



DARWEN VALE

An Aldridge Community Academy 

Careers
Information
Booklet for
Year 11

This booklet will explain the journey you will take in Year 11 towards your future career path.

It will give you information about college open events, a chronological order you will be doing things like applying for colleges and apprenticeships, and what to do once you have your results.

The booklet will go some way to explain the different levels colleges offer and where to find available apprenticeships. It will tell you where to find information and will give you the websites and addresses of most of the local colleges.

There is a section for you to keep a record of any notes you take and your appointments for college interviews.

If there is anything that you are unsure about, you can come to see Mr Miele at any time.

If parents have any questions, Mr Miele can be contacted via email on:

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Information

College Courses

What is a level 1: These are often entry level courses that help a student progress to a further post 16 qualification. Require GCSE's at Grade 1 and above.

What is a level 2: These are usually the next step up from level 1. Require GCSE's at Grade 3 and above.

What is a level 3: These are A-Level and A-Level equivalent courses. Require GCSE's at grade 4 and above.

Apprenticeships

A great mix of both on the job training and classroom learning which provide skills needed for your chosen career.

See: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Then select *"Search the find an apprenticeship service"*

CV's and College Applications

Both CV writing and application form practice will be available on enrichment days. (Start collecting information for your achievement folder. You will find this very helpful for your college interviews). This website might help to start your CV.

www.reed.co.uk/career-advice/school-leaver-cv-template/

Every student will have at least applied and be awaiting interviews with colleges by the end of the first term (by Christmas).

Places for Information

Check out college web site for details of their open events. Listen Carefully to the College assemblies. They will be happening throughout the first term up until Christmas. These will give you lots of information about college application process, courses, sponsorships, travel and enrichment opportunities.

Colleges and Post-16 Providers

DACA 6th Form

Sudell Road

Darwen

BB3 3HD

www.daca.uk.com/sixthform

Open Events

Thursday 3rd November (4pm-7pm)

DAES (Studio School)

19 Police Street

Darwen

BB3 1AF

www.daestudio.biz

Open Events

TBC Contact the 6th form or look on their website

Myerscough College

St Michaels Road

Preston

PR3 0RY

www.myerscough.ac.uk

Open Events

Saturday 10th September - (10am-12.30pm)

Saturday 15th October - (10am-12.30pm)

Saturday 19th November - (10am-12.30pm)

Saturday 4th February - (10am-12.30pm)

Saturday 18th March - (10am-12.30pm)

Many more open events online and on campus.

See college website

Blackburn College

Fielden Street

Blackburn

BB2 1LH

www.blackburn.ac.uk

Open Events

Tue 27th Sept (4.30pm—8pm)

Wednesday 5th Oct (4.30pm—8pm)

Colleges and Post-16 Providers

Burnley College

Princess Way

Burnley

BB12 0AN

www.burnley.ac.uk

Open Events

Tuesday 4th October (5.30pm—8.30pm)

Thursday 13th October (5.30pm—8.30pm)

Thursday 3rd November (5.30pm—8.30pm)

Thursday 17th November (5.30pm—8.30pm)

More dates listed on college website

Runshaw College

Langdale Road

Leyland

PR25 3DQ

www.runshaw.ac.uk

Open Events

Saturday 24th September (10am—2pm)

Thursday 13th October (3.30pm – 7.30 pm)

Tuesday 22nd November (3.30pm—7.30pm)

ACCROSS College

Broad Oak Road

Accrington

BB5 2AW

www.accross.ac.uk

Open Events

Tuesday 11th October (5.30pm—7.30pm)

Wednesday 16th November (5.30pm—7.30pm)

Monday 30th January (5.30pm-7.30pm)

Chronological Order of Yr11 Milestones

Yr11 Sept—Yr 11 Dec

Students will have colleges coming in to talk to them during assemblies. They will also have the chance to speak to colleges during some enrichment days and parents evenings. Students will start to create a CV and be choosing and applying to colleges that they want to go to after Darwen Vale. 1-1 Careers Meetings with a qualified Careers advisor.

Yr 11 Jan— Yr 11 March

Students will have applied to all the colleges that they are interested in going to when they leave Darwen Vale. Some students will have already had interviews and a place offered to them. Some will be awaiting their interviews, and offers. 1-1 Careers Meetings with a qualified Careers advisor.

Yr 11 Jan—Yr 11 March

Some students will apply for apprenticeships and if they have changed their mind on their college course, will be liaising with the college to alter the offer.

Yr 11 April— Yr 11 May

Students will have had interviews and been made offers for courses at college. Some will have been offered apprenticeships, some will be still applying for apprenticeships. All focus will be on achieving the highest success in GCSE's

Yr 11 May—Yr11 July

All concentration will be on the GCSE exams. Very few students will have any concerns about colleges or post 16 provision at this stage. If there are any changes to be made to college or course choices, it is not too late. Apprenticeships can still be applied for, but main focus must be exams.

Yr 11 August

Exam results day will be the first time students will know if they have achieved enough to meet any conditions of their college offers. Students will usually enrol within a few days of getting their results depending on the college they go to. If results do not meet the conditions to the college offer, the first action would be to contact the college and talk through alternative options.

Notes and Appointments

