

## CAREERS AND INDUSTRY PLACEMENT NEWSLETTER

We have had a busy and eventful start to the new academic year. Over the last few weeks new students are now well established into their college routine and final year students are considering their next steps after college. Please see below some of the events that have taken place over the first half term; what is planned in the run up to Christmas and information about progression options for your young person. We now have a dedicated webpage for all things careers and progression! So please visit this website to view our events calendar by clicking [here](#), or if you want to contact the careers team please email [careers@bcot.ac.uk](mailto:careers@bcot.ac.uk).

### UCAS EVENT

We held a successful 3 day UCAS event during October with 20 universities showcasing their courses and campuses as well as structured talks on topics such as; how to write a personal statement, understanding tuition fees and how to prepare for a university interview. The event's focus was to inform and inspire students about what university as a Higher Education option can offer. Our college's internal deadline for UCAS applications is November the 15th. This is to ensure we have time to offer support to each student to perfect applications before the UCAS deadline in January. If your young person is in need of UCAS support or is unsure if university is for them, then please contact the careers team and we will book a one to one appointment to support them.

## STUDENT FEEDBACK

**“ The talks were very detailed. It was also great to have a representative on site to ask questions about the universities, courses and campus life.”**

**“The event's layout and structure is superb for those who're looking to attend university, but still uncertain with their decision especially if it's the first time.”**

**“I really found the event very beneficial as we got a chance to know more about university life, how to write personal statements and also got opportunities to talk with university people.”**

**“All the talks were very informative. And made it less overwhelming.”**

## CAREER COACH

BCoT has invested in some excellent careers software called Career Coach. This platform enables students to explore careers based on their skills and interests. After the completion of a simple assessment, it matches students to careers based on their preferences. It informs students about the best progression route into an industry, what education level is required and the salary students can expect to earn. It also offers a CV template for students seeking employment or an apprenticeship. It is a fantastic way for students to explore and learn about careers and how to take their all important next steps. Feel free to look at the site yourselves and please encourage your young person to create a login and explore the site by clicking [here](#).

## INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

At the start of term, we held a successful parents talk on what Industry Placement is and why it is important for students to complete their allocated hours. All 16 -18 year old full time students are required to undergo Industry Placement (IP) hours as part of their programme of study. The amount of hours depends on the course and course level the young person is studying. If your young person requires any support with IP hours or if you have any questions please have a look at our FAQ which can be found [here](#) if you still have questions please contact [industryplacements@bcot.ac.uk](mailto:industryplacements@bcot.ac.uk).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a detailed careers programme up and running throughout the college year please click [here](#) to see the event programme. We would love to hear any feedback or suggestions you may have on our event programme so please share your thoughts by emailing the careers team.

## MOCK INTERVIEWS

If your young person is keen to practice their interview techniques to be in the best position to secure employment or an apprenticeship, we have a range of employers offering to conduct practice interviews with students. We find students get the most out of practice interviews when they are as real as possible and therefore gain better insight into their abilities. If your young person would like to have a go please contact the careers team. All interviews will be conducted in a supportive environment with the emphasis being on learning new skills.

## UNI CONNECT

Uni Connect is a programme being delivered by the Southern Universities Network (SUN) and the project is focused on informing students from certain geographical areas about higher education progression options.

The geographic areas are selected because participation in higher education is lower than would be expected given the GCSE results of the area. The students who live in these areas are called Uni Connect students and they can access one to one appointments with the SUN mentor to discuss what higher education options are available to them. This can include; Apprenticeships, HND's, HNC's, Foundation year and University.

BCoT has a dedicated SUN progression mentor who will look to arrange activities and events for students to take part in to help with making future education decisions. All involvement is voluntary and the progression mentor is here to help!



## PROGRESSION

There are many progression options available to students once they have completed their course at BCoT. Whether your young person has completed their Level 2, Extended level 3 diploma or a Foundation course, the careers team are here to support students, parents or carers make decisions on next steps.

For more information on progression options please access our [Careers & Progression](#) webpage for detailed information on university, apprenticeships, higher education, gap years and employment.

It is incredibly common for students, parents and carers to feel unsure, confused or worried about next steps. If this is the case please contact the careers team on [careers@bcot.ac.uk](mailto:careers@bcot.ac.uk) who are here to support students as well as their carers.