

5-11 FEBRUARY 2024

#NAW2024

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK



The 17th National Apprenticeship Week takes place 5-11 February 2024 and is designed to celebrate the value, benefit and opportunities that apprenticeships can bring—the theme for 2024 is *“Skills for Life”*.

We encourage everyone to consider how apprenticeships can help you to develop the future ready skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career. Lots of useful information and resources exploring apprenticeships are available on the [Employment and Apprenticeships](#) section of the school website, including:

- Factsheets and Presentations explaining how apprenticeships work
- Links to websites listing current apprenticeship opportunities
- Resources to help you prepare a competitive application

We would also recommend that students take advantage of the fantastic forthcoming apprenticeship event at Leeds First Direct Arena which features 100+ employers and apprenticeship training providers.



Contact the careers department to arrange an appointment to discuss apprenticeships in more detail on careersstaff@staidans.co.uk



Year 13 Reminder: Replying to UCAS offers

When you have received a response from all your chosen universities you will be advised of the date by which you need to respond to your offers. We would encourage you to take your time to consider your choices and avoid making any hasty decisions regarding your next steps. Where possible, it is always worth attending any **Offer Holder Events** hosted by the universities which are designed to enable you to gain more focused information on the course and institution—these may be in person or virtual. Contact the Careers teams if you would like to discuss your offers further.

Careers Department Notices cont...

Extra Curricular and Virtual Opportunities

NB: if you would like to attend an event during lesson time, you must submit a Formal Request for Work Experience form.

- **Grantley Hall Rising Stars: 2 year Operations Management Trainee Programme, Deadline: 5 Feb**

Opportunity for Year 13 students, for more information and to apply s email careers@grantleyhall.co.uk

- **Year 12 [Skill Up in Theatre and Performance](#), University of Leeds, 26-27 March, applications close 25 Feb**

A two-day programme designed for students interested in studying drama at university. Take part in workshops with academics from the School of Performing Arts and Cultural Industries in the University's performance space, Stage@Leeds.

- **Kirk Newsholme Accountancy Insight Evening, 21 Feb, 17.00-20.00, Leeds LS15**

Visit the offices to meet with staff and current trainees and explore the range of careers and training opportunities available.

Register to attend [here](#).

- **[GVI Virtual Open Day](#), 17 Feb**

GVI is an international volunteering, gap year and internship provider with programmes in amazing destinations all over the world to facilitate conservation and community development efforts that align with the UN SDGs.

- **[Apprenticeships with the NHS Virtual Event](#), 5 Feb, 15.30-16.30**

Register for this free webinar to find out more about education and training pathways in the NHS

- **[UK Universities and Apprenticeships Search Fair](#), 8 March, 9.30-14.30, Leeds Elland Road Stadium**

The opportunity to engage with multiple universities, colleges and apprenticeship provider in one venue, including the option to attend focus seminars to support each pathway.

- **Year 12 Step into Audiology Programme, NHS and University of Leeds, Spring 2024**

Register [here](#) to participate in 2 Insight Days designed to introduce you to the Audiology profession. Eligibility criteria apply.

- **[Introduction to Java: Computer Science Masterclass](#), Swansea University, 5 Feb, 17.00-18.00**

An exploration of classes and methods, illuminating their significance in software development, testing, and maintenance.

- **[Revolutionising Plastic Films: Materials Science & Engineering Masterclass](#), Swansea University, 8 Feb, 18.00-19.00**

Register for an introduction to Biodegradable Polymers and exploration of the future for plastic films.

- **[Yorkshire Water 'Careers Live' Virtual Events](#), 7 Feb or 6 March, various time slots available**

Attend a 45mins session covering a 'What Yorkshire Water does' presentation, examples of roles across the business, an overview of pathways into the company and a sample of the apprenticeship and graduate roles on offer.

- **University of Law Real World Lecture Series**

Various sessions available, including

7 Feb, 16.00-17.30

[True Crime: The Oscar Pistorius Case](#)

28 Feb, 16.00-17.00

[Does the Law Support the LGBTQ+ Community?](#)

5 March, 16.00-17.00

[Explore Psychology](#)

6 March, 16.00-17.00

[Explore Policing](#)

- **Year 12 students considering making an application to Oxford or Cambridge**

A reminder that key information and digital opportunities are posted on the Year 12 Oxbridge Team that was set up earlier this academic year. If you would like to be added to this group please email careersstaff@staidans.co.uk

- **Ready, Set, Code! with Kainos 3-day Tech Work Experience 27-29 Feb**

Devised by professionals from UK and global companies for Speakers for Schools, an interactive, experiential learning career insights in around 7 hours of content—apply by 31 Jan

- **Year 12 Physics and Astronomy Work Experience, University of Leeds, 15-19 July**

An opportunity for A Level Physics students to attend workshops, lab sessions and complete a project working alongside other pupils with similar interests in physics and astronomy. Apply [here](#) by 24 March.