

APPRENTICES CAREERS ENTITLEMENT

Weston College is committed to ensuring that high quality, timely, accurate and impartial Careers Education, Information Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) is provided to all students and apprentices to help them make informed decisions about their next steps.

The below provides a detailed overview of the five core components of what Weston College apprentices are entitled to in terms of impartial careers information, advice and guidance:

1) ACCESS TO IMPARTIAL, HIGHLY QUALIFIED CAREERS ADVISORS

The opportunity for one-to-one guidance meetings with a Careers Adviser, that are impartial, confidential and up to date. Apprentices can book an appointment themselves or assessors can do so on their behalf. Appointments are available virtually and scheduled at the apprentice's request to fit around their work-based commitments (appointments can be conducted outside of office hours on request).

2) ONLINE CAREERS PLATFORM

Access to the careers advice team's Sharepoint site that can be found via Smart Assessor or by scanning the below QR code. The site includes:

- Comprehensive careers resources, presentations and websites to help apprentices explore and Evaluate career-related opportunities and decisions.
- o A bespoke section for apprentices which will contain useful resources and information.
- o Finding your career goals and thinking about what influences your career.
- o A regular Careers bulletin, plus much more!

3) CROSS-COLLEGE CAREERS ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Opportunity to engage in our whole college careers themed month called My Futures Month. This will include various virtual careers IAG sessions with employers, universities, as well as our in-person careers convention, CareersFest, which is open to all college students and apprentices. Apprentices will also be invited to all careers-related information evenings such our Higher Education Parent Information Evening which is delivered twice a year and covers all aspects of researching and applying for higher education including student finance and degree apprenticeships.

4) CAREERS E-MODULES

Level 2 and Level 3 apprentices can access a condensed version of the College's careers tutorial programme that gives them access to certain e-modules that are relevant for apprentices. These are either delivered by assessors with apprentices during their reviews or set as independent learning as part of the wider 'My ID' personal development programme.

5) LINKEDIN LEARNING

As a Microsoft College all students and apprentices are given FREE premium access to LinkedIn Learning. LinkedIn Learning is an online educational platform that helps individuals discover and develop business, technology-related, and creative skills through expert-led course videos.

Apprentices can access the entire learning library of content, post completed courses to their LinkedIn profile, and develop knowledge and skills required to progress and secure a permanent role within their chosen industry. Examples include personal branding, unconscious bias, learning to be promotable, communication with confidence plus many more.

For further information on all aspects of our careers service scan the QR code.



