

Priory Community School Academy careers calendar 2023-24.

A brief guide to some of the careers events and activities throughout the year.

Date	Activity	Year	Timing	Where?	Gats by	Why?
Sept	Year 10 & 11 Parent career information evening	10 & 11	Evenings	PCSA	1,2,3,4,7	Learn about study options beyond PCSA. Diplomas, 'A' levels, T Levels, Apprenticeships & more.
Oct 3rd	It's a big TPLT career fair!	All	5pm-7pm	TKASA	1,2,3,4,5,7,8	Employer insight. College and university links. Career guidance sessions. Curriculum links.
Oct 4th	UK University & Apprenticeship Fair	11 (70 students)	10am-12.30pm	Ashton Gate	1,2,3,4,5	Explore Higher education opportunities and apprenticeship pathways too.
Oct 12th	Oxford University Trip	15 year 10 students	In the school day	Exeter College, Oxford	1,2,4,7	Explore what a leading university has to offer.
Oct - Dec	Interesting assemblies!	Year 8	Tuesdays	PCSA	1,3,4,5	Lots of previous students will return to school to talk about their career journeys.
Oct - Dec	Yr 11 121 appointments to capture progression plans beyond PCSA. Repeat appointments for undecided students and priority groups. Parents welcome.	11	In the school day.	PCSA	1,2,3,7,8	Personalised support to help students and families make informed decisions. Learn about FE study options. Diplomas, 'A' levels, T Levels, Apprenticeships & more.
Oct-Dec	Thursday PM tutor time online assemblies with local further education providers, apprenticeship providers and HE	11	2:40pm	Tutor time	1,3,7,8	Understand the range of post 16 options available locally to assist in applications.

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w/b Nov 6th	Green Careers Week	All	Throughout the week	Tutor time and social media posts	1,2,4	Learn about Green Skills, LMI and how young people can have a positive impact
Nov-April	Year 10 work experience 121s begin until all students source a placement.	10	In the school day	The careers office	1,2,3,4,5,6,8	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum. Labour market information. Employer awareness.
Dec	Christmas book launch. 20 young authors have written a book of Christmas themed short stories.	All	5pm	PCSA	1,4,8	Build confidence. Creativity. Career planning, entrepreneurial skills.
Dec	Student hero awards	All	5pm	PCSA	1	Thanking students for their acts of kindness at home, school and the community.
Dec 14 th	PE trip to university of Bath	32 year 7-9 students	All day	Uni of Bath	1, 2, 3, 4, 7	Aspirational trip for students with a sporting excellence.
Jan/ Feb	Army and Navy recruitment information sessions	All year groups	PM Tutor time	The careers office	1,2,3,4,5,7	Meet armed forces personnel and learn about different career pathways.
11 th Jan	Guest speaker from UWE to Early Years students	10	In the school day	PCSA	1,2,3,4,5,7	Aspirational talk from HE provider on pathways and careers.
Jan	College and sixth form application deadline. Further 121s when needed.	11	Online and tutor time.	PCSA	1,3,7,8	Helping students and families make informed decisions.
19 th Feb	Year 9 options assembly	9	Tutor time	PCSA assembly hall	1, 3, 4	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum.

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Dec-Feb	Year 9 options research.	9	Tutor time	PCSA	1,3,4	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum.
Feb	An offer of Year 9 options 121s with families.	9	Evenings	Face to face or online	1,3,7,8	Helping students and families make informed decisions.
Feb 22 nd	Year 9 options evening	9	4-7pm	PCSA	1,2,3,4,8	Helping students and families make informed decisions.
Feb	Priority groups/ students post 16 transition trips/ tours/ meetings	11	Specific bookings	Colleges and 6 th forms	1, 3, 4,7,8	Helping students and families make informed decisions.
w/b 5 th Feb	National Apprenticeships Week. Online events and face to face activities. Student workshops and parent information sessions.	All	Thursday tutor time	PCSA	1,2,3,4,5,7,8	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum. Labour market information.
w/b 5 th Feb	Apprenticeship Academy to help students search and secure an apprenticeship.	11	Period 6	PCSA	2,4,5,7,8	Career planning. Confidence. Employer insight. Labour market information.
Feb 21 st	Family apprenticeship information session	10 & 11	6pm	PCSA	1,2,3,5,7	Employer insight, training provider guidance.
11 th Feb	International day of women in science	All	In the school day	PCSA	1,2,3,4,5,7	Resources, discussion points and activities.
4 th March	World Engineering Day	All	In the school day	PCSA	1,2,3,4,5,7	Resources, discussion points and activities.
March	National Careers Week. Online talks and presentations from universities and employers.	All	Tutor time and in the school day.	PCSA	1,2,3,4,5,7,8	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum. Labour market information.

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March	Science Week. Visits from University Centre Weston with degree level experiments and visits from local employers talking about the importance of STEM in working life.	Selected year 11 students	Science classes	Science Dept	1,2,3,4,5,7	Practical skills. University insight. Employer contact.
March	Guest speakers and previous students visit school.	All	Tutor time, break time and class time	Careers office, class and assemblies	1,2,3,4,5	Employer insight, curriculum links
March	It's a big TPLT careers fair! Employers, colleges, 6 th forms, universities and apprenticeship providers exhibiting at WCSA just down the road.	All	After school. Quiet hour for SEN and high anxiety.	WCSA	1,2,3,4,5,7,8	Employer insight. College and university links. Career guidance sessions. Curriculum links.
23 rd March	World Maths Day	All	In the school day	PCSA	1,2,3,4,5,7	Resources, discussion points and activities.
April 8 th -11 th	Army Residential Work Experience	5 year 10 students	4 days	Okehampton	1,2,3,4,5,6	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum. Labour market information.
25 th April	Year 10 work experience assembly	Year 10	Period 1	PCSA hall	1,2,3,4,5,6	Preparing for work experience week in May.
Spring	Bespoke trips to college for priority groups. Induction trips to 6 th forms too.	11	In the school day	At colleges and 6 th Forms	1,2,3,4,7	Smoother transition to FE for priority groups.

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May 7 th -10 th	Year 10 work experience week.	10	All week	Offsite	1,2,3,4,5,6	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum. Labour market information.
June	Cyber career day	Selected year 10 students	In the school day	Offsite	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum. Labour market information. Employer contact. College and university insight.
w/b June 10 th	Year 7 interview challenge. All Year 7 students choose a vacancy, create a CV and attend an interview.	7	Tutor time and in the school day.	The careers office	1,2,3,4,5,8	Research skills. Career planning. Confidence and interview skills.
June	It's a big TPLT careers fair! For the whole community. 30+employers, colleges and universities. Workshops and career training sessions.	All	Evening	PCSA	1,2,3,4,5,7,8	Employer insight. College and university links. Career guidance sessions. Curriculum links.
June 13 th	Year 10 assembly for Taster Day	10	Period 1	PCSA	1, 3,4 7	Getting the most from college taster day
June 27 th	Weston College taster day.	10	Through the school day.	Offsite	1,2,3,4,7	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum. Labour market information. FE awareness.
July	Year 10 mock interview prep creating CVs.	10	Homework task	PCSA	1,2,3,4,5	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum. Labour market information. Employer awareness.
July	Year 10 mock interview day. Students attend employer interviews	10	Through the school day.	PCSA	1,2,3,4,5	Career planning. Confidence. Linking careers to curriculum. Labour market information.

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Ongoing activities throughout the year.	Year	Timing	Location	Gatsby
Weekly Thursday career tutor time for all students.	All	Weekly	PCSA	1,2,3,4,5,7
Monthly career bulletins sent to parents via email and F'book. Also promoted via tutors, notice boards and screens. All local careers events and activities.	All	Monthly	Online	1,2,3,5
Ongoing Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn presence answering student and parent enquiries.	All	24/7	Online	1,2,3,5
Publish inspirational posters. Focus on achievable career goals with previous students.	All	Monthly	Online and school	1,3,4,5
Hero awards for student acts of kindness at school, home and the community.	All	Annually	Online	
Book publishing 2 per year. All students are welcome to contribute to books of collected short stories published online with the support of a US publisher and previous student.	All	Xmas & March	Online	1,4
Ongoing offer to all current & previous students and families for pre-booked appointments.	All	Ongoing	PCSA	1,2,3,8
Careers related enquiries from parents can also be handled via face to face in the school atrium, zoom, phone, Email and F'book.	All	Ongoing	PCSA	1,2,3,8
Ongoing engagement with alumni to help inspire current students.	All	Ongoing	PCSA	1,2,3,4,5
Youth council opportunities for all year groups to make their town a better place.	All	Monthly	Offsite	1,5,6
National citizenship service engagement for Year 11 students.	11	Summer	Offsite	1,5
SEN student transition to college visits.	11	Spring	PCSA	1,3,7,8
Ongoing support for students at risk of bullying, suffering from anxiety etc.	All	Ongoing	PCSA	1,3,8
Ongoing engagement with stakeholders to highlight the potential of our students.	All	Ongoing	Online/F2F	1,2,3,5,7
Ongoing engagement with our Enterprise Advisor, WECA and Engine Shed Activities.	All	Ongoing	Online/F2F	1,2,3,5
Be a contributor to the Careers Advisor Network to ensure events are shared.	All	Ongoing	Online/F2F	1,2,3,5
Ongoing impartial engagement with FE providers.	All	Ongoing	Online/F2F	1,2,7
Membership of the North Somerset Council Employment and Skills Taskforce.		Ongoing	Online/F2F	1,5,6

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