

# AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Aquinas would like to ensure as much support for your child as possible and I would like to make you aware of some of the exciting programmes and events that will take place this year. It may seem like it's very early to be thinking about leaving Aquinas, but it is never too early for your child to start developing the skills and characteristics that will be needed throughout a prosperous career. Therefore, we will offer the students a range of information, advice and guidance about what they can be doing from now to support the choices that they will have to make.

We have a high calibre of careers staff at Aquinas, all three careers advisers hold level 6 or level 7 (masters' level) qualifications in career coaching and / or guidance and are highly experienced. Aquinas also has careers specialists in the learning resource centre and in each curriculum area. This means that we are in an excellent position to help your child to develop their individual career management skills - skills which are absolutely crucial to making career decisions. Students are welcome to arrange a careers appointment with John Morrison - Careers Manager, Louise Wilson - Careers adviser and Marina Bowden - Careers adviser. Students can also access information about careers (education, apprenticeship and employment options) through Teresa Turnbull - our careers librarian who specialises in creating and maintaining our substantive careers library.

## Learn More about Career Management Skills

To find out how career management skills help make well informed career choices, please click my world of work.

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/career-management-skills-and-how-they-can-help-you>

## Arranging Careers Appointments

Students can arrange appointments themselves by dropping by the careers desk (located in student services) and they could also be referred by their tutor, senior tutor or other members of staff.



Appointments are available with John, Louise or Marina. Monday - Thursday 8am - 4:30pm and Friday 8am - 4:00pm

If parents wish to ask any questions or make an appointment (with their child), please send an email to [careers@aquinas.ac.uk](mailto:careers@aquinas.ac.uk)

Even though we believe that careers appointments can make a positive difference to your child's career, we will never insist that your child makes an appointment. Making a careers appointment is completely up to your child.

**We offer a range of information advice and guidance to students which can help them with areas including the following:**

- **Information, Advice and Guidance.**
- **Career pathway information.**
- **Information about University, apprenticeships, training, employment, BTECs or A-levels, HND's or HNC's**
- **1 to 1 careers discussions.**
- **Future planning (short and long term).**
- **Information and advice around how to find and arrange work placements.**
- **Guidance on how to identify talents, skills and personal qualities.**
- **Advice on how to apply talents, skills and personal qualities in a career.**
- **Information and advice about how to develop a professional network.**
- **Information about studying abroad.**
- **Information about gap years.**
- **Access to personal statement, CV, and application templates.**
- **Bespoke careers assemblies, lessons, tutorials and enrichment sessions.**

## Exploring Careers

**The National Careers Service**

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk>

**Prospects**

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk>

**icould**

<https://icould.com>





Please find below some of our important dates to remember. Other dates will be coming soon!

Date	Time	Location	Event	Parents?
11/12/19 & 12/12/19	5:30pm - 8:30pm	Aquinas	Upper 6 Consultation Evening	Yes (U6 Parents)
08/01/20 - 12/02/20 (weekly)	2:40pm - 3:50pm	Aquinas	Tomorrows Engineers (6 week programme of events for aspiring L6 Engineers)	No
14/01/20	9am - 12pm	Aquinas	Fast Track Event (Accountancy)	No
16/01/20	TBC	Aquinas	Assessment Centre	No
21/01/20	9am - 12pm	Aquinas	Fast Track Event (Business)	No
03/02/20 - 07/02/20	All Day & All Week	Various Locations	National Apprenticeship Week (range of assemblies, events, talks, workshops)	No
02/03/20 - 07/03/20	All Day & All Week	Various Locations	National Careers Week (range of assemblies, events, talks, workshops)	No
03/03/20	6pm - 7pm	Lecture Theatre	Degree Apprenticeship Career Evening	Yes (U6 & L6)
26/03/20	4pm - 8pm	Main Corridor (Ground Floor)	After Aquinas Event	Yes
18/03/20 & 19/03/20	5:30pm - 8:30pm	Aquinas	Lower 6 Consultation Evening	Yes (L6 parents)
17/06/20	9am - 3pm	Aquinas	Careers Day	No

We will look forward to meeting you at our fantastic events and we ask you to encourage your child to attend as many events as possible, as they designed to support them. Furthermore, there is a wide variety of subject specific careers information sessions, workshops, project based learning, industry expert talks, trips, specialist evenings, presentations, enrichments, links to labour market information and displays across the college. This means that no matter the subject, your child will be able to attend a range of activities and programmes designed to support them in their careers.



If parents are invited to any of the departmental events (such as the Careers Evening in Law event that took place in September), the individual department will let you know.

Thank you for reading our newsletter. Hopefully you have found it useful.

If you have any questions or would like clarification on anything, please do not hesitate to contact the careers team via [careers@aquinas.ac.uk](mailto:careers@aquinas.ac.uk).

If there is anything else that you think your child needs to help them transition past Aquinas, please send your thoughts, ideas and queries to [careers@aquinas.ac.uk](mailto:careers@aquinas.ac.uk).

We are always interested in the views and opinions of parents of young people at Aquinas. Parent feedback is essential to helping the careers team to shape provision and ensuring that all young people at Aquinas make successful transitions.

**Yours faithfully,**  
Miss Marina Bowden  
Careers Adviser

# INFORMATION LINKS

## Part Time Work & Volunteering Opportunities

### Indeed

(<https://www.indeed.co.uk/?from=gnav-homepage>)

### Employment for students

(<https://www.e4s.co.uk/jobs/stockport.htm>)

### Careermap

(<https://careermap.co.uk/>)

The above 3 links are to websites that your child can search for part time jobs in Stockport. Voluntary work can also be a great way to practice and develop new skills as well as making a contribution to the community.

## Work Experience Week

All Lower 6 students are expected to find and take part in a work placement during their time at Aquinas.

Here is a link to applying for a work placement at **Pinsent Masons**  
(<https://graduate.pinsentmasons.com/your-route-international-law/work-experience/united-kingdom/>)

## Finding an Apprenticeship

### Apprenticeships – Gov.uk

The government's website to showcase information about apprenticeships and search for them.  
(<https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships>)

### Get In Go Far

Government run but much more colourful than apprenticeships.gov.uk.  
<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/> - Information about apprenticeships

### Careermap

(<https://careermap.co.uk/>)

## Finding Universities

### UCAS

All students can explore universities and courses with up to date information.

(<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate>)

### Unifrog

All students can explore universities, apprenticeships and access a huge range of resources to help submit a strong application. All Aquinas students have access by using their AQ email address (e.g. AQ123456@aquinas.ac.uk). Their password is as they set it. If there are any issues you can ask for a password reset on Unifrog.  
(<https://www.unifrog.org/>)

## University Access Programmes



**Please be aware that deadlines are imminent for these programmes.**

University access programmes are designed to support young people into university. Each programme has a different entry criteria, so please check them out!

### Manchester Access Programme

(<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/aspiring-students/map/>)

### Manchester Metropolitan University First Generation Scheme

(<https://www2.mmu.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/first-generation/>)

### Aspiring Professionals Programme

(<https://www.socialmobility.org.uk/programmes/>)

