



Co-op Academy Grange



# CAREERS NEWSLETTER

EMPOWERING FUTURES, IGNITING PASSIONS, BUILDING CAREERS AT COOP GRANGE

## MARCH 2024

## National Careers Week

During National Careers Week at Grange, our students had an exciting time exploring their future possibilities! They took part in a **STEM Challenge Day** hosted at Bradford University, where they engaged in hands-on learning experiences to spark their interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Students had the invaluable opportunity to gain firsthand insights into the professional world through workplace visits to **PWC** and **Arla Foods**.

In addition, students in KS3 learned about post-16 options in a special assembly by **Keighley College** and in class, teachers included discussions about different careers into their lessons, fostering a learning environment where students could explore their interests and aspirations.



## Cambridge University



In April 20 Year 10 students will be taking a trip to Cambridge Queens University. Students will have the chance to join a 'Think like a student' session on either Plant Sciences (for students with a preference for STEM subjects) or Linguistics (for students with a preference for Arts/Humanities) followed by a tour of local Museums in Cambridge. We cannot wait to share photo graphs and details from the students trip!

## Residential - SHINE Project

As part of the SHINE Mentoring project we run in school with the support of York University, a group of Year 10 students are this week taking part in a residential where they will attend academic sessions, student life sessions, evening activities, as well as getting to know current University of York students and Shine Students from other Shine Schools. This is a fantastic opportunity for all those taking part.



## Career Focus

**6th April 2024 (World Health Day) - Careers in Healthcare**

<http://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-categories/healthcare>

[https://www.lmiforall.org.uk/explore\\_lmi/](https://www.lmiforall.org.uk/explore_lmi/)



## What's happening in Careers?

Queens Cambridge University - **17th April 2024**

SEND Careers Workshops - **26th April 2024**

SEND Careers Fair - St Georges Conference Centre - **8th May 2024**

Workplace Visit - Jacobs (Leeds) - **14th May 2024**

SHINE York University (Y9/10) - **14th May 2024**

YAYA Mentoring Celebration Event - **16th May 2024**

PWC Visit Y7 - **17th May 2024**

PLUS MANY MORE - WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING MORE DETAILS IN OUR APRIL NEWSLETTER!

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## Spotlight On - T Levels

T Levels are a new type of qualification introduced in the UK, designed to offer students a blend of classroom learning and practical experience in specific industries.

Key features of T Levels include:

1. **Industry Focus:** T Levels are available in specific industries, such as digital, construction, education, healthcare etc.
2. **Work Placement:** A significant aspect of T Levels is the mandatory industry placement, lasting a minimum of 45 days. This provides students with real-world experience and helps them develop practical skills valued by employers.
3. **Equivalent to A Levels:** T Levels are equivalent to three A Levels and are recognised by universities and employers. This provides students with a pathway to higher education or directly into employment, depending on their goals.
4. **Employer Involvement:** T Levels are developed in collaboration with employers to ensure that the content is relevant to industry needs. This helps students acquire skills that are in demand in the labour market.

For students leaving school, T Levels offer several advantages:

- **Practical Experience:** T Levels provide hands-on experience through industry placements, giving students a taste of the working environment and helping them develop practical skills that are highly valued by employers.
- **Clear Career Pathway:** By focusing on specific industries, T Levels help students explore their interests and pursue clear career pathways from an early stage, enabling them to make informed decisions about their future.
- **Employability:** T Levels are designed in collaboration with employers, ensuring that students acquire skills that are directly relevant to the needs of the labour market.

**In summary, T Levels offer students leaving school a valuable opportunity to gain practical skills, industry experience, and recognised qualifications that enhance their employability and pave the way for future career success.**



## Where are you now?

As part of our ongoing commitment to inspire and empower our students, we're excited to launch the Grange Alumni initiative, aimed at showcasing the diverse journeys and successes of former students like you. Your story is invaluable in motivating and guiding our current students towards their own aspirations.

We're eager to learn about your journey since leaving Grange, including the various career paths you've pursued, the roles you've held, and any educational milestones you've achieved along the way.

Moreover, we're keen to hear about the lessons you've learned throughout your journey – insights that you wish you had known earlier in your career.

Your participation would greatly enrich our students' understanding of the vast array of opportunities that await them. If you're willing to share your story and insights, please take a moment to complete the Google Form linked below.

### GOOGLE FORM

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Se5Q9GFZr\\_w8p1bf6qfjPlxqz6moXGbzyOaHoFYEeX8/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Se5Q9GFZr_w8p1bf6qfjPlxqz6moXGbzyOaHoFYEeX8/edit)



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