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Careers at Aquinas NEWSLETTER

Summer term edition

For parents and carers of first year Aquinas students

Have a great summer!

We hope all of our students have had a great year at Aquinas and are feeling optimistic and confident about making good career choices. Over the summer break, you may wish to contact us through our Careers email if you have any careers-related issues. Summertime is a great opportunity for any students to make the most of their time to help make better career choices. There could be useful career-related activities to consider ranging from gaining relevant work experience, paid work, voluntary or preparing to apply for university or apprenticeship schemes. We have resources available through our careers moodle website, which is located on the College main website. We also regularly post through our social media pages. Please get involved and contact the team if you have any questions!

Twitter: [@Aquinascareers]

Facebook: [Careers at Aquinas group]

Email: [Careers@Aquinas.ac.uk]

Careers day 29th June

This year we held a special careers-related day where students could find out more about different career opportunities. Students were taken off timetable to attend up to six talks to help make better career choices. Our guests were able to provide students with a real insight into their working life and what to expect from different career opportunities.

Former students were also invited in as guest speakers to talk to students about their opportunities since completing Aquinas and how the College has helped them progress into various positions. Guest speakers gave an insight into different areas of work including the Civil Service, the legal professions, healthcare, finance and teaching. Students were able to attend talks which helped them think about different career routes involving going to university, apprenticeships and ways to gain work experience opportunity through CV writing and personal statement sessions.

University open days

Universities have already started to run their open days for prospective undergraduate students. Attending multiple University open days can help decide whether going to university is the right option as well as which institutions to apply for. Students can apply for up to five Universities for one Degree course. Most Universities will want you to register for their events beforehand and this can usually be completed quickly through their websites. For more information regarding University open days please use the links below:

UCAS Open days - https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/find-course/events-and-open-days

Opendays.com - https://www.opendays.com/

Which? University guide articles which provides hints and tips to make the most out of the day and top questions to ask:

https://university.which.co.uk/advice/open-days/how-to-get-the-most-out-of-university-open-days

https://university.which.co.uk/advice/open-days/top-questions-to-ask-at-a-university-open-day

Apprenticeship opportunities

Over the past year we have encouraged students to think about all of their possible career options following completing their courses. We have promoted a wide range of possible apprenticeship opportunities through our career events, lunchtime sessions and the tutorial programme. Apprenticeship vacancies are ongoing throughout the year, however some organisations may want students to apply for an apprenticeship starting in September 2018 as early as September 2017! Students can apply for a range of apprenticeship opportunities and may be interested to find out more about higher and degree apprenticeship opportunities.

Apprenticeship options – please click on the links

Find an apprenticeship website

MMU Degree Apprenticeships

Student Ladder School Leaver Programmes

UCAS Higher/Degree Apprenticeship information and vacancies

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