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| **Careers Opportunities JANUARY – MAY  2025** |  |  |  |
| **Week beginning 7th Jan** | **Deadline for UCAS applications approaches** | Students who wish to submit their applications for Higher Education will have access to last minute support and advice. PPCs will be able to invite Student services staff into sessions to guide groups OR students are welcome to come into Student services for 1-2-1 support with either our Careers advisors or other staff into Student Services for informal support or more formal guidance | Promoted via PPCs, signage in College, the App and digital screens |
| **Post UCAS deadline** | **Late applications/ Clearing advice** | All students who did not meet the UCAS deadline are able to access advice and guidance re submitting a late application and the steps that follow. Missing the deadline does not mean they cannot start a course in Sept of this year or that they have to wait until next year.  PPCs are invited to share details of how to arrange a drop in or more formal chat with their groups or advise students to drop into Student Services. | Promoted via PPCs, signage in College, the App and digital screens |
| **22nd January 2025** | **Careers Fair – Channelside** | Over 40 local and national companies at Channelside at this annual event. This gives them the opportunity to meet students from all of our campuses as well as local secondary schools, to raise their brand awareness and also to meet the talent of the future (our students). For our students, the aim of this event is to raise aspirations and awareness of roles in varying sectors, whilst giving students the opportunity to interface with employers, find out about the recruitment processes used and see what skills, both hard and soft an employer looks for in a potential applicant. | Local secondary schools invited onto campus also. Our own courses are also represented as progression pathways |
| **13th February** | **Apprenticeships Fair** | Organised by Marketing and supported by Curriculum Areas and Student Services, the event is to promote awareness and aspiration in a rapidly growing and important sector of training. Not every student has the want or desire to go to university and apprenticeships offer the balance of learning whilst earning; making students work ready, experienced and trained all at the same time. On site will be various companies and industries that offer apprenticeships and also support with applications and other enquiries. It is an ideal opportunity for students to find out answers to any questions they might have and to see the local labour market first hand whilst considering their next moves. | Local secondary schools invited onto campus also. Our own courses are also represented as progression pathways |
| **25-26 Feb** | **Lakes Hospitality Trade Show, J36 Crooklands.** | Travel and Tourism students have been regularly offered the opportunity for their students to attend and participate in three days WEX to gain insight and information as well as real experience in an events’ setting.  They are treated and briefed as full events staff, given significant responsibility and gain customer facing experience on a level that truly informs progression into this exciting career field. |  |
| **27th February** | **National Careers Guidance Show, Leeds** | Our Careers Advisors across all 3 campuses to attend a networking, training and tutorial conference to share innovative practice, ideas and discussion around innovations in the world of careers advice. |  |
| **27th February and 6th March** | **Site visit – Caddick Construction, Barrow Uni of Cumbria** | The College regularly secures site visits to support their learners and ourCivil Engineering students will be the first cohort this term for one of two visits to see a Construction site in action, bringing their studies to life. The visit will incorporate health and safety elements, give insight into working life, and will give students the opportunity to ask questions and develop a better understanding of the workplace. | Painting and Decorating students will be visiting in March. |
|  | **Visit to the University of Cumbria: Masterclass Biology** | A Level Biology Students going to experience a taster session of HE life on campus alongside a masterclass. The aim is to raise aspiration and gain insight into HE studies as well as to witness student life and the facilities a HE can offer. The event allows students to see themselves away from home and get a feel for life as a student. |  |
| **3rd March** | **Social Care Roadshow** | To raise awareness of careers and opportunities around the Health and Social care aspects of working for the council, that our students might not be aware of. The aim is to demonstrate the varying pathways professional have taken into these important roles: Apprenticeships/ Degrees / Experience/ Volunteering, as well as to showcase the wide range of important jobs on offer.  1.5-hour session x 2 involving an **Introduction in Children’s Social Care**  **A Day in the life of:** Guest speakers from the world of Youth Justice and Residential  **College led session** Education Pathways into roles in Children’s Social Care, and  **Expert by experience** Guest speaker to share their experience of working with professionals growing up and why roles in Children’s Social Care are so important. Plus, Children’s Social Care Team stalls, for young people to look at and ask any questions.  There will be representatives from the following teams; Domestic Abuse, Complex Safeguarding, Short Breaks Homes, Social Work, Family Help and Youth Justice Service. | Local secondary schools to be invited, the event is aimed at mainly 16–18-year-olds to raise awareness and aspiration. |
| **11/12 March** | **UlverSTEM and Furness STEM** | This is a two-day event in partnership with local primary schools and employers. The aim is to gain a deeper understanding of our partnership working with local feeder primary schools to make STEM fun!  There will be activities, talks with our future students and local stakeholders. |  |
| **April**    **30th** | **2nd open evening**    **NHS 350 event at Channelside** | Focussed around the 350+ careers available across the full spectrum of the NHS. The event aims to raise awareness of a wider range of roles other than clinical. Students will have the chance to meet the NHS careers team and gain a deeper understanding of pathways into careers as an NHS professional.  There will also be the opportunity to try out tasks, watch clips, ask questions, and take part in challenges and interactive activities. This is a raising awareness and aspiration opportunity. | To support students who are due to apply for courses in September |
| **25/04/2025** | **University Search Fair 2025 – Lancaster University (UK University Search Fair Lancaster University 2025 | UK University Search)** | Set at Lancaster University this event is a chance for students to meet face to face with HE providers in an informal setting prior to them making course choices and applications; both apprenticeships and University courses. It is very low stakes, meaning there is no obligation for the student other than to find out more about things that interest them, and to get a feel if HE study or an apprenticeship pathway might be for them. There will also be talks about student finance as this is one of the biggest barriers to students choosing further study. |  |
| **May Date TBC** | **Work experience week for L2 Business Students** | Students will be attending a full day in Student Services seeing first-hand what it is like to be in a fast-paced office/ administrative environment.  Students will be set tasks, asked to draft emails, given phone etiquette advice, take messages and produce a report. They will also attend a meeting and be asked to take minutes and note action points.  At the end of the exercise their actions will be mapped against the requirements of their course to ensure they have hit all the necessary benchmarks and awarded a certificate to illustrate how well they have done. Feedback will also be given | Collaboration between curriculum, WEX and Student |services have created this opportunity so that students feel well prepared for external opportunities later in their course. |
| **May Date tbc** | **Work Experience week at CORE** | Students at CORE will have a week of activities offering experience of the workplace to boost confidence and skills prior to looking for WEX opportunities off campus where appropriate.  A ‘training’ office to be set up to practice skills like customer service, admin skills, answering the phone and taking messages. Guest speakers from local businesses will be invited in for informal chats and talks. Workshops will be focussed around administrative and personnel style activities. |  |
| **02/05/2025** | **Deadline for DFN Project** | The DFN project is for anyone of our students with an EHCP. Striving to provide innovative skills-based training that better prepares learners with additional learning needs and disabilities for the workplace whilst opening the door to a wide variety of employment opportunities.  Increasing convenient and quick access to internships and apprenticeships for young people with learning disabilities and autism, giving them a gateway into the workplace.  Promoting greater employer engagement and eliminating the employment gap by challenging and positively influencing current practices to provide disabled youth with their full entitlement to effective employability training. | Applications for internships at BAE, or Furness General hospital are being advertised. |
| **19th – 23rd May** | **Engineering Work Experience Week (all levels)** | Our WEX team is working with Engineering for all levels to take part in an Engineering WEX week. The week will involve guest speakers, workshops led by industry, insights into the real-life application of studies and aims to raise awareness of the range of career opportunities available not just the obvious pathways. | Tasks, visits, experience of the workplace tasks |
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| **In class career/ CEIAG input via PPC sessions as per PD programme** | Our Careers Advisor will be attending PPC sessions to increase visibility and awareness. They will drop into sessions to remind students of the services available to them and check in on their well-being. | Monthly sessions will be held with PPCs and Student Services to discuss our focus and identify students who may need additional support due to low engagement with our services or lack of attendance at group events. We will also review the impact of our efforts, using this feedback to inform and improve future delivery. | Regular visits to our students at CORE again to raise visibility and familiarity to break down barriers to confidence and accessibility for those students. |