

## COWLEY CAREERS NEWSLETTER



#### Information from the Careers department

#### WELCOME TO THE LATEST CAREERS NEWSLETTER. IN THIS ISSUE, YOU'LL FIND OUR LATEST NEWS, LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION AS WELL AS A HOST OF GREAT OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS COMING UP IN THE NEAR FUTURE.







#### **SPEEDY CAREERS** Y9 STUDENTS RECEIVE BITE SIZE CAREERS INFORMATION

### This half term saw our very first 'Speedy Careers' event at Cowley for all Y9 students.

Eight employers from different industries were invited in to speak to the whole of Y9 about their careers, the industry they're in and their individual career journey but with a four-minute time limit.

It is amazing how much you can get into a four-minute presentation! Each of our presenters did fantastically well to cram a lot of great, interesting information into their allotted time and the students were really engaged.

Each presenter came out to a music track related to their career and the sound of the Countdown clock ticked down the final 30 seconds of each presentation to make the event a bit more fun, engaging and memorable for the students.

It was a really good event and one we hope to run again in the future. Please watch this space.

Our thanks go to all the presenters for coming in and providing some excellent information and advice.

This event followed a full week of careers assemblies where each year group (Y7-11) received a presentation from a different provider about a number of different aspects of progression, such as apprenticeships, sixth form courses and careers in the Services.

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#### Y12 PROGRESSION WEEK SIXTH FORM STUDENTS PREPARE FOR PROGRESSION WEEK

# Earlier this half term, Mr Watkins delivered a Y12 assembly talking about our Progression Week and work experience which will take place in June.

Progression Week will see a University Day, Apprenticeship & Employer Day, Mock Interviews before three days of work experience for all our Y12 students.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain lots of information and advice from a wide range of providers as they think about the progression options available to them after finishing college, as well as some hands on experience within a workplace to add to their CV.

More details about Progression Week can be found on the college website **here**.





#### **Y8 CAREERS CAROUSEL** STUDENTS GIVEN THE CHANCE TO TRY MULTIPLE JOBS

#### Cowley took a group of 100 Y8 students to the Mercure Hotel in St Helens for a Careers Carousel organised by St Helens Chamber.

The event saw 16 different employers from across the borough come together and provide the students with a small interactive taste of what their company does.

Students were put into small groups and they went around the room in 10 minute blocks, trying something new each time.

They engaged in a range of activities from different industries, learning more and more about the different jobs and the skills needed to do those roles, making them think about what they might like to do once they leave school and sixth form college.

All the students involved thoroughly enjoyed the experience and got stuck in with all the activities on offer, behaving impeccably, a delight to see.

We would like to thank all the businesses who took part and St Helens Chamber for bringing the event together and giving our students this opportunity. It really was a fantastic event.







#### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SIXTH FORM STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT WOMEN'S ROLE IN MERSEYSIDE POLICE

To mark International Women's Day, all our Cowley Sixth Form College students welcomed Detective Chief Inspector, Leanne Hobin.

She delivered an informative assembly about her career in the Police Force and women's role within the force.

It was a really insightful and interesting talk and we'd like to thank the Detective Chief Inspector for coming in to speak with the students.



#### **COWLEIAN ALUMNI SOCIETY LAUNCHED** CHANCE FOR FORMER STUDENTS TO HELP THE CURRENT GENERATION OF COWLEY STUDENTS

Cowley has launched an Alumni society, an exciting opportunity for ex-students to find out about their 'old' school, to learn of the achievements and activities of many of their fellow Cowley students and to share their experience with our current students.

Your experience since leaving could really help to motivate and inspire our current students to feel more confident in making decisions about their future. We'd love you to join our Cowleian Alumni Society (CAS) and stay connected with the College.

You can choose how and when you help:

- · By sharing your post-Cowley successes;
- By coming into College to offer Careers
- talks/assemblies/workshops;
- By becoming a mentor to our students (online or in person);
- By supporting with college events;
- By providing work experience opportunities.

As a member of the Cowleian Alumni Society you:

- Become a member of a community with a common aim;
- Receive a regular alumni newsletter;
- Receive invites to key College events such as Open
- Evenings, Presentation Evening and Productions;
- Can attend College tours and social events.

#### Sign up to become an Alumnus here.

We have a welcome event to launch the new Society on Thursday, 2nd May. Details will be sent out when you register to join.





#### LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

INFORMATION ABOUT THE LIVERPOOL CITY REGION JOB OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE (\*INFORMATION CORRECT AS OF MARCH 2024)

Construction and Built Environment LCR Vacancies 4442 Search Vacancies*	Halton Vacancies <b>42</b>	Knowsley Vacancies 15	Liverpool Vacancies 299
	Sefton Vacancies 18	St. Helens Vacancies <b>31</b>	Wirral Vacancies <b>37</b>
Digital and Creative LCR Vacancies 667	Halton Vacancies <b>42</b>	Knowsley Vacancies 26	Liverpool Vacancies 494
Search Vacancies*	Sefton Vacancies 36	St. Helens Vacancies 18	Wirral Vacancies 51
Professional Business Services LCR Vacancies <b>1,858</b> Search Vacancies*	Halton Vacancies <b>73</b>	Knowsley Vacancies 61	Liverpool Vacancies 1,313
	Sefton Vacancies 134	St. Helens Vacancies 69	Wirral Vacancies 208
Health and Life Sciences LCR Vacancies <b>1,548</b> Search Vacancies*	Halton Vacancies <b>83</b>	Knowsley Vacancies 100	Liverpool Vacancies 764
	Sefton Vacancies 275	St. Helens Vacancies 133	Wirral Vacancies 193

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Visitor Economy LCR Vacancies <b>1,954</b> Search Vacancies*	Halton Vacancies 82	Knowsley Vacancies 79	Liverpool Vacancies 1,223
	Sefton Vacancies <b>211</b>	St. Helens Vacancies <b>106</b>	Wirral Vacancies 253
Maritime and Logistics LCR Vacancies	Halton Vacancies 56	Knowsley Vacancies <b>42</b>	Liverpool Vacancies 133
<b>306</b> Search Vacancies*	Sefton Vacancies 19	St. Helens Vacancies <b>43</b>	Wirral Vacancies <b>24</b>
Green Growth LCR Vacancies <b>10</b>	Halton Vacancies O	Knowsley Vacancies O	Liverpool Vacancies 9
Search Vacancies*	Sefton Vacancies O	St. Helens Vacancies 1	Wirral Vacancies O
Advanced Manufacturing LCR Vacancies <b>1,,1119</b> Search Vacancies*	Halton Vacancies 171	Knowsley Vacancies 89	Liverpool Vacancies 511
	Sefton Vacancies 73	St. Helens Vacancies 107	Wirral Vacancies 168

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **EASTER STEM WORK EXPERIENCE WITH SPECTRIS PLC** WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL | 9:00AM – 3:30PM

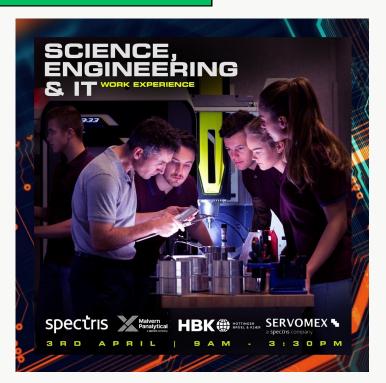
Are you interested in pursuing a career in engineering, science, or anything to do with STEM? Would you like to gain some rare and invaluable work experience with multiple global FTSE companies? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you!

We are excited to announce that on Wednesday, 3rd of April from 9am – 3:30pm, we will be hosting a virtual work experience day with Spectris, Malvern Panalytical, HBK and Servomex! Spectris are a FTSE company and own all the other science and engineering-based companies mentioned above. Collectively they operate in over 30 countries, employ over 7,500 people globally, and have generated a revenue of over a billion pounds as of 2024! Each of the companies Spectris owns specialises in a very specific areas of science and engineering and during this work experience day you will get the opportunity to take part in workshops and network with each of their companies.

Participating in an event such as this will not only allow you to learn more about industry, but it will also give you a unique opportunity to gain valuable experience that will be beneficial for adding value to your CV and LinkedIn profile. This will show employers (including Spectris) that you are proactive and looking to develop your skillset before entering the workplace, which can help you to be recognised as an ambitious and motivated individual as well as allowing you to stand out from other students.

Please sign up for this incredible opportunity, by using the registration link below. After the event you will receive a certificate that you can use on your CV's and any job applications that you make.

#### **BOOK YOUR PLACE**





#### **EASTER HOLIDAYS WORK EXPERIENCE DAY WITH KPMG!** THURSDAY 4TH APRIL | 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Are you interested in kick-starting your career and gaining work-experience with a world-renowned professional services firm? If so, you do not want to miss this opportunity!

Did you know that KPMG is one of the largest professional services companies in the world? With over 227,000 employees across 146 countries, their work spans five major areas of Finance and Personal Services. They Audit some of the UK's biggest companies and their people in Consulting, Deal Advisory, Tax, Law, and Technology. With clients from the smallest of start-ups to international mega corporations across every industry imaginable. One of the 'Big 4', KPMG are one of the places to be when working in the world of business and accounting!

KPMG are hosting a work-experience day on Thursday 4th April from 10am – 4pm in the Easter Holidays and we would love for you to attend. During the day, you will have the opportunity to learn key employability skills, such as how to communicate your message and build your personal brand, you will also have the chance to meet KPMG colleagues to hear about their career journeys and even complete a business pitch challenge!

If you are unsure what you want to do when you finish school, college or university and you would like to explore more options, then this work experience event is perfect for you. The KPMG Student recruitment team will also explain the different career paths into their firm and how you can gain a leg up into their prestigious company.

This work-experience day is a fantastic opportunity for you to gain valuable insights into the world of work and build your professional network, not to mention a great addition to your CV. Plus, you can join us from anywhere in the country, as the event will be held on Zoom. You will also get a professional reference for your CV's as well as a certificate of compilation at the end of the day. This goes a very long way for your own personal career development and prospective opportunities.

So, what are you waiting for? Sign up today and take the first step towards your future career with KPMG!



# COMING UP NEXT 21

**Wednesday, 17th April** Y10 Science trip to University of Liverpool

**Thursday, 18th April** Y10 trip to Edge Hill University

**Thursday, 2nd May** Alumni Welcome Event

**Tuesday, 14th May** Y7&8 trip to Edge Hill University (introduction to university)





#### WATERSIDE TRAINING - APPRENTICESHIP OPEN EVENING WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL





## Apprenticeship Open Evening Wednesday 24th April 2024 5.00PM - 7.00PM

Are you interested in an apprenticeship in Electrical, Mechanical, Multi Skilled or Manufacturing Engineering?

Come along to our open evening to hear from industry professionals, speak to current apprentices and find out how to fire up your career with an apprenticeship!

Where to find us: Waterside Training Technology Campus, Pocket Nook Street St Helens WA9 1TW

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