



Careers Newsletter

April 2026 – Edition 4

Welcome to the April 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](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Heart of Worcestershire College** Saturday 18th April 2026 9.30am-12.30pm – register to attend [April Open Event 2026! | Heart of Worcestershire College](#)
- **Supporting Your Young Person: Exploring a Career in the British Army webinar** for parents/guardians who want to be more informed if their young person would like to join the army. Tuesday 28 April | 6pm-7pm Register for the event: <https://britisharmy.org.uk/AParentsPerspectiveEvent>
- **Ambition Event – Worcester 6th form college** for aspirational year 10 and Year 11 students who are aiming for highest grades and considering applying to competitive universities (including Oxford & Cambridge), medicine/dentistry or degree apprenticeships. Wednesday 29th April, 6pm - register to attend [Ambition Event 2026 Tickets, Wednesday 29 April • Starts at 18 | Eventbrite](#)
- **Kidderminster College** -Wednesday 13th May 2026 5.30pm-7.30pm – register to attend [Experience Kidderminster College: Open Days on Campus](#)

IMPORTANT STUDENT TASKS

- **Year 11 students planning to complete an apprenticeship should ensure they have a back up plan in place until they have secured a start date for their apprenticeship. Recruitment is competitive and it may take time to secure a position.**

Please could we ask for your support with the following: -

ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THE SEPTEMBER GUARANTEE SURVEY SET BY MR PYATT ON ARBOR.

This is a statutory requirement from the Department of Education. Your help ensuring that your child has completed this would be very much appreciated.

- **If a student needs support with their post 16 decisions they should see Mrs Booton-Gwynne in the careers office opposite H9.**

WHAT ARE A LEVELS?

A Levels are subject based qualifications that students study after their GCSEs, usually between the ages of 16-18. They are an important step for students who are planning to go to university or pursue certain careers.

Unlike GCSEs, where students study many subjects, A levels allow students to focus on just a few (usually three subjects). These are usually chosen based on what a student enjoys and what they may want to study or do in the future. For example, a student who wants to go into medicine might choose Biology and Chemistry.

A Levels are two-year courses with exams at the end of two years. The results are very important, as universities use the grades achieved to help decide whether to offer a student a place.

A Levels allow students to specialise in subjects they are interested in, and they play a key role in shaping their future education and career paths.

You normally need at least five GCSEs grade 9 to 4- including mathematics & English to join an A Level programme. Specific subjects you want to study may require a higher grade check with the 6th form or college you plan to study at for their entry requirements.

Choosing your A level subjects, ask yourself the following questions: -

- 1) What do I enjoy and what am I good at, not just in school.
- 2) Do I have any clear ideas about a career or the future? I may need to choose specific A levels to meet entry requirements.
- 3) Are A Levels right for me? Have I checked all the post 16 options.
- 4) Would I benefit from further study?

After A levels – I could continue to university, look for employment, complete an apprenticeship.

USEFUL WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION

[A levels | Skills for Careers](#)

[Understand what A-levels are & what you can do with them](#)

UNIFROG [Sign In - Unifrog](#)

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](#)

Careers in Healthcare



Healthcare is one of the most rewarding and in demand career sectors in the UK, offering a wide range of roles to suit different interests, skills and qualifications.

While many people think of doctors & nurses, the healthcare sector is much broader, it includes careers such as physiotherapists, pharmacists, radiographers, paramedics and healthcare scientists. There are also important non clinical roles in administration, management and public health.

Most healthcare careers require specific qualifications. Students interested in healthcare should be encouraged to:

Choose relevant A levels or vocational subjects (such as Biology, Chemistry or Health & Social Care).

Gain experience through work placements or do volunteering.

Develop key skills such as communication, empathy, teamwork and problem solving.

There are many pathways into health care including university degrees, apprenticeships and training programmes through NHS.

To help you discover your role in the NHS complete their careers quiz [Take our careers quiz | Health Careers](#)

Find out more about the 360 job roles offered within the NHS

[Home | Health Careers](#)

Find out about other job roles in Health & Science sector [All careers in health and science | National Careers Service](#)

We welcome feedback about this newsletter and our careers programme. If you would like us to include specific information in future newsletter, please let us know email careerspershore.worcs.sch.uk.

