

# Careers & Post-16 Parent Bulletin

## Careers & Employability at Belong Gloucestershire

This is the new Belong Gloucestershire Careers & Post-16 Parent Bulletin which you will now receive each term via email. This bulletin will provide useful information for parents along with information about your child's careers education whilst highlighting upcoming Post-16/Careers events and opportunities.

This term we invited Kim from E.G Carter, a local construction company, to Belong to work with our Year 11 students and offer some advice around CV writing which sparked some interesting conversations around the use of AI.

### Workplace Experience at Fennels Alpacas

Since January, our students have been working with local business, Fennels Alpacas, learning all about the inner workings of an Alpaca farm whilst learning about animal care and the many uses of Alpaca wool.

More info and some pictures can be found here:  
<https://belonglearning.co.uk/belong-school-gloucestershire-at-fennels-alpacas/>

### Coming up in the Summer Term

We will be welcoming Bridge Training and TMS into school to speak with our Year 9 and 10 students about what they offer at Post-16

Severn Trent Water & Forest Green Rovers will also speak with KS3 students about how they work to help the environment as well as the variety of job roles within their organisations.

Next term, students will learn about Labour Market Information (LMI) and how it can help them to understand more about the world of work in Gloucestershire and make decisions about their future education and careers.

**You can find some information for parents on LMI on Page 3 of this bulletin.**

## Work Experience Opportunity at Gloucestershire Airport

An exciting work experience opportunity for students is taking place at Gloucestershire Airport during the week of 13-17 July.

Students will have the opportunity to visit and hear from a range of organisations based at the airport, gaining insight into aviation, engineering, operations, emergency services, business roles and more.

Students will get a varied, engaging and inspiring introduction to the wide range of careers available within the aviation sector.

**You can register your interest on this link: [Aim High - Our Charity Programmes - fly2help](#)**

**Or please email [Mark.Riden@belonglearning.co.uk](mailto:Mark.Riden@belonglearning.co.uk) for more information.**

## Upcoming Post-16 Events

**Thursday 30th Apr - SGS Stroud Campus  
- 5.30PM to 8.00PM**

**Thursday 30th April - SGS Berkeley Green  
UTC - 5.30PM to 8.00PM**

**Monday 11 May - Gloucester College  
(Gloucester Campus) - 5.00PM - 8.00PM**

## New 'V Level' Qualifications Announced

The government recently announced new 'V Level' qualifications which will sit alongside existing A levels and T Levels (the technical and occupational route that includes an industry placement).

- V levels will be new Level 3 qualifications that offer a vocational pathway for students who want to explore different sectors before deciding where to specialise.
- Each V Level will be equivalent in size to one A level. This means students will be able to combine V Levels with A levels, creating a programme that reflects their interests and career ambitions.
- The first V Levels will be available from September 2027 in **Digital, Education and Early Years**, and **Finance and Accounting**. More subjects will follow over time.

As well as new V levels, T Levels will also be expanded into additional subjects, including **Sports, Fitness and Exercise Science** and **Care Services**.

**You can find more information on V Levels here: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/What-are-V-Levels.pdf>**



We have recently begun using the Skills Builder Universal Framework as part of our Aspiration, Careers & Employability (A.C.E) Curriculum to teach students about key employability skills.

The framework is recommended by the Department for Education and provides a model for building 8 essential employability skills that can help young people to find work and succeed in their future careers. Each skill is broken down into sixteen steps, allowing users to focus on specific areas.

For the remainder of this academic year, Skills for Life (Employability Skills) lessons will focus on each of the Skills Builder Partnerships 8 essential skills in preparation for September, where students will begin to work through the steps of each skill. This term, students have considered their own **Speaking** and **Listening** skills whilst exploring how each of these skills can help in school, future careers and day-to-day life.

More information on this will be sent out at the start of next academic year but in the meantime, you can find out more about the Skills Builder Framework here: [The Universal Framework](#)

## Careers & Post-16 Queries

For any queries about Careers or Post-16, please contact Mark Riden at:

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or

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# Labour Market Information (LMI)

This is the most up-to-date Labour Market Information (LMI) for Gloucestershire



## What is Labour Market Information (LMI)?

Labour Market Information is data about the world of work across the country and in our local area.

**LMI gives us information on:**

- The jobs and voluntary opportunities available both locally and nationally.
- The biggest employers / career sectors in each area of the country.
- Which types of job are most needed in the area and how many of those jobs are being advertised.
- Which areas of local industry are growing, and which ones are dying out.
- The pathways that lead to these jobs/opportunities (what qualifications and skills are needed for them).
- The pay of a job and expected tasks.

## Why is LMI relevant to your child?

Accurate and up-to-date LMI can help your child make informed decisions about their options and choices around:

- GCSE's
- Post-16 & 18 Education
- Future Careers

LMI can also help you to understand the education and training requirements for different career pathways.

## What resources and tools can be used to help understand and use LMI information?

**Gloucestershire Your Futures** - Supports those with SEND to explore industry areas and roles while providing information on the Local Offer in the county.

[www.gloucestershire.yourfutures.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.yourfutures.uk)

**Gloucestershire Careers Coach** - Explore career types and related LMI for Gloucestershire, including live job postings.

<https://www.skillsportalglos.com/career-coach/>

**Preparing for Adulthood PDF resource** - Helps families prepare for the transition into adult services

[www.gloscareershub.com](http://www.gloscareershub.com)

**Scan the QR code below with the camera on your phone to watch a short video explaining Labour Market Information**

