



This term we have hosted virtual session for students, parents and teachers in conjunction with the National Apprenticeship Service and Amazing Apprenticeships, and also Newman University.

Year 10 students were given an insight into apprenticeships and found out about the different job roles available, what is involved with the work and study element of an apprenticeship, where to find an apprenticeship and the difference between degree apprenticeships and going to university. Students found this a useful starting point to gather information about the options available to them after they finish school or college.

We also hosted a session with Sandwell Academy teaching staff about apprenticeships and how teachers can link this information into the curriculum. The teachers found this extremely interesting and will be looking at ways they can incorporate this information into their lessons to enable students to find out about these types of opportunities.

Our final apprenticeship session was with Year 13 students who are currently applying for apprenticeships. This was a recap of all the things they should be doing in their search for an apprentice role. They were reminded where they can look online to find roles and given links to volunteering opportunities which they can undertake during lockdown to boost their CV. We also spoke about how things have changed for employers recruiting apprentices during the current pandemic and what the students should expect when applying for apprenticeships. Parents also attended this session which gave them a greater understanding of what their child should be focussing on when looking for an apprenticeship.

Newman University hosted a webinar for Year 12 Sandwell Academy students on how to write a personal statement. Year 12 students are now starting to look at university and course options and prepare draft personal statements. This session took the students through what to include and what not to include. There was an opportunity to ask questions through