

Careers Newsletter January 2026

Hi everyone and Happy New Year! Thanks for taking time to read this newsletter and I hope you find it useful, whether you're a student, a parent or a member of staff.

Guidance Appointments

Year 11 guidance interviews are well underway - these involve a discussion with a Level 6 qualified Careers Adviser about careers, aspirations, motivation, post 16 options, exam tips and more! Every student will receive an action plan on their Xello account which will include recommended steps to help them to explore their ideas further and achieve their career goals.

Ingredients for your Careers Appointment



- Impartial information
- Career exploration
- Course research
- Step by step plan
- Quiz's
- CV support
- Interview tips
- Revision tips
- University choices

Xello

We have introduced a new careers platform which is accessed through the school iPad that will help empower students to make informed decisions about their future and take control of their career management. This is an intuitive platform so the more it is used for career exploration, self-awareness and research, the more effective it is at providing tailored information. Don't waste any time and get on board Xello to start planning future goals and aspirations!

Say hello to Xello!

Xello is an engaging online program that helps students in years 7 - 13 create their very own, unique roadmap for future success — enabling them to discover their own personalised pathway through self-knowledge, exploration, and planning.

Build Self-Knowledge



Explore Options



Create a Plan



Learn & Reassess



Post 16 Open Events

Helston Post 16

[Helston Community College - Welcome to Post 16](#)

Truro and Penwith College (Truro, Penwith and Bodmin campuses)

[Events Archive - Truro & Penwith College](#)

Cornwall College (Camborne, Roswewarne, Falmouth Marine School, St Austell, Stoke Climsland and Bicton campuses)

[Events - Cornwall College](#)

Cornwall School of Mathematics and Science and Cornwall School of Liberal Arts

[CSMS Open Event | Calendar | Camborne Science & International Academy](#)

Parents and Carers Guide

The Careers Hub have created the Parent and Carers Toolkit which is hot off the press and full of resources and information to help you support your child with making informed decisions about their futures.

[A Parents Guide for Empowering Careers - Careers Hub](#)

Apprenticeships

It's that time of year for students to start researching this option and exploring local vacancies – more will become available over the year so it's worth signing up to notifications through local colleges and the [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#) website. Keep your eyes out for CV resources I'll be sending out in due course, as well as information on approaching employers and writing cover letters. In the meantime, here are some useful websites:

[The Apprenticeship Guide listing all apprenticeships available](#)

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

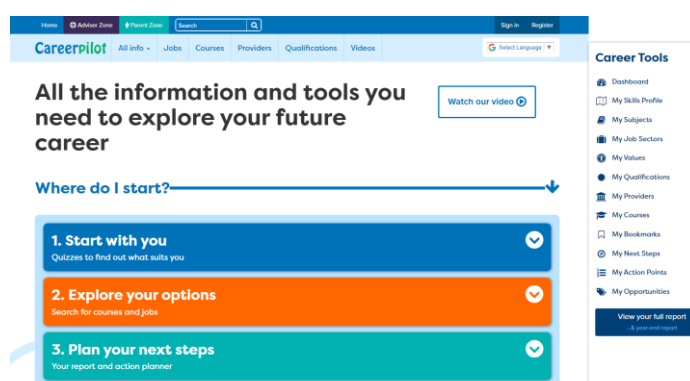
[Apprenticeships](#)

[Find an Apprenticeship \(cornwall-opportunities.co.uk\)](#)

For more apprenticeship vacancies or information, you can also search for employers - for example Royal Air Force, NHS or St Austell Brewery and look at their careers section, or even contact an employer directly using a CV and cover letter. You can use the skills based CV template on Xello to get you started!

Career Exploration

One of the platforms we will be using to explore careers is [Careerpilot : Plan your future work & study](#). This uses the three steps of career guidance – Who am I, Where do I want to be and What do I need to do to get there. Students will be encouraged to use this when researching career ideas and there is also information on local college courses, apprenticeships and lots of opportunity for self-discovery. There is even a parent zone and a dashboard for students to track their progress and save their research!



Careers Future-Proofing

A great way to improve your chances in finding employment in the future is to research the local job market – does the job you're looking for exist locally, how strong is the sector/industry and what qualifications and experience do employers want. The easiest way to future proof yourself is to search job vacancies on job websites, including generic and more specialist websites – this will give you a good idea of what you need to do to secure a job. You can use these websites to start your research:

[Search and apply for jobs | Find a job](#)

[Job Search | Indeed](#)

[Jobs and Recruitment on Reed.co.uk, the UK's #1 job site](#)

[Jobs in United Kingdom - 379.000+ current vacancies - Jooble](#)

[Jobs and Careers - Cornwall Council](#)

[Construction Jobs UK & Recruitment | Construction Job Board](#)

[Yotspot: Yacht Recruitment | Crew Search to Find Yacht Staff & Yacht Jobs](#)

Thank you

That's all for now, please contact me if you have any questions and I'll be happy to help!

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