

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION (LMI)

SKILLS SNAPSHOTS

How does communication in school help me in future?

One of the most important skills students develop in school isn't a subject you can revise for - it's communication.

Whether it's speaking in class, working in groups, emailing teachers or presenting ideas, these everyday interactions are quietly building the habits that employers value most in the workplace.

From classroom to career

Communication shows up everywhere:

- Team meetings where ideas need to be shared clearly.
- Emails and messages must be clear and professional
- Problem-solving discussions where listening is just as important as speaking.
- Presentation where confidence and clarity matter.

Students who develop strong communication habits often find the transition into work or apprenticeships much smoother.

What can you do?

- Speak up in lessons
- Practise active listening
- Get comfortable in group work
- Practise presenting

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WHAT'S ON AND WHAT'S NEXT FOR BE INSPIRED?

- New V Levels
- Update to post-16 pathways
- Alumni Spotlight
- Upcoming Events

CHANGES TO POST-16 PATHWAYS

In October 2025, the government published the post-16 education and skills white paper, setting out reforms to the skills force in the UK.

The government reforms are underpinned by three main principles:

- Progression - qualifications that young people take between 16 to 19 must deliver positive outcomes.
- Future proof - each qualification pathway must be high quality and adaptable to future skills needs.
- Clarity of choice - pathways for students aged 16 to 19 must be easy to navigate so that young people are able to make the right choice for them.

KEY CHANGES TO EDUCATION

BTEC qualifications become 'V Levels'

At the heart of the changes is a move towards a simpler qualifications system. Post-16 study will now focus on three main routes: A-Levels for academic study, T-Levels for technical qualifications and a new group of vocational qualifications to now be known as V-Levels from 2027. As part of this shift, many existing vocational courses are being phased out to reduce overlap and confusion, making it easier for students to understand their options and employers to recognise qualifications.

Clearer vocational pathways

The government is creating clearer vocational pathways. New Level 2 routes will help students progress either towards further study or directly into employment and apprenticeships. At Level 3, students will have more flexibility to combine academic and vocational courses, allowing them to tailor programmes to their interests and career goals.

About market needs

A key aim of the reform is to ensure education better reflects labour market needs. There is a stronger focus on sectors with skills shortages - such as digital, construction and healthcare - so that young people are better prepared for the world of work. This is supported by closer collaboration between education providers and employers, including the development of Local Skills Improvement Plans.

Lifelong Learning Entitlement (LLE)

Another major development is the introduction of the Lifelong Learning Entitlement which allows individuals to access funding for education and training throughout their lives. This flexible approach means learners can build skills over time, rather than committing to a single, fixed pathway at eighteen.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

NATHAN MOORE | 2020 A6 LEAVER

We were proud to learn of the success of Alsager School and A6 alumnus, Nathan Moore, who was a student from 2013-2020.

Nathan went on to achieve a BEng Degree in Motorsport Engineering at Coventry University and, after a stint as Quality Engineer on the Lotus Cars Graduate Scheme, now has an enviable role as a Complex Analysis with McLaren!

We look forward to welcoming Nathan into school over the next academic year to work with select engineering students, host assemblies and be one of our guests for 2027 Careers Focus Day.

Nathan was passionate about his time at Alsager and remarked how much he had gained both academically and personally. Having an offer from McLaren was an offer Nathan 'could not ignore' and he commented on Mr Evans and Miss Salt being some of the many teachers who helped him decide his pathway which he doesn't know if he 'would be where [he] is now.



MAY EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

SIXTH FORM OFFER DAY

Year 11 students with offers to attend Alsager Sixth Form were invited to Hollinshead Hall to collect their conditional offers letter. In the afternoon, instead of their usual intervention sessions, those students were invited to the Sixth Form to try out some of the society offerings. These included: book club, football, craft, baking and Future Medics to name a few.

CAREERS FOCUS DAY ASSEMBLY

Year 10 students will have a Careers Focus Day assembly on 20th May. This will inform students about plans for the day as well as appropriate attire for the workplace.

OPPORTUNITIES

With exam season well underway, opportunities for the summer term and next academic year are coming through, providing students with an opportunity to excel beyond their peers in application processes.

Upcoming events to sign up to include:

Keele University are hosting a range of taster days this term:

Year 10

Music Production, Games and Media - 20th May
History, Politics and International Relations - 10th June
Criminology and Law - 1st July

Year 12:

Music Production, Games and Media - 3rd June
Criminology and Law - 17th June

Contact Miss Brown if you want to attend these events!

Other external opportunities include:

[Imperial College Life Science and Chemistry Summer Schools](#) - applications close 22nd May

[Young Professional Work Experience Day \(London\)](#) - 18th July

[Get into Dentistry Conference](#) - 31st May

[Paid 3 day Consulting Work Experience programme](#) - Stoke August 2026

[BVL law projects](#) - open 26th June

Open apprenticeship opportunities:

[Mid Cheshire Hospitals](#) - applications close 22nd May

[Cheshire College Apprenticeships](#)



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