and make a difference in the world around you.

Army Basic Training & Job Role Information Day

Date: Saturday, 25th October 2025

Location: Reserve Centre, Kimberley Barracks, Preston PR1 6PR

Time: Arrive anytime between 10:00 and 11:45

Who Can Attend:

- Students in Years 10, 11, or Further Education
- Family and friends are welcome

What to Expect

- **15-minute presentations** each hour on basic training



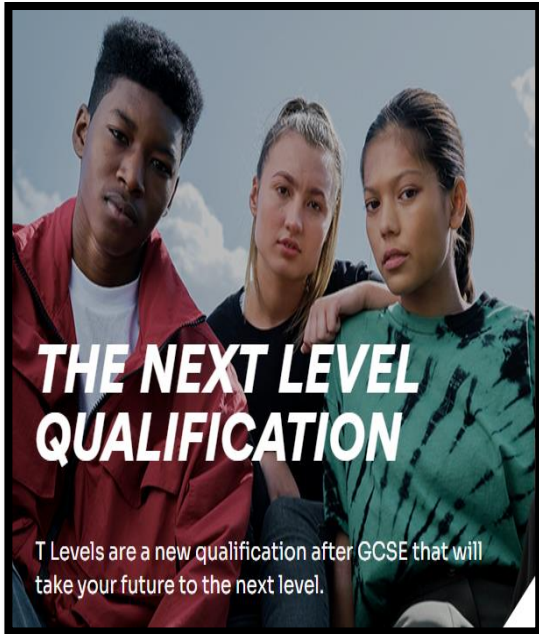
Booking & Contact

To book your place:

Call: 01772 203030

Interactive stands including:	CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear)
Map Reading	Personal Kit & Equipment
First Aid	Application Progress Check
Weapon Systems	RA (Royal Artillery) & RLC (Royal Logistic Corps) specialist recruiters

What are T Levels!!!!



- T Levels are new, two-year technical education courses that will follow GCSEs and will be equivalent to 3 A Levels.
- T Levels have been developed in collaboration with employers, so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work.
- T Levels will offer students a mixture of classroom learning (80%) and 'on-the-job' experience (20%) during an industry placement of a minimum of 315 hours, with an average of 350 hours (approx. 45 days)
- T Levels provide the knowledge and experience needed to open the door into skilled employment, further study or a higher apprenticeship

[T Levels for students | T Levels](#)
[T Level subjects | T Levels](#)
[Resources for parents | T Levels](#)

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 over 600 different apprenticeship standards covering everything from accountancy to zoo keeping, there is an apprenticeship out there 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 getting holiday pay
- + work alongside experienced staff
- + gain job-specific skills
- + get time for training and study related to your role (at least 20% of your normal working hours)

Apprenticeships take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on their level.

Please visit: - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>





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Women in Engineering Apprenticeship Insight Experience

Push the boundaries of technology and embrace the opportunity to start a purposeful career.

Thinking about applying for one of our apprenticeship programmes but you're not sure what to expect? Try one of our apprentice insight experiences. It gives you first-hand experience of what life at BAE Systems is really like. You'll meet our inclusive team and hear about their inspirational career journeys. And you'll get the chance to explore how you could help us to find new advances to secure the future for all.

Our path ahead needs bright minds like yours. With our apprenticeships, you'll have career confidence working for an organisation with a long-term and strategic presence in the market. You'll also get paid while you gain job-specific training and experience. Our employee networks, your team and your mentors will help you to develop connections and experience a fulfilling career. There are also plenty of opportunities for you to get involved in volunteering, so you'll be encouraged to make a difference outside of work too.

Our insight experience opportunities

Insight experience dates: 12 January 2026 to 6 February 2026

Application closing date: 10 November 2025

Overview

This apprenticeship insight event introduces BAE Systems, engineering and our early careers programmes. This is a hybrid event delivered over four sessions, with two sessions online and two sessions on-site at various locations across the UK.

What to expect:

- An insight into BAE Systems, who we are and what we do
- Gain hands on experience in engineering skills
- Visit us on site and see what life is like as an engineer
- Meet current engineering apprentices and hear about their experiences

As part of the insight experience, you will have the opportunity to interview for one of our 2026 engineering apprenticeships and could be offered a full-time position.

[Insight experiences in the United Kingdom | BAE Systems Careers](#)

Apprenticeships at bp

APPRENTICESHIP INSIGHTS &
APPLICATION MASTERCLASS



Thinking about life after school? Want to build a career that's exciting, global, and future-focused - without the student debt? Join us for this exclusive webinar to discover how a bp apprenticeship could be your first step into a world of opportunity. bp is one of the world's leading energy companies, our purpose is to deliver energy to the world, today and tomorrow. Through our paid, fully supported apprenticeship programmes, school leavers can kick-start careers in some of the most exciting fields out there.

Explore all of bp's school-leaver apprenticeship pathways in:

- Engineering – get hands-on with real energy solutions
- Digital – data, software, cyber security & innovation
- Science – lab-based roles that drive real change
- Business – think HR, finance, procurement & more
- Supply, Trading & Shipping – dive into fast-paced global markets

Meet the recruitment team — hear what makes a standout applicant

Details

Tue, Oct 21

6:30pm - 7:30 pm

Online event

[Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

Amazing Apprenticeships is a leading organisation in the education sector.

[Amazing Apprenticeships | Explore Technical Education & Apprenticeship](#)

[Resources - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)



For over a decade we have been working to tackle misconceptions about apprenticeships and technical education, promote their benefits, and push the boundaries of what the sector can do. Working with teachers, government and leading employers, we've already brought about a culture change in schools across England. And we're only just getting started.

[Step-by-step guide to applying](#)

Amazing
Apprenticeships

Your step-by-step guide to
**APPLYING FOR
AN APPRENTICESHIP**

Information and advice for every step of the application process

THALES |



Careers with Thales Say HI to new opportunities!

Join us to find out more - If you are considering your future career or thinking about school options we want you to start your journey with Thales, keep growing with us and ultimately build your story with us.

Wednesday 22nd October
12.00 - 12.45pm



Guest Speaker
James MacKay
Social Impact Outreach Manager



Register

[Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

HOWDEN |



How Can I Stand Out In An Apprenticeship Application Process?

Fast forward your apprenticeship application by joining our virtual application support series for students, teachers, parents and carers with leading insurance broker Howden.

Tuesday 21st October
5.00 - 5.30pm



Guest Speaker
Millie Mason,
Early Careers Delivery Partner



Register

[Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

JOB OF THE WEEK

INTELLIGENCE ANALYST

Starting salaries for the three agencies - GCHQ, MI5 and MI6 - are in the region of £25,000 to £35,000, plus benefits.

INTELLIGENCE ANALYST help keep the country secure by assessing and interpreting intelligence data. Your role as an intelligence analyst is to protect UK national security and economic wellbeing, as well as to detect and prevent serious organised crime, such as terrorist attacks, cybercrime and drug trafficking. You'll be involved in the acquisition, evaluation, analysis and assessment of secret intelligence.

Intelligence analysts, also known as officers, work primarily for the UK's three intelligence and security agencies (GCHQ, MI5 and MI6) and also the armed forces and the police.

As an intelligence analyst, you will need to:

- Build up intelligence pictures, identifying potential agents and targets. This is done through a range of sources, including signals intelligence (sigint) and human intelligence (humint)
- Collate and validate intelligence, evaluating the reliability of sources and credibility of information
- Use various analytical techniques to assess and interpret intelligence data
- Liaise and collaborate with colleagues (such as cryptanalysts, mathematicians and linguists) to gather further information, which may help to piece together the whole picture. This process can take weeks, months or years.
- Develop relationships with customers to understand their intelligence requirements
- Deliver information in formal reports or as presentations and desk-level briefings to customers in government, who include the ministry of defence (mod), the foreign, commonwealth & development office (fcdo), the home office, the national crime agency (nca) and hm revenue & customs (hmrc) among others
- Develop expertise in a specific area
- Observe strict non-disclosure rules about your work, the extent of which will vary depending on your employer.

Intelligence analysts work a typical 37-hour week although you may be expected to work extra hours at times of pressure or during crises.

Part-time working, job sharing and flexible working are all possible.

UK intelligence agencies seek to recruit analysts from many different educational and ethnic backgrounds in order to tackle the diverse range of threats from within and outside the UK.

This area of work is open to graduates of any degree discipline. Degree classification requirements vary between the agencies.

If you have language, IT or technology skills, you may be at an advantage, but all three agencies recruit linguistic and technology specialists separately.

You must be a British citizen and at least one parent must also be a British citizen, or be able to demonstrate considerable ties. Further nationality rules apply.

For more information speak to a Career Adviser or your local colleges.

The main employers of intelligence analysts in the UK are the three intelligence and security agencies:

- Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>
- Security Service (MI5) [Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure | CPNI](#)
- Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) [Home - National Crime Agency](#)

Career Path & Progression – Your first posting as an intelligence analyst is likely to be for a period of between 18 months and three years, and you can expect plenty of responsibility from an early stage. The agencies aim to identify people to work in specific areas from the skills, abilities and competencies identified during the recruitment process.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aP-hRm6MVq>

[Metallurgist job profile | Prospects.ac.uk](#)