

Careers Provision Information for Parents



Year 10

During year 10, it is important that your child starts think about their options and choices, regarding their destination after Hummersknott. All pupils have to continue their education/training until they are 18 years, whether this is through attending college, apprenticeship or other training programmes.

There are many ways you and your son/daughter can access support and information, about making choices on their future. Based in the LRC, Hummersknott have a dedicated Careers team ready to help you both through your child's careers journey. Do not hesitate to contact us, if you have any questions or queries. Your son/daughter's College Manager and Form tutor can also help you get in touch with us:

Head of Careers:	Miss C Tindale (atd@hummersknott.org.uk)
Life Skills Co-Ordinator:	Mrs Amanda Calloway (zcw@hummersknott.org.uk)
Careers Advisor:	Cath Gibbins Careerwave

The LRC is also home to a Careers library, filled with information on career pathways, making decisions etc. There is also a wide and varied selection of prospectus for Colleges and Universities available for your child to browse at their own leisure.

How can you help?

It may sound obvious, but listen to your child and support their ideas. Over their time at Hummersknott they may change their career ideas on a monthly or even weekly basis, this does not matter, the fact they are thinking about their future is the important factor.

There are lots of useful websites that can be accessed to help you through the process; these are detailed later in the booklet. If these websites do not answer your questions, do not hesitate to contact our team.

How is Careers delivered?

Careers is delivered through Life Skills Lessons every Friday morning. Along with PSHE & Citizenship, there maybe opportunities such as performances, guest speakers to compliment the lesson.

An independent careers advice appointment will be offered to your son/daughter in either year 10 or year 11; follow up appointments can also be requested at any time. You can request an appointment by contacting Mrs Calloway zcw@hummersknott.org.uk or Miss Tindale atd@hummersknott.org.uk.





Work Experience

During year 10, your son/daughter will be given the opportunity to complete a week of work experience. We believe this is a vital experience, in allowing your child to gain insight into the world of work. Pupils have previously completed work experience in a variety of settings:

- ◆ Hairdressers;
- ◆ Mechanical garages;
- ◆ Leisure centres;
- ◆ Schools;
- ◆ Solicitors;
- ◆ Veterinary Practice

We encourage pupils to actively find their placement on their own (support will be given, if they are struggling). Giving them an insight into what it is like to seek employment. Although we would appreciate your support in assisting your child, we would ask that you do not secure the placement for them. Unfortunately, if your child does not secure a placement they will be expected to be in school, as normal. We cannot let pupils go on a placement without us authorising one.

Once the process has been launched, please do not hesitate to contact [Mrs Calloway \(zcw@hummersknott.org.uk\)](mailto:zcw@hummersknott.org.uk) or [Miss Tindale \(atd@hummersknott.org.uk\)](mailto:atd@hummersknott.org.uk) with any queries you may have.

Key Dates:

Work Experience Launch: Friday 12th September (in assembly)

Annual Careers Fayre: Tuesday 30th September, 9.00am-1.05pm (students only)

Work Experience Week: 01-05 June 2026

Deadline for submitting blue form: Friday 22nd November 2025

(but we would appreciate forms handed in ASAP)



LMI—Labour Market Information

Labour Market Information (LMI), information on the world of work, allows us to gain knowledge and understanding on how the labour market functions. Such as reflecting upon what the future may have in store and how this may impact upon certain jobs. Also, thinking about where certain jobs may be more prevalent, geographically wise.

It is important our pupils take into account LMI- thinking about which sectors are up and coming and which maybe in decline- this way they can think about which skills they may want to develop, to give them the best opportunity.

Career and LMI includes information on:

- skills, career pathways and progression routes in the local labour market;
- job applications and interviews;
- educational institutions, courses, qualifications, entry requirements and costs;
- professional bodies;
- employment sectors, employers, jobs, salaries and employment trends;
- jobs, training and apprenticeships;
- job demands and working life.

Throughout their time at Hummersknott, pupils will explore all of the above information within their lessons, form time and lifeskills days. As parents it can also be valuable for us to explore this information with our children, to help them prepare and make informed choices about their future.

Below are some useful websites that may be of help:

LMI for all: <https://www.lmiforall.org.uk/>

Nomis: <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>

This government tool: <https://www.gov.uk/courses-qualifications>

National Careers Service: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Labour Market Information – What is it?

LMI includes reports, studies, statistics and other information about:



Useful websites:



General:

The National Careers Service: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Apprenticeships: www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/

Darlington Council: <https://www.darlington.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers/>

The Army: www.army.mod.uk/join/

The Royal Air Force (RAF): www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/

The Royal Navy: www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers

Darlington Colleges

Darlington College: www.darlington.ac.uk/

QE: www.qeliz.ac.uk

Carmel College: <https://carmel.bhcet.org.uk/>

Polam Hall: <https://www.phs.woodard.co.uk/>

Other Colleges in the North East:

Durham 6th Form College: www.durhamsixthformcentre.org.uk/contact.html

Stockton Riverside College: www.stockton.ac.uk

Middlesbrough College: www.mbro.ac.uk/Home/index.aspx

Bishop Auckland College: www.bacoll.ac.uk

New College Durham: www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk

Gateshead College: www.gateshead.ac.uk

Newcastle College: www.ncl-coll.ac.uk

Specialist Colleges

Northern School of Art (Art/Design): www.northernart.ac.uk

Academy of Music & Sound (Music): www.academyofmusic.ac.uk

Askham Bryan College (Agriculture/Land/Farming/Animals): www.askham-bryan.ac.uk

East Durham Houghall Campus (Agriculture/Land/Farming/Animals):
www.eastdurham.ac.uk

Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College (Military): www.dsfc.ac.uk

