

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a summary of activities and events that have been organised by the Gateway College Careers and Employability Team.

UK University and Apprenticeships Fair 11th October 2023 (King Power Stadium)

Learners had the chance to speak with a range of universities and to see a host of apprenticeships that are currently on offer.

Events such as this are the perfect way for students to explore and make an informed choice about which course or pathway is right for them.

Over 350 of our learners attended. Here are some photos of the event:



University Guest Speakers/Workshops

We've had guest speakers from different universities around the country come and talk with our students about higher education.

Some of the topics covered were UCAS applications, personal statement workshops and life at University.

Here are some of the Universities we worked with:



Speed Networking Event 9th November 2023

Have a look at what our students got up to at the speed networking event.

Students had five minutes to speak to each volunteer about their career. The whistle was then blown, and the volunteers switched to a different table.



Upcoming events 23/24

- **Coventry University Science T Level Lab Workshop**
12/12/2023
- **Student Finance talk with Ahmar Ehsan** 16/01/2024
- **Employment Day** 20/03/2024
- **Gateway College Progression Fair** 16/04/2024
- **Apprenticeships Day**
27/04/2024

T Level Placements 23/24

T Levels are an alternative to A Levels, apprenticeships and other 16 to 19 courses. Equivalent in size to 3 A Levels, a T Level focuses on vocational skills and can help students into skilled employment, higher study or apprenticeships. Each T Level includes an in-depth industry placement that lasts at least 45 days.

Here are some photos of our students currently on their T Level placement:



Neil and Muhamad are both T Level Digital students currently placed at Fast Signs. Fast Signs are designers, planners and marketers that work closely with clients to help increase their business' visibility.



Dhurav is a Digital T Level student currently on placement at Blaby Electricals. Blaby Electricals are a reliable, experienced and trustworthy Leicester-based team of electricians.



Rayhaan is a Business T Level student currently on placement at The Branded Company. The Branded Company are an experienced, friendly and helpful team that will help you to find the perfect products you need to boost your company's marketing.

Here are some of the organisations we are working with for T Levels



T Level talk with The Branded Company 29th November 2023

On the 29th November 2023, Muzi Sacur (a previous student of Gateway) from The Branded Company gave a talk to our T Level students.

We also had Rayhaan who is studying T Level Business Management discuss about the benefits of the T Level placement, with particular focus on whether his expectations met the reality.



Work Experience Placements

23/24

Work experience involves going on a short-term placement with an employer, to observe and work alongside people as they go about their daily tasks.

Students have the chance to develop skills, contacts, and learn more about the kind of career they would like to do.

Ria is a V2 Health and Social Care student that was placed at Stoke Woods Primary School.

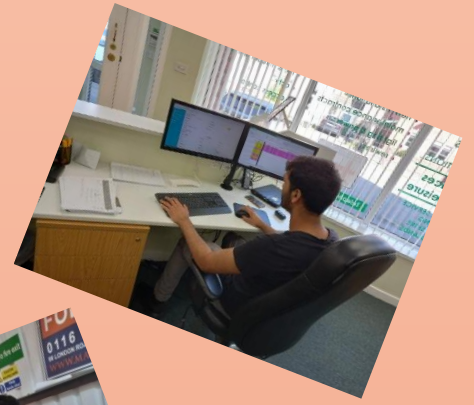
Stoke Woods is a school in a rich and diverse community which values every person as special and do everything possible to ensure that each individual achieves their potential.



Ayshah and Nabiiha are currently on placement at Busy Bees Nursery. They are one of the UK's leading nursery groups with hundreds of exceptional nurseries around the country. With 10 nurseries in and around the Leicester area (all of which are Ofsted-rated good or outstanding as of June 2022) there is sure to be one near you.

Upcoming Work Experience Dates

- Level 2 Health and Social Care 04/12/2023-08/12/2023
- Level 2 T Level Transition Health and Social Care 11/12/2023-22/12/2023
- Level 2 T Level Transition Science 08/01/2024-19/01/2024
- Level 3 V1 Science 29/01/2024-02/02/2024
- Level 2 Science 05/02/2024-09/02/2024



Quote from Ria Mukwena – V2 Health and Social Care Student

I worked at Stokes Wood Primary School with a year 4 class and helped in class DSP. Whilst working with them I helped the year 4s with English, Spellings, Maths, and Science. I also sat with a table of students who learnt at a slower pace and helped them with spelling and maths while the teacher worked with the rest of the class.

In DSP I watched the children and helped to look after a specific child in there. I really enjoyed myself on my work experience and I had a lot of fun helping and being a teaching assistant with the children and with the colleagues. The employers were very nice and welcoming, and they included me into the team well and it felt like I was always a part of the team. Even though I want to become a midwife, this work experience has allowed me to learn different ways to communicate with people and what it's like in the teaching sector and prepared me for the working environment.