

**King Edward VI School**

## **Parents and Carers Careers Update Summer Term 2021**

**“The best way to predict the future is to create it”  
(Abraham Lincoln)**

Dear Parent/Carer

Our Summer term has again seen endings, beginnings and preparation for our students' future pathways:

- Year 11 students are now off roll and moving towards their next stage in education, employment and training
- Year 10s have begun preparing for their Post-16 transitions
- Year 9s have focused their choices and are progressing to their next Key Stage (KS4)
- Year 8s are moving towards selecting their preferred GCSE subjects
- Year 7s have settled into life at school again and will begin developing their knowledge and interests in Year 8, and...
- Year 6 students are about to join our school community.

From September 2021, school life will be more open, allowing us all to benefit from shared experiences and different viewpoints; these are vital in helping our students discover their passions and aspirations, explore possibilities and build self-confidence. Our [Careers programme](#) is designed to support this self-development and exploration at each and every stage.

### **What's been happening in Careers this term?**

#### **Year 11 Destinations**

The last set of Post-16 interviews were completed with our Year 11 students. Further Education (FE) and Sixth Form Colleges, School Sixth Forms, employers and training organisations will mostly have sent their offers (conditional on results or unconditional) to students.

I am aware that some applications for FE colleges are still being processed, so if your child has not yet received an offer but has applied and completed any additional details requested (usually via email – please check!) waiting another week would be wise.

After that, do contact the Admissions teams to check that they have all the information they need for your child to access a course in September.

Enrolment details for educational destinations are usually sent after Results have been received (Thursday 12 August) so do look out for these.

**Note:** Year 11 Leavers Next Steps information is on our main school website:

[Year 11 Leavers – Next Steps - King Edward VI School \(king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk\)](http://king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)

### **Y11 Careers appointments following GCSE Results**

You should have received a letter detailing the collection of GCSE Results by students this year – whether in school or remotely (on Go4Schools).

**If your child's results do not meet the entry requirements for their chosen course:**

I will be available for online appointments (up to 20 minutes) to provide further advice and guidance:

- between 1pm and 4pm on Thursday 12 August
- from 10am to 4.30pm on Friday 13 August

**You can book an appointment with me** via the Parents Evening booking system:

[SchoolCloud - King Edward VI School](#).

If you do book an appointment, **please remember to sign in again** just before your allocated time to ensure we are able to connect.

### **Next Steps for Year 10 Students**

Following their mock exams, our Year 10 cohort attended a series of six live presentations in tutor time by FE colleges, Sixth Form Colleges and Apprenticeship teams. The presentations introduced Year 10s to the Post-16 choices they will be considering in Year 11. Links to the information they received are below:

- **West Suffolk College:** [Year 10 Next Steps](#)  
**T-Levels** (offered at West Suffolk College): [T-Levels-at-WSC](#)
- **Apprenticeships:** [AIM Group-Y10-Presentation-Apprenticeships.pptx](#)
- **Suffolk New College:** [SNC Post-16 progression](#)
- **Cambridge Regional College:** [CRC Year 10 presentation](#)
- **Abbeygate Sixth Form College:** [Year-11-presentation-ASFC](#)

Live assemblies with Abbeygate Sixth Form College, West Suffolk College and the college Apprenticeship Team have already been scheduled for the beginning of the **Autumn term** for our new Year 11 students. These assemblies will repeat and reinforce the above information to prepare the new Year 11s for choosing and applying for their destinations of choice in 2022. Remember that Year 11s are able to apply for *all* options: your child could approach an employer about an apprenticeship, apply for a course at an FE college and apply to study A levels (where predicted grades suggest the entry requirements will be met).

I will be posting information about Open Events at colleges and Sixth Forms on our Tutor Bulletin and the Careers Information section on our Careers website, so please do check these regularly.

### Summer Work Experience (WEX) programmes Online

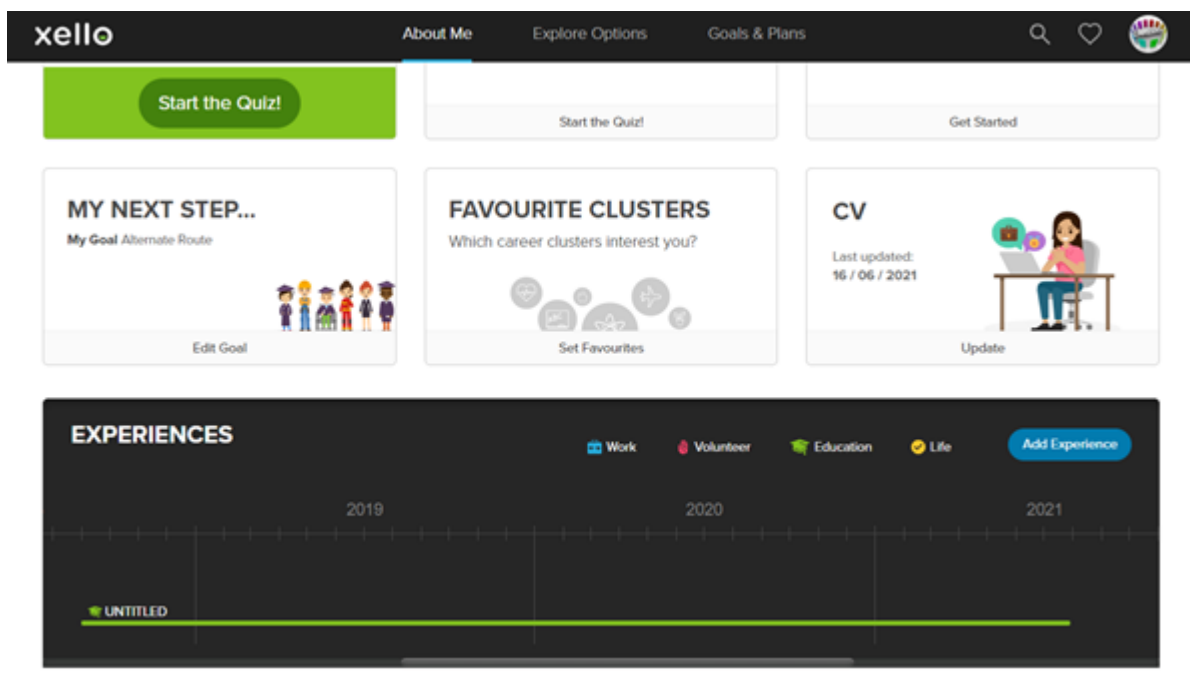
As I mentioned in our Spring Careers Update, we now have access to a wide range of online work experience (WEX) programmes. These programmes are mainly for students in Years 9-11 (14 years and over) and provide a valid alternative to in-person work experience. Employers and others will recognise WEX completed online, so these experiences can be added to a CV and discussed at interviews in the future.

Take a look at some good quality WEX options on our Careers page: [Virtual/ Online Work Experience - King Edward VI School \(king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk\)](https://www.king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk/virtual-online-work-experience).

Go to our [Parents and Carers page](#) on the Careers website to discover how virtual work experience can help your child stand out.

### ... **Logging WEX in Xello!** (All Year groups)

Please remind your child that any training, club activities and awards, work and other experiences (including travel, reading, studying...) can be uploaded onto the **Experiences** section under the **About Me** tab in Xello:



Adding experiences will help your child become more aware of their interests, achievements and progress throughout their time at KEVIS – both within and outside school. This can help them build the self-belief and self-confidence that foster success in their future pathways.

### Labour Market Information (LMI)

In the Autumn Term, I will be sharing more information about LMI with our students. LMI can be used to help students research future jobs in the local area, understand the skills needed for

certain roles and the demand for future employment. Suffolk County Council created this [LMI video](#) during lockdown to offer a clear and simple view of what LMI is. It would be great if you could share this with your child over the next few weeks to prepare them for our exploration of LMI next term.

*I hope this information is useful to you. Should you have any Careers related questions or comments about our provision, please email me at: [ahn@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:ahn@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)*

I wish you all a very **Happy Summer Holiday!**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Hahn".

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