



Perschore High School

Careers Newsletter

February 2026 – Edition 2

Welcome to the February edition of our newsletter,

This edition highlights key careers updates, events, and resources to help support students and families with careers related decisions and planning.

We are proud of our growing alumni network if you attended Perschore High School and would like to find out how you could contribute to our careers programme please contact us via our new Careers email - careers@perschore.worcs.sch.uk

More detailed information about Perschore High Schools careers programme can be found on the careers page of the school website or by following the link below [careers-strategy-2025-26-v1.pdf](#)



- **Parent & Carer Apprenticeship webinar -9th February 2026 6.30pm-7.30pm**
register [Parent - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)
- **HWGTA apprenticeship open event- 17th February 4pm- 6.30pm** (engineering, accountancy, business admin & customer service). Register [Open Events, Apprenticeship Opportunities In Worcester & Hereford | HWGTA](#)
- **Worcester Skills Expo** annual careers fair **Wednesday March 4th 2026 4pm-7pm**
at Sixways Stadium, Worcester.

[Skills Expo 2026 | Worcestershire County Council](#) **Please note, we will be taking Years 9 and 10 only to this event during the school day. Separate communication home has been made in this regard. Please consent and pay via ParentPay.**

- **IMPORTANT STUDENT TASKS Future Skills questionnaire - Deadline:13th**
February 2026 – All students from Year 7 -13 are required to complete. The Future Skills Questionnaire (FSQ) is a tool to measure learners' career readiness. FSQ covers key aspects of knowledge, skills and attitudes that are important for successful transitions. **A link can be found in their school email account (Outlook). Please support your child in completing this before the deadline.**
- **September Guarantee questionnaire Year 11 only** - schools are required to collect information about where their students' progress to after Year 11. All year 11 students will be sent a link for the questionnaire **week beginning Monday 23rd February 2026** which they **must** complete.

National Apprenticeship Week (9th–13th February 2026)



Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships offer paid employment alongside structured training. Recruitment begins early and is a competitive process.

There is no upper age limit, making them available to those leaving school right through to those wanting a careers change or wanting to upskill.

Apprenticeship top employers 2025

Each year the Department for Education and Rate my Apprenticeship list the top 100 apprenticeship employers. This years list **Mitchells & Butlers** took the top spot with **BAE Systems, BusyBees Childcare, Amazon** and the **Department for Work & Pensions** ranked highly.

The **British Army** welcomed more than 5,000 apprentices across 39 different programmes. Apprenticeships are offered in a wide variety of sectors from digital & creative to healthcare, engineering and construction.

To find out more about apprenticeships follow this link

[Apprenticeships | Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

Exploring Your Options



UNIFROG: All Pershore students from Year 8 have a Unifrog account which they can access at home and in school. A platform for career exploration and course research. Students can complete a personal quiz to generate career sector ideas linked to their skills & interests.

National Careers Service: Job profiles, information and guidance.

Personal Guidance meetings 1:1 Guidance: Book with Mrs Booton-Gwynne dbg@pershore.worcs.sch.uk. Students can request a meeting by popping into the careers office (Mon–Wed).

Meet the Careers Team

Mrs Butler – Deputy Headteacher

Mr Pyatt – Careers Leader

Mrs Booton-Gwynne – Head of Careers, Information, advice & guidance.

Mrs Starkey – Head of Sixth Form

Mrs Waters – Pastoral Manager

Mr Avison – Careers Enterprise Company Enterprise Advisor

SEND There are many different Post 16 learning opportunities available for young people with SEND in Worcestershire. The websites below are a useful starting point to find out more.

[Post 16 learning options for young people with SEND | Worcestershire County Council](#)

[Career guidance for those with SEND, SEMH, and EHCP \(Education and Health Care Plan\) | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Labour Market Insight: Wychavon

Wholesale and Retail is the largest employment sector locally, with roles across management, merchandising, logistics, customer service and more.

Want to find out more? Follow the link below

[The Wholesale Industry Unveiled: A Comprehensive Overview - Whols](#)

Job Role of the Month



Retail Buyer

A fast-paced role involving product selection, supplier negotiation, and trend analysis.

Average salary: £26,000–£50,000.

Apprenticeships and university routes are available.

Skills employers look for

- Persuading and negotiating skills
- Good communication skills
- IT skills
- Ability to use your judgement and make decisions.
- Ability to work well with others

Explore this job role [Retail buyer | Explore Careers | National Careers Service](#)

Related careers

Retail Manager

Supply chain manager

Purchasing manager

Visual merchandiser

Management consultant

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