



Longridge High School

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Careers Information

Year 11 Careers' Day – Wednesday 21st January

On Wednesday 21st January, we were delighted to host our Year 11 Careers' Day, an extremely successful and informative event designed to support pupils as they begin planning their next steps after Longridge High School.

We welcomed over 30 representatives from local colleges, businesses, training providers and apprenticeship organisations, all of whom generously gave up their time to speak to our pupils. Throughout the day, pupils had the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations about different career pathways, the skills employers are looking for, and the wide range of opportunities available to them after Year 11.

Our guests worked closely with pupils on key employability skills, including discussing the importance of a strong CV and encouraging pupils to reflect on their ambitions for the future. Pupils also took part in interview-style discussions, helping them to think about how they would prepare for job, college or university interviews later in their education.

In addition, pupils were able to ask questions about a variety of job sectors, allowing them to gain a valuable insight into the world of work and make more informed decisions about their future pathways.

Two interactive workshops were delivered during the day. The first focused on apprenticeships and was led by Preston College, providing pupils with a clearer understanding of how apprenticeships work and the benefits they can offer. The second workshop, *The Power of the Mind*, was delivered by the University of Lancashire and encouraged pupils to consider mindset, confidence and ambition when thinking about their future goals.

Our Year 11 pupils were a real credit to the school. They demonstrated maturity, enthusiasm and professionalism when interacting with our visitors, asking thoughtful and insightful questions. We are extremely proud of how they represented the school.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our guests who took the time to support our pupils and help make the day such a success.

More information and photographs from the event will be shared in the coming weeks' newsletters.

DEADLINE EXTENDED

Year 10 Work Experience Deadline has been Extended

Work Experience Update

The deadline for securing work experience placements has now been extended to Friday 30th January. This extra time is to support pupils who are still working to find a suitable placement. Please feel free to come and see Miss Lovatt if you are struggling with anything at all related to Work Experience—we're here to help!

Next Stage: Student Agreement Process

Once all placements have been confirmed, the next step will be completing the Student Agreement (Yellow) Form. This is an important document that ensures everyone understands the expectations and responsibilities during the work experience. **The Yellow Form will be issued at the end of January.**

Please look out for this, as it is a key requirement before the placement begins.

The Student Agreement will include:

- Full Job Description – outlining the tasks and responsibilities your child will undertake.
- Working Hours – including start and finish times, and any specific requirements.
- Health & Safety Information – highlighting any safety considerations relevant to the role.
- Workplace Code of Conduct – detailing the standards of behaviour expected in a professional environment.

The form must be signed by:

- Parent/Carer
- Student
- Employer

To obtain the employer's signature, your child will need to visit the workplace in person. This visit is a great opportunity to ask any questions and confirm details before the placement begins.

Thank you again for your continued support





Feb Open Event

Tue 3 Feb 2026
4.30pm - 7.30pm

[College & Sixth Form | Tuesday 3rd February | Open Event](#)




COME ALONG TO OUR APPRENTICESHIP OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2026
4:00PM-7:30PM

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our apprentices
are not required to
come to college,
our programmes
are delivered in the
workplace.*

**INFORMATION
CREATIVE
TECHNOLOGY
TASTER
WORKSHOP**

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**TUESDAY 17th FEBRUARY
9:30 - 12:30**

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in ICT

This will be a practical session based around Cyber Security

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email mpatel@preston.ac.uk

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**GAMES &
GRAPHICS
TASTER
WORKSHOP**

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**MONDAY 16th FEBRUARY
9:30 - 12:30**

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in Games & Graphics.

The session will be based around 3D modelling in Maya where you will be introduced to aspects such as building, texturing, lighting and rendering.

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**FILM &
PHOTOGRAPHY
TASTER
WORKSHOP**

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**MONDAY 16th FEBRUARY
9:30 - 12:30**

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in Media, Film & Photography.

The session will hands on and practical using industry standard software and equipment and is ideal for anybody looking for a career in TV, Film, Photography and Journalism.

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email lfenton@preston.ac.uk

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The workshops are of an exceptionally high standard and have been carefully designed to engage, inspire, and support a wide range of pupils with varying interests and abilities. They provide meaningful enrichment opportunities that enhance learning beyond the classroom, helping pupils to develop confidence, creativity, and essential skills in an enjoyable and supportive environment.

As the workshops take place during the half-term break, there is no disruption whatsoever to the regular curriculum or teaching timetable. This makes them an accessible and convenient option, offering high-quality educational provision without placing additional pressure on lesson time.

Full contact details for each workshop can be found on the corresponding flyer above. We strongly encourage interested parties to get in touch using the relevant email address to discuss availability, suitability, and booking options.



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We're excited to announce that BAE Systems Air Apprenticeships are now open for applications!

All role details, application guidance, and entry requirements can be found on our website via this link:


[Job Search | BAE Systems](#)

Take the time to explore—there are plenty of opportunities available. Here are just a few examples to get you started:

 SAMLESBURY, UK


Degree Apprentice Aerospace Engineering

Description Job title: Degree Apprentice Aerospace Engineer Location: Samlesbury and Warton Salary: Starting from...

 SAMLESBURY, UK


Advanced Apprentice Manufacturing Engineering

Description Job title: Advanced Apprentice Manufacturing Engineer Location: Samlesbury and Warton Salary: Starting from...

 SAMLESBURY, UK


Degree Apprentice Project Control

Description Job title: Project Control Degree Apprentice Location: Samlesbury and Warton Salary: Starting from £23,748 with annual...

 SAMLESBURY, UK


Degree Apprentice Integrated Project Management

Description Job title: Integrated Project Management Degree Apprentice Location: Samlesbury and Warton ...

 SAMLESBURY, UK

Degree Apprentice Digital Technology Solutions – Business Analyst

Description Job title: Degree Apprentice Digital and Technology Solutions – Business Analyst Location: Samlesbury and Warton Salary: Starting...

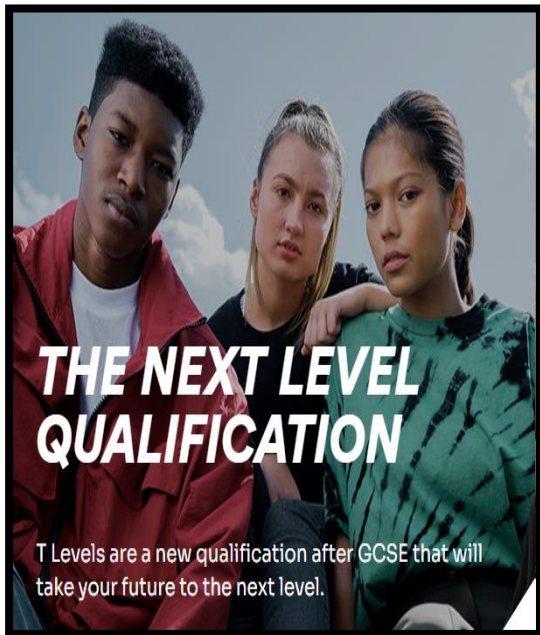
 SAMLESBURY, UK

Higher Apprentice Manufacturing Engineering Technician

Description Job title: Higher Manufacturing Engineering Technician Apprentice Location: Samlesbury and Warton Salary: Starting...

Start your journey today and discover where a career with BAE Systems can take you!

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

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>



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](#)

JOB OF THE WEEK

JEWELLERY DESIGNER

ANNUAL SALARY

VARIABLE

Jewellery designer-maker plan and create jewellery, silverware and other decorative products.

In your day-to-day duties you could:

- Discuss a design brief with your client
- Produce designs by hand or using cad software
- Make up models of jewellery for mass production
- Source gemstones, precious metals and other jewellery parts
- Use equipment like jewellery saws and soldering irons
- Cut, polish and set gemstones or other materials
- Use different metals in your jewellery making like silver, gold or palladium
- Use materials like polymer clays, resins, wood or glass
- Market and sell your work, if self-employed

What skills are required?

- The ability to work well with your hands
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail
- Customer service skills
- The ability to come up with new ways of doing things
- Analytical thinking skills
- Design skills and knowledge
- The ability to use your initiative
- Ambition and a desire to succeed
- Physical skills like movement, coordination, dexterity and grace
- To be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

Career Path & Progression

You could become self-employed and sell your designs to manufacturers or directly to clients. Or you could make up the designs and sell them yourself through galleries, in shops and online

[JOB OF THE WEEK EPISODE #035 - JEWELLERY DESIGNER - YouTube](#)

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/job-sectors/arts-crafts/job-profile/jewellery-designer-maker>

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

Working Environment.

You could work in a creative studio, from home, in a workshop or in a factory

Working Hours

- ❖ 40 to 42 variable
- ❖ You could work: weekends; as customers demand

You can get into this job through:

- a university course
- a college course
- an apprenticeship
- specialist courses run by a professional body

College - You can do short courses in specific types of jewellery making at college, or through a private course provider like a jewellery studio or workshop. Short courses vary in content and entrance requirements so it's worth checking carefully to make sure they cover what you need. You could also do a T Level in Craft and Design.

You will usually need:

4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths for a T level

University - You can do a foundation degree, higher national diploma or degree in:

- Jewellery design
- Jewellery and metal design
- 3d design crafts
- Art and design

You will usually need:

a foundation diploma in art and design
1 or 2 A levels, or equivalent, for a foundation degree or higher national diploma
2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree
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Career tips - Jewellery design is very competitive and not all vacancies are advertised. You may find it useful to make contacts within the industry to help find work. You could do this by going to trade fairs and exhibitions or joining online craft forums.