



# Careers Newsletter

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## Welcome to Issue 4 of Breda Academy's Careers Newsletter—the first edition of the New School Year!

### Important UCAS

#### Deadline Dates:

Monday 14th October:

Register

Personal Details and Qualifications to be entered

Personal Statement Workshop

Friday 8th November:

Add Choices

Friday 22nd November:

Final Draft Personal Statement

As we kick off this exciting new academic year, there has already been a whirlwind of activity aimed at preparing our students for their future careers. Our Year 14 students have been busy attending a series of university talks to support them with their UCAS applications, and we also hosted a UCAS parent session to keep families informed and involved in this important process.

Year 13 students had the opportunity to complete a highly successful week of work experience, giving them valuable insights into the world of work and helping them explore their career options. In addition, our students participated in a STEM team-building event, kindly hosted by Deloitte, which encouraged collaboration and problem-solving skills in a fast-paced, hands-on environment.

I had the pleasure of delivering a careers assembly to all year groups, focusing on the theme "Know Your Why." The aim was to help students reflect on their motivations and goals as they embark on their academic journey, providing them with the tools to stay focused and inspired throughout the year.

We hope this issue of the newsletter will offer valuable insights, updates, and inspiration for both students and parents as we continue our mission to support every student's path to success.

Ms G Ferguson

## Preparation for Life After Breda Academy

This term, students have attended a series of insightful university talks, with representatives from Ulster University, Queen's University Belfast, Liverpool John Moore, Glasgow Caledonian University, and the ER & M Roadshow providing valuable information on courses, campus life, and the application process.

All Year 14 students have now started their UCAS applications and have been assigned a dedicated link teacher to guide and support them every step of the way. To further assist students, Mrs. Campbell held a personal statement workshop, offering practical advice on crafting a standout statement. She will continue to provide support as students complete this crucial part of their application.

## What's Been Happening:

Date	Event
18th September	Glasgow Caledonian University
24th September	Queen's University Belfast
26th September	Parent UCAS Session
1st October	Navy Attract Team Visit



Date	Talk
3rd October	Liverpool John Moore
11th October	ER&M Uni Roadshow
18th October	Ulster University
14-18 October	Year 13 Work Experience
21st October	STEM Event with Deloitte

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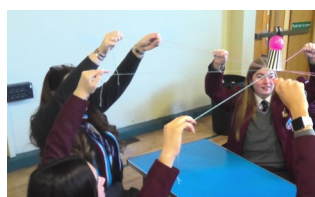
# Empowering Year 13 Students for STEM Careers

Year 13 students at Breda Academy participated in the STEMStarts Programme, a series of workshops aimed at promoting equal opportunities and addressing the stigma surrounding STEM careers in our local community.

The programme featured engaging sessions, including team-building activities, a transferable skills workshop, and a hands-on coding workshop. Students worked together in challenges such as building structures and the "Ring and String" activity, while also taking a business personality quiz to gain insights into teamwork and personal motivation.

These activities helped students develop critical skills like problem-solving, communication, and collaboration—essential in both STEM and broader career fields.

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## Exciting Week of Work

Our Year 13 students recently completed a week-long work experience program from October 14th to 18th. This opportunity allowed them to move beyond the classroom and gain valuable insights into various careers while making meaningful contributions to local businesses and schools.

Throughout the week, students explored their career interests by working alongside professionals across different industries. Their dedication, enthusiasm, and skills were evident as they made a positive impact in the workplace. We extend our gratitude to the local businesses and schools that provided this enriching opportunity for our students.

Congratulations to our Year 13 students for a job well done!

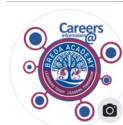


## What's Coming Up:

Date	Talk	Students
5th November	South Eastern Regional College	Year 12 and 14
8th November	CAFRE Talk	Year 12 and 14
14th November	PSNI Cyber Security Talk	Year 12 and 13
18th November	STEM Event	Year 10
20th November	PWC Talk	Year 14
3rd December	Work+ Apprenticeship Talk	Year 12 and 14
11th December	SERC Higher Level Apprenticeship Talk	Year 14

## Exciting Opportunities:

Please follow our Careers Facebook Page for up to date and relevant information:



Careers Information at Breda Academy