

Special edition for the Careers'After Aquinas event

Hi and welcome to our After Aquinas event!

We hope you will find tonight very useful in supporting your son/daughter in making informed career choices. We have a variety of guests from popular Universities across the UK, apprenticeship providers and employers who can help our students making a positive informed decision. There will also be gap year organisations attending the event. Our special talks based across the College should give you the confidence to understand the amazing possibilities after Aquinas. Please keep in touch and let us know if we could offer further support to you!

Careers at Aquinas update

This term we have been focused on making good career choices.

Our students should now be aware of their 'Career Plan' on MyAquinas. On their account, students are able to plan their next steps by selecting the appropriate route and areas of interest.

Each option should include additional relevant internet websites to support further research in or outside of College.

For more information please contact:

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What's on in the College? Events, speakers and looking ahead

UNIFROG

Every student has been introduced to our fantastic resource called Unifrog! This online tool helps find the best University courses and apprenticeship/ School leaver programmes. Students have been using Unifrog to record their current employability skills to be used when they will write a Personal Statement or application in the near future. The program suggests five employability skills such as evidencing teamwork or analytical abilities by evidencing through different scenarios. Students should get in touch with Careers if they need help completing their own competencies skills. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with Careers if you would like further information!



UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

University Open Days are a time to assess the importance of a Graduate Degree and to judge if they can provide positive opportunities and experiences. We encourage students in the Summer Term to attend these open days. For more information about University Open days get in touch with individual Universities or alternatively, visit www.opendays.com for a calendar of University events.



UNIVERSITY FINANCE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

University finance has changed over the past few years. Previously eligible students could receive a maintenance grant through the student finance England system. This would mean students could receive funds that did not contribute to their overall student maintenance loan and therefore did not have to pay it back. This support has disappeared and instead, the amount of maintenance loan students could potentially receive has increased. Universities are still offering their own scholarships and bursaries. Some may offer a greater sum based on academic grades or as an incentive for students to apply for their courses. For more information please visit The Student Finance Zone section of the Student Room website. Also be mindful of the recent increase to student tuition as the maximum universities could charge per year has changed from £9,000 to £9,250.



LEEDS ACCESS PROGRAMME

If your son or daughter is interested in applying to The University of Leeds, they may be eligible for their Access to Leeds scheme! Students could receive special consideration from admission tutors, get an alternative offer to a University course (2 grades lower than the standard offer and potentially receive University tuition before the start of the course. Students can apply during the beginning of their second year and there will be a talk in College nearer the time. To see their eligibility criteria, please check the University of Leeds website or follow their Twitter page @accesstoleeds.



APPRENTICESHIP, SCHOOL/COLLEGE LEAVER PROGRAMMES. DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP

Modern Apprenticeships are coming through at a phenomenal rate! There are currently 1,500 job roles in more than 170 industries and future opportunities will only increase as the Government aims to achieve 3 million apprenticeships by 2020. Some of the larger companies are offering School or College leaver programmes and Higher Apprenticeships are set to rise as more companies wish to invest in young people and create an alternative to University. Degree apprenticeships are still a fairly new concept and could be a compromise to the traditional University Degree. It offers the chance for students to be in employment whilst gaining a Degree. Currently Manchester Metropolitan University offers Degree Apprenticeships in Business Management and Digital and Technology Solutions. For more information please check out their website - www.mmu.ac.uk/apprenticeships.



NEXT UP ON THE CALENDAR?

Careers day is happening on the 29th June and will be a great opportunity to speak to employers from a wide range of different sectors. We encourage all students to try and gain relevant work experience in a career area they are considering. Every student can receive support from the Aquinas Careers Team!



COULD YOU INSPIRE OUR STUDENTS?

Could you help our students gain an insight into different employment opportunities. If you think you would be interested and could inspire our students please get in touch through our email: Careers@Aquinas.ac.uk or phone: 0161 483 3237

Please email careers@aquinas.ac.uk or ring the College number if you have any thoughts and ideas to help us develop your newsletter.