



## **Careers Bulletin March 2024**

Welcome to the half termly Blatchington Mill Careers Bulletin. The aim of the publication is to keep you informed about what is happening at Blatch, as well as opportunities that are available for both parents/carers and students.

If you have any queries, ideas or need general information in regard to futures and/or careers, please contact us using the email address here:

[careers@blatchingtonmill.org.uk](mailto:careers@blatchingtonmill.org.uk)

### **Opportunities available**

#### **Year 11 National Citizen Service**

National Citizen Service (NCS) has a fantastic opportunity for students in **Year 11**.

#### **What are the benefits?**

- It's only £95 for the entire programme, including transport and food (bursaries are available)
- NCS enhances students CVs
- NCS enhances their college applications
- NCS is recognised by UCAS and will benefit their personal statements
- NCS improves confidence and offers skills essential for starting work
- Your teen can gain brand new skills and become more independent
- NCS allows your teen to volunteer to help worthy causes
- Allows them the chance to stay away from home

It's an exciting opportunity and not one to be missed. Students can only do it whilst they are 16 or 17, so if they're looking for a new challenge or a chance to get out the house and make a difference, visit [wearencs.com](http://wearencs.com) and register today, places are limited.

## Apprenticeships

National Apprenticeship Week was the 5th - 11th February 2024. Many parents aren't sure why apprenticeships could be a first rate career path for their teens.

Below is a link to a free guide explaining why apprenticeships can be the best option for some students, either after GCSE or sixth form. The guide covers all the points below and many more.

1. the different types of apprenticeship levels
2. what qualifications are on offer
3. where they can lead
4. what types of students they suit
5. how to find one
6. the application process, and
7. a dedication section on degree apprenticeships

Download your free copy of [The Parents' Guide to National Apprenticeship Week 2024](#) here



## **Steve Willis Apprenticeship Webinar**

Later this month Steve Willis, will be hosting some Webinars about the Apprenticeships that they are offering this year.

These webinars are primarily targeted at year 10 and 11 students who are beginning to think about what they would like to do after their GCSE's.

If any of your sons or daughters may be interested in pursuing a career in the **gas or electrical industry**, then their Apprenticeship Webinar is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the apprenticeship program and the industry as a whole.

The apprenticeship webinar will help give learners an overview of the course content and what they can expect if they choose to start an apprenticeship.

If any learners, parents or carers are interested in attending, please fill out the form below.

## **[Steve Willis apprenticeship webinar](#)**



## **National Careers Week**

It's National Careers Week 4-11 March 2024!

Download your free copy of The Parents' Guide to National Careers Week, created in partnership with National Careers Week, outlining all vocational options after GCSE and sixth form/college - [you can download your copy here](#).

# Free Career Tasters for Students

*Online workshops dedicated to giving students a snapshot of their future career*



InvestIN's student event series is designed to give students aged 12-18 a snapshot of what it's like to work in their dream profession. Events are run by leading experts and are free to attend.

## Career Taster Schedule

Not sure which webinar to choose? Signing up to multiple webinars is a great way for students to explore different careers and find out where their interests lie!

12th March – 6pm

[Breaking into Creative Arts](#)

[Breaking into Psychology](#)

13th March – 6pm

[Breaking into Engineering](#)

[Breaking into Law](#)

14th March – 6pm

[Breaking into Medicine](#)

[Breaking into Banking](#)

All webinars will take place online via Zoom

## **Job of the month - Landscape Gardener**



Landscape Gardeners create, develop and maintain gardens and open spaces using either their own design or one supplied by a landscape architect or customer. People who are looking to become a landscape gardener may be working on timber construction, walls, water features, paving, varying levels, turf and planting.

The individual will need excellent customer service skills, working well with others and with your hands. They will need to work from garden plans, preparing the ground or interior space. They will have to plant shrubs and prune trees.

### **KEY SKILLS**

Enjoy the outdoors

Have great attention to detail

Have an interest in Horticulture

Have a good level of physical fitness & strength

Are creative

**Salary** - Entry level - £16,000 rising to £30,000 plus



## Wakehurst Art Competition

East Sussex College is hosting in collaboration with Wakehurst Place, Southern Rail and Grove Garden a FREE art competition. Please see the poster below for details.



The poster features a vibrant green background with abstract brushstrokes and a large, stylized yellow flower with a spiral center and dark green leaves on the right side. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout.

# Spring into Community Art Competition

**Spring into Community Art Competition: a celebration of the connections between nature, community and the season of spring.**

We are inviting artists of all ages to explore and celebrate their connection with the natural world, their community and the season of spring by submitting a painting, drawing, photograph, lino cut, collage, print or any other 2D artwork that expresses how they feel about this topic.

**Submission:**  
Submit your artwork using the QR code.

**Prizes:**  
Exciting prizes include free entry to Wakehurst, train tickets to London, and the opportunity to exhibit your work at Wakehurst and in train station waiting rooms across Sussex.

**Size requirements:**  
Artworks should be between A4 (210 × 297mm) and A2 (420 × 594mm) in size.

**Timeline:**  
Competition opens: 1 April 2024  
Submission deadline: 30 April 2024  
Winners announced: 7 May 2024  
Exhibition at Wakehurst: 11 May 2024

**Categories:**  
This competition is open to everyone, with three age categories:  
Ages 5 to 15 | 16 to 35 | 36+

# Wakehurst



## **Labour Market Information (LMI)**

As part of the regular bulletins, we will be including any labour market information we have available to keep you abreast of where new opportunities are likely to arise as well as what is currently available within the labour market.

The Office for National Statistics link below gives national information that gives estimates as well as regional, local authority and Parliamentary constituency breakdowns of changes in the UK of employment, unemployment, economic inactivity and other employment-related statistics for the UK.

Click [here](#) for the national picture.

Click [here](#) for a breakdown of information broken down into regions of the UK.

Click [here](#) for Brighton and Hove local economic information

## **Employer Database**

At Blatchington Mill School we are looking to develop our careers provision and would like to increase opportunities and links with local employers and employees. Our aim is to build a database of willing employers and their employees who we can call on in the future to help us. We would like to thank parents/carers of Year 7 and 8 students for already providing similar information on your child's registration form. We would kindly ask you to complete our survey as well, as we are very aware that circumstances may change.

If you feel you are able to help with this, please click [here](#) to complete a short survey.

**For more careers education information, advice and guidance visit the careers page on Blatchington Mill School website by clicking [here](#).**