

SPRING TERM 2022



CAREERS

Holy Cross Catholic High School Careers' Department

Welcome to the Spring Term edition of the Careers' Newsletter

This newsletter is designed to give you information on all things careers' related in school.

In this edition you will read about what is coming up over the summer term.

You will also read about T Levels and hear from our 2021 leavers who enrolled on T Levels last September.

As always, if you have any questions about anything careers' related, please speak to Mrs Love who will be happy to help.

Notes for Year 11

If you have any concerns about course choices, College places or apprenticeships, please pop and see me in the Data Office at break or lunchtimes.

Our independent Careers' Advisor, Claire Easterbrook, will be in School every Friday. If you would like another appointment with her, please let me know so I can arrange that for you.

*Happy revising!
Mrs Love*



What's a T Level?

If you have been looking at your post-16 Options recently, you may have heard about T Levels. But what are they? Read on to find out more.

T Levels are a new technical qualification that launched in 2020. They have been designed in collaboration with employers to make sure that young adults are being taught what they need to know for a successful career in industry.

T Levels are equivalent to three A Levels and UCAS tariff points can be gained from T Level qualifications allowing you to go on to study at university if your grades allow for it.

T Levels are studied over the course of two years spending 80% of your time in college and 20% of your time on industry placement.

There are T Levels available in lots of different industries including education and childcare, engineering, digital, health, construction, management and many more.

Lots of our local colleges offer T Levels including St John Rigby, Wigan and Leigh, Cardinal Newman, Runshaw, Preston and others.

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If you would like more information about T Levels, visit www.tlevels.gov.uk

We asked some of our 2021 leavers to share their experiences of T Levels

Amelia is currently studying the T Level in Health at Wigan and Leigh College

Hi Amelia, What made you choose the T Level in Health?

I chose the T Level because it gives you the option to do a work placement that is already sourced for you by the college.

What makes a T Level different to attending college full time?

A T Level is quite different due to the fact that it is such an intense course. We are in college three days a week, one day on placement and one day at home studying.

What made you choose Wigan and Leigh College?

I found Wigan and Leigh better than other colleges because we don't have free periods. When we are in college, we are constantly learning.

What career are you hoping to move onto after you have completed your T Level?

I plan on going to university to study radiology. Other students on my course will use the T Level to go into nursing, midwifery or to become a paramedic.

What advice do you have for our younger pupils?

If you are planning on doing a T Level in Health you should know that it is exam based. We do exams every term. They aren't to scare us off the course but they show us which topics we need to revise in. It is important to keep on top of your work and revision so you are always ready for the exams.

Olivia is currently studying the T Level in Education and Childcare at Cardinal Newman

Hi Olivia, what made you choose the T Level in Education and Childcare?

I chose the course because it allows me to enter a school on placement, which is really important for practical jobs like teaching and social work.

What does your course involve?

Within my course I do multiple elements which is taught across three teachers. This course is particularly good if you want qualifications as well as practical experience, which allows you to visually see how the world of education works from a different perspective. Some subjects we learn about are safeguarding, equality and diversity, behaviour and child development. The course is very enjoyable as it is interesting and is so thing I am passionate about. As part of the course, you will also be taught about job applications, job interviews and how to present when entering a setting, which is extremely useful when competing against other more experienced applicants.

How is the course assessed?

The T Level is a two year course, however, the exams are completed in June of the first year as well as CAPS (college assessments points). On my course, I will complete two exams which will be worth 35% each of my overall grade. The employer set project which is worth the remaining 30%. In Year 13 I will be assessed in my chosen placement to ensure that I am capable of working in an Early Years setting. At the end of the course I will get a certificate in license to practice early years education meaning I can go straight into a job in an early years educational setting or go off to university to study a particular area to work in childcare.

Oliver is studying the T Level in Construction, Design and Surveying at Preston College

Hi Oliver, how is the T Level going?

The T Level course is going really well and I have settled into college life. I have met new friends and joined the college basketball team. I am in college four days a week from 9:10 until 4:20.

What are you planning to use your T Level qualification for?

I hope to become an Architect and have recently met with an employer about starting work experience in July which I think will be invaluable for me.

Coming up in the summer term

On 29 April we have our Careers and Future Learning Fair in school. Years 9 and 10 will have the chance to visit the Fair to speak to local employers, colleges and universities.

On 6 May, 30 June and 5 July, our Year 10 pupils will have opportunity to visit some of our local colleges for sample days.

On 7 July, some of our Year 8 pupils will be invited to spend the day at Edge Hill University.

Our postponed visit to Lancaster University with Year 9 pupils will go ahead on 8 July. The pupils have been selected for the trip and will be given letters shortly.

Our Year 10 pupils have begun their Careers' Guidance meetings with our independent Careers' Advisor, Claire Easterbrook, and these will continue right through the summer term and into autumn.



Miss Moore's Product Design Cinema

Miss Moore hosts a Product Design Cinema every Thursday in room 122 from 1:40-2:10. If you are interested in a career in design, it is a great way to learn about the different paths available to you.

So far pupils have been able to watch films on The Building of the Burj Al Arab and Lotus, a New Dawn. In the coming weeks, Miss Moore will be showing films relating to fashion, architecture, interior design and much more.

The Product Design Cinema is open to all year groups and Miss Moore even provides snacks! Come along and be inspired.