



YEAR 7- YEAR 9 CAREERS BULLETIN – JANUARY 2026

The Careers Team (Mrs Duffy, Mr Dean, Mrs Birchall and Mrs O'Leiski) are here to support you and your child and you can email the careers team at any time - careers@bedford.wigan.sch.uk

Theresa O'Leiski, our School Careers Adviser from Wigan Council Aspiring Futures, is based in U08 and will be in school 3 days a week. She is currently providing 1:1 careers interviews with Year 11 students.

We have a dedicated Careers Page on our school website and links to various careers websites such as Amazing Apprenticeships Parent Zone are on there.

<https://bedfordhighschool.co.uk/careers/>

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK – 9-15TH FEBRUARY

Next week is National Apprenticeship Week and we are planning activities in form time and through key messages to promote this week and this is an opportunity for younger students, parents/guardians to explore the different career and educational pathways.

GMACS

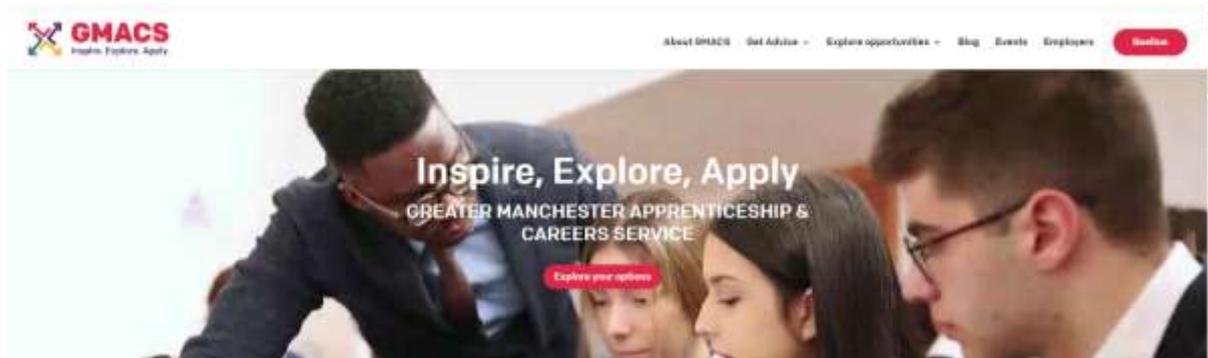
(THE GREATER MANCHESTER APPRENTICESHIP & CAREERS SERVICE)

What is GMACS <https://gmacs.co.uk/about/>

Explore Top Sectors in Greater Manchester <https://gmacs.co.uk/sectors/>

Parents & Carers help your child <https://gmacs.co.uk/advice/parents-carers/>

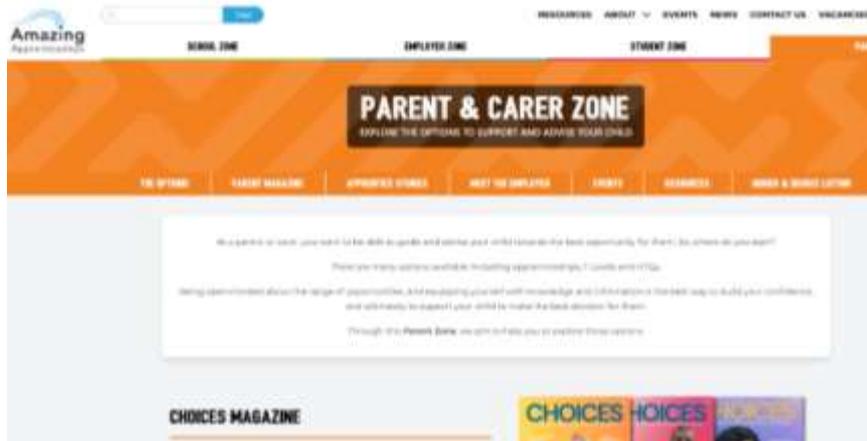
Look at specific areas (Wigan, Manchester) <https://gmacs.co.uk/areas/>





AMAZING APPRENTICESHIPS

Explore the parent zone of the Amazing Apprenticeships website:
<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/zones/parent/>



Parent/Guardian Webinar - 9th February 6.30pm-7.30pm: Understanding Apprenticeships – click below for further information and to register for the webinar.
<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/events/navigate-national-apprenticeship-week-parent-and-carer-webinar-understanding-apprenticeships/>

STEM The Future Skills Programme – February half term 16-21st February (20 hours flexible study) – Explore STEM Careers in four key pathways. Link to digital flyer below.

[The Future Skills Programme Course Flyer](#)

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE FOR YEAR 7-9



CAREERS TALKS – VIRTUAL AT ANY TIME

Be inspired, there are lots of careers talks on the Futureforall/Speakers for Schools website which you can view to at any time - <https://www.futuresforall.org/talks-library>

Browse + search talks library

🔍 People/Companies/Industries → Filter Sort

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Ready to be inspired and watch replays of previous live virtual broadcasts whenever you wish? As part of our Speakers for Schools programme, all recorded talks in our library are free and available on demand. Additionally, you can search and filter by speaker name, talk topic, and key stage suitability. If you're interested in future talks, please [view our upcoming broadcasts](#)

Start your Story: Screen Industry Careers
with Inco Film
Inspirational Talk

Start your Story: Screen Industry Careers'
With Inco Film
December 2025
Broadcast 11-19 Discover Creative Careers

Beyond the Glam: Debunking Myths of the Makeup World
Katie Stedman, Director, The Makeup MakeUp, Contract Manager, BBC Partner (BBC News)

With Katie Stedman, Director, The Makeup Team, Contract Manager, BBC Partner (BBC News)
June 2024

The impact of volunteering with Julie Phillips, Green Pathways Project Officer, Northumberland National Park
Career Talk

From History Books to Foreign Affairs: The Power of Languages in International Careers
with Northumberland National Park
December 2025