

Autumn  
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For  
Parents  
and Carers

Welcome to our Careers newsletter for Parents and Carers! This is our autumn term edition which will be one of three termly newsletters available for the families of Aquinas students to support them in making informed choices. If you would like more information, please email the Aquinas Careers team on [Careers@Aquinas.ac.uk](mailto:Careers@Aquinas.ac.uk)

#### Students accessing careers support

The Aquinas Careers team is located on the ground floor of the Learning Centre, opposite Student Information Services. We can provide on the spot support through a quick query or students can book in for a longer careers appointment. Students are encouraged to use careers resources as a starting off point to help them develop their career ideas. If students have no idea yet what they could do, they can register on the Start Profile Website to complete a careers-related questionnaire. The results match students up with their answers and related job opportunities.

To access the Start website -  
<https://www.startprofile.com/>



Students can also access the Unifrog website. The College has bought a subscription for all students to use inside or outside of college. Unifrog is an insightful careers resource, as amongst other features, it helps students to thoroughly research university courses and apprenticeship opportunities. To Access Unifrog -  
<https://www.unifrog.org/student>



#### Manchester Access Programme

The Manchester Access Programme is an opportunity for first year students to complete a university led enrichment to support development of important university skills. If eligible, students could also benefit from the opportunity to gain an entry requirement which could result in a lower offer. For more information about the programme and for the eligibility criteria, please access their website -  
<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/aspiring-students/map/>

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### **Tomorrow's Teachers**

For the third year now we have run the "Tomorrows' Teachers" enrichment programme. 25 prospective future teachers have found out about the profession. Edge Hill University have delivered three sessions looking at managing behaviour in the classroom, lesson planning, qualities and skills required to be a good teacher and routes into teaching. They have also been informed about issues surrounding safe guarding and digital literacy.

The programme is part of our Inspiring Careers programme which includes Tomorrow's Engineers - to start in January, and Tomorrow's Media Professionals - to start in April.

### **Work Experience**

The week commencing 1st July 2019 is the college's work experience week. It is an opportunity for students to gain some experience in the work place, from either a half day visit, to shadowing someone for a day, to a whole week - whatever option the student can obtain. This is particularly important for vocational careers such as teaching and medicine but all students can benefit from a positive experience. The college does receive a few placements which will be advertised in the bulletin. Some of the large organisations such as PwC, EY and KPMG often advertise work placement opportunities.

### **Apprenticeship Store Visits**

We have arranged with Stockport Council for all students to visit The Apprenticeship Store during their 10:10 session on a rota basis until December. The purpose of the visit is for students to find out more about the variety of degree and higher level apprenticeships available starting from June 2019. We encourage all students to attend so they are making an informed decision about their future after Aquinas College.

### **The Vision Programme**

Upper Sixth students who are still unsure about what they want to do after Aquinas have the opportunity to attend The Vision Programme delivered by the careers advisers at College. This involves a 1 hour session, each week for four weeks, starting in November. The programme is to help students acquire the skills to research opportunities available to them in order make an informed decision about their next step.



### **Career Ready**

An opportunity for lower sixth students to receive guidance on getting them ready for work or giving them confidence to attend university. The programme involves an introductory presentation from the charitable organisation Career Ready followed by six masterclasses delivered by local employers. These sessions cover topics such as required skills in the work place, interview skills, assessment centres and networking as well as good communication skills. The final session will involve a work placement visit. The seven sessions of the programme will run from November until June.