

# Batchwood Newsletter



November 2022

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## Headteacher's Letter

Welcome to our November edition of the school newsletter, which includes all of our news that has occurred in the second half of this Autumn term so far.



On Friday November 11<sup>th</sup>, we held, as usual, our Remembrance service. Both of our Head Students Danny T and Skye M read the ode to Remembrance. They were excellent and demonstrated just why they are our head students. The whole school population were present as we remembered those that sacrificed their lives so that we can enjoy the freedom and democracy that we enjoy today. I have to say, the students (and staff) were impeccable in showing reverence during the service. We were all very proud of our students and of our school.

December is now upon us, and so coming up very soon are the school reports. Your child's form tutor will be booking in Learning Reviews with you very soon to go through the report and celebrate where things have gone well, and where things can be improved even further.

After that, we are working towards Christmas with all the fun and the festivities of the Pantomime and of course, our Christmas dinner.

Jonathan Kemp



# Attendance Update

## Attendance Update

The race is on for the form group attendance trip. The form with the highest attendance for this term will be rewarded with a trip in January. In no particular order, those forms currently competing for the top slot are: 7B Ms Adam, 8A Mr Hurley, 8B Ms Sumeg, 9C Mrs Noble and 10B Mrs Melian/Miss Graham.

Remember, every day counts! Vouchers will also be awarded to those students with 100% attendance for this half term.

**This term we will be setting attendance targets for all students with attendance below 85%. If you have any questions about attendance or want support or strategies to help improve your child's attendance, please contact Sally Smiles, Attendance Lead.**

## New lunch club!

Do you enjoy netball? Would you like to learn new skills? Netball is a great way to exercise and work on your social skills. Netball will take place with Rebecca McShane Wednesday lunchtimes. Come along and have some fun, everyone is invited!



## JooDoo Drumming workshop



Students took part in an African Drumming workshop in October with JooDoo Drumming. There was smiles, laughing and even dancing!





# John Muir Award

Batchwood students from Years 7 & 8 have been planting trees around the school site this month as part of their work towards the John Muir Award. This is a nationally recognised conservation award from the John Muir Trust which encourages young people to visit and learn about wild places, do something to conserve them and share their experiences. The students have been planting trees in the school woodland and green areas, which were provided by The Woodland Trust. This will not only help tackle climate change, but also provide food and habitat for wildlife.





# The CAREERS Newsletter



## Welcome to Batchwood's Careers Newsletter!

The intentions of this newsletter will be to update you on the career activities that have taken place so far this year and will give you information and resources to help you support your son/daughter with their career exploration.

## Careers Guidance

One to one careers guidance has continued throughout the Autumn term with many students having sessions in school. Students have been able to receive careers guidance to help them develop research skills, think about their next steps and make informed decisions. All students in Years 9 and 11 receive careers guidance but it is also available to students in other year groups on request, please speak to the office staff to arrange this with Mr Pearson.

## Batchwood School Careers Website

The careers page on the main school website provides lots of information and resources to support students exploring future career choices.

The careers page is located under the 'Learning' tab and then clicking the 'Careers Advice and Guidance' tab.

<https://www.batchwood.herts.sch.uk/>

## Parents' Guide to Apprenticeships

Gov.uk have released an updated single information page about apprenticeships for parents. It includes information about the benefits, salaries, entry requirements and how to apply.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/711088/Parent-Guide-Apprenticeships.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/711088/Parent-Guide-Apprenticeships.pdf)

## Careers Spotlight

### Green Careers Week 2022

Green Careers Week is a fantastic new initiative that launched mid November 2022 to provide young people with an insight into careers that specifically protect the environment and will help the UK achieve its pledge of reaching Net Zero by 2050.

### What is a Green career?

In the simplest terms, green careers include roles within businesses that benefit the environment and conserve natural resources. These roles have been growing over recent years and are bound to increase further as the necessity for greater energy efficiency and sustainability becomes more urgent. For further information please check out the link below:

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/the-parents-guide-to-green-careers-week>

## Other useful links & resources

### National Careers Service

[nationalcareers.service.gov.uk](https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)

This is the Government's hub for careers advice for people of all ages where you can find help with drafting letters, CVs, exploring your skills or seeking careers advice

### Hertfordshire Services for Young People Services for Young People

Providing youth work projects and programmes, information, advice, guidance, work related learning, outdoor education and support for young people aged 13-19.

### Amazing Apprenticeships

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

A leading apprenticeship organisation in the education sector, founded to tackle misconceptions about apprenticeships and promote the benefits.

# WHAT ARE TRAINEESHIPS?

Pre-employment programmes for 16-24 yr olds

**A Traineeship is a fully-funded education and training programme for 16-24\* year olds (\*25 year olds with an Education, Health and Care Plan) to build employability skills and gain valuable sector-based experience through a work placement.**

## How long is the programme?

Traineeships can last from 6 weeks to a maximum of 1 year, although most will be up to around 6 months. The duration of the programme will be decided with your training provider, once they have spoken with you and assessed your needs.

## What does the programme involve?

Trainees will receive a wide variety of skills and personal development, including:

- A work experience placement with an employer.
- Work preparation with your training provider.
- English, maths and digital skills development (if required)

## How does the programme work?

A traineeship can start at any point in the year. You will need to find a training provider in your local area who is offering the programme, and then make contact with them to get started.

They will work with you to understand your future plans, and to put the correct level of support in place to help you to move towards further employment or education, as well as organising a valuable work experience placement.

INSPIRE!

To discover  
more about  
traineeships  
and to hear  
about other

example journeys, please scan  
the QR code with your phone or  
visit [www.amazingapprenticeships.com/traineeships](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/traineeships)



### Where will I be learning?

Traineeships combine a mix of classroom-based learning with a workexperience placement with an employer. You will be supported to work towards qualifications in English, maths and digital (if required) as well asreceiving support to prepare your CV.

### Do trainees get paid?

Work experience placements through traineeships are unpaid, however employers are encouraged to support trainees with expenses such as transport and meals, depending on personal circumstances. If you are in receipt of benefits, please speak with your local Jobcentre Plus adviser or Work Coach who will be able to confirmthat your benefits can continue.

### What happens at the end of theprogramme?

Traineeships require the employer to carry out an exit interview, or a new jobinterview if appropriate. Your training provider will offer you support and guidance with your job search and help you feel confident in applying for and securing an apprenticeship, employment or further training.

### Why is a traineeship a greatopportunity?

A traineeship provides you with theopportunity to:

- ✓ Increase your confidence and understand what employers arelooking for.
- ✓ Gain new skills and achievequalifications.
- ✓ Build your experience of the workplace, meet employers anddevelop practical skills.

TOP TIP

Find a local training provider by scanning the QR code or visiting [gov.uk/government/publications/traineeship-providers](http://gov.uk/government/publications/traineeship-providers)



# The parent perspective podcast episode one: exploring your options

## 3 Ways to use THE parent perspective podcast

"The Parent Perspective" is an exciting podcast series for parents and carers, helping you to support your children with careers advice and guidance. Series 2 is bigger and better than ever, led by our brilliant new host, Rachel Burden! For the full range of podcast episodes and resources, please visit:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast>

Discuss hobbies and interests that could lead to career ideas.

Don't just focus on what they like about their academic subject, try asking these questions too:

- What hobbies do you have?
- What do you like to do in your spare time?
- What clubs do you take part in and enjoy?
- If you could pick one thing to do right now, what would it be?

Discuss what options are available.

- Make a list of all options to start to create plans.
- Start to think about and research what needs to be done next for each option.
- <https://amazingapprenticeships.com>
- <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk>
- The school website:  
[https://www.batchwood.herts.sch.uk/index.php/pages/careers\\_advice\\_and\\_guidance](https://www.batchwood.herts.sch.uk/index.php/pages/careers_advice_and_guidance)

Think about all the different options.

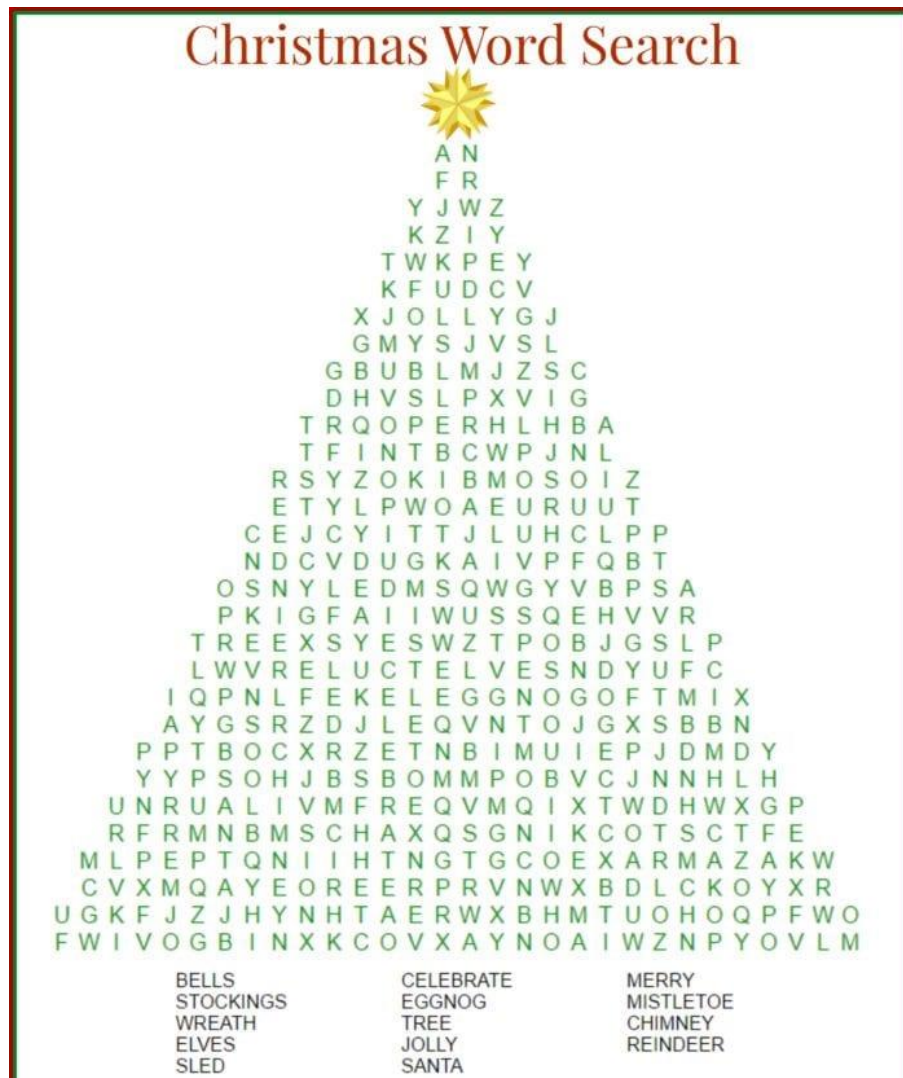
Find out what different jobs are like.

Get a feel for different roles and industries.

- Try and get some work experience. Going behind the scenes of a company can help you see what they do and rule in/ out choices.
- Speak to people you know and hear their stories.
- Do some independent research online



# Family Time – Christmas Word search!



To enter please complete the word search given to your form tutor and return to Mrs Noble. If you have a tablet and can edit directly onto the word search, feel free to do so and send [knoble@batchwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:knoble@batchwood.herts.sch.uk)

Each entry will be added to a raffle and the winner will receive a £10 Amazon voucher!

Entries are to be uploaded onto Google Classroom or handed in to form tutors by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Prizes will be sent home with the winning student. By taking part you are agreeing to us announcing you/your student as the winner in the next issue.



# Notices from our Assistant Psychologists

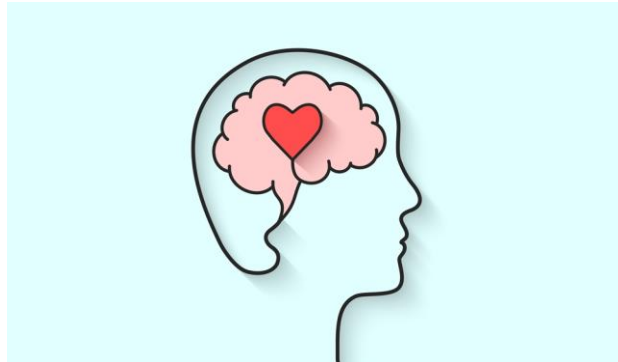
**Parent drop-in** via Zoom or in person with the Educational Mental Health Practitioner to offer extra support.

Carolyn Mckay

Monday 9.30- 10.30am

Other times are available upon request.

If you have any further question contact the school or email [hpft.spa@nhs.net](mailto:hpft.spa@nhs.net) to book in your slot.



## Mental Health & Wellbeing Ambassadors

Training has started for our student Mental Health and Wellbeing Ambassadors. We are looking forward to seeing them support their peers around school and help promote Mental Health and wellbeing around school.



# Important Diary Dates



## December 2022

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- 1<sup>st</sup> - International day of people with disabilities, Extended Learning Day.
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Reports sent home
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Learning Reviews begin
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Pantomime Trip (whole school)
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Key Stage 3 trips
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Concert (lessons 3+4)
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Key Stage 4 Trips
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Dinner
- 21<sup>st</sup> - **End of term (half day)**



## January 2023

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- 5<sup>th</sup> - All students return to school

For our latest news and updates go to:

[www.batchwood.herts.sch.uk](http://www.batchwood.herts.sch.uk)