



Careers Provision Information for Parents



Year 11

Year 11 is one of the most important years in your child's school career. At the end of the year, they will have to sit their GCSE'S. Your son/daughter will also have to make important decisions regarding their destination after Hummersknott. All students have to continue their education/training until they are 18 years old, either by attending college, having an apprenticeship or taking part in another training programme.

There are many ways you both can access support and information about making choices about their future. Based in the LRC, Hummersknott has a dedicated Careers team ready to help you and your child through their 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 to 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.

Application clinic will be help on the following dates:

Where: LRC

When: 21st November / 28th November / 5th December / 12th December

Time: 8-9am

QE and Darlington college along with our careers advisor Cath, will be on hand to help you make your college application, for ANY college or training provider.



How is Careers delivered?

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

Applying for College/training programme

During the year, your child will be fully supported, to help them make an informed choice on their future. Life Skills will centre on the options available post 16. We aim to invite as many providers as possible to visit the academy at various times during the year, to give your child information on what they offer. At any point, either of you can contact the careers team, form mentor or College Manager to seek guidance on this process.

Mock Interviews will take place within school on Wednesday 20th October, to help prepare your son/daughter to help support the application process.

We encourage all students to visit the colleges they are interested in (dates overleaf). Your child will also be advised to apply to more than one college/programme to give them options once they have their results. If your child is interested in an apprenticeship they will have to register through the apprenticeship website (see useful websites) and also apply to college as a backup option.

Key Dates:

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

Mock Interviews: Wednesday 22nd October 2025

QE Interviews: Tuesday 9th December 2025 (held in school)

College Application Deadline: Friday 5th December 2025

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:



College Open Dates—Some Colleges require advance booking, check using their college website

We are keen that you and your child start thinking about possible destinations after Hummersknott. It is never too early to start having a looking at what is on offer. Below you will find various local colleges open evening dates, these are subject to change , so please check the college website for up to date information!

Askham Bryan College askham-bryan.ac.uk		
Monday	13 October 2025	5.00-7.00pm
Saturday	18 October 2025	9..30-12.30pm
Saturday	29 November 2025	9.30-12.30pm

Barnard Castle Sixth Form		
Tuesday	7 October 2025	6.00-8.00pm

Bishop Auckland College bacoll.ac.uk South West Durham Training swdt.ac.uk		
Tuesday	23 September 2025	4.30-7.00pm
Saturday	18 October 2025	10.00-12.00pm
Thursday	20 November 2025	4.30-7.00pm
Monday	19 January 2026	4.30-7.00pm

Carmel Sixth Form College carmel.ac.uk		
Tuesday	18 November 2025	6.00-8.00pm

Darlington College darlington.ac.uk		
Thursday	16 October 2025	5.30-7.30pm
Tuesday	18 November 2025	5.30-7.30pm
Wednesday	21 January 2026	5.30-7.30pm
Tuesday	24 March 2026	5.30-7.30pm
Monday	8 June 2026	3.30-6.30pm

Durham 6th Form durhamsixthformcentre.org		
Thursday	23 October 2025	4.30-7.30pm
Thursday	19 April 2026	4.30-7.30pm

UTC South Durham utcsouthdurham.ac.uk		
Thursday Year 10	16 October 2025	4.30-7.30pm
Thursday 6th Form	23 October 2025	4.30-7.30pm
Thursday All	20 November 2025	4.30-7.30pm

East Durham & Houghall College eastdurham.ac.uk H= Houghall		
Wednesday	17 September 2025	5.00-6.30pm
Saturday = H	27 September 2025	9.30-11.30am
Monday	13 October 2025	5.00-6.30pm
Wednesday	5 November 2025	5.00-6.30pm
Tuesday = H	21 October 2025	5.00-6.30pm
Wednesday	4 February 2026	5.00-6.30pm

Middlesbrough College mbro.ac.uk		
Thursday	2 October 2025	5.00-7.30pm
Wednesday	8 October 2025	5.00-7.30pm
Saturday	8 November 2025	9.30-12.00pm
Thursday	4 December 2025	5.00-7.00pm
Wednesday	21 January 2026	5.00-7.00pm
Wednesday	11 March 2026	5.00-7.00pm
Thursday	7 May 2026	5.00-7.00pm
Tuesday	16 June 2026	5.300-6.30pm

Northern College of Art northernart.ac.uk		
Tuesday	7 October 2025	5.30-7.30pm
Saturday	22 November 2025	10.00-2.00pm

Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form qeliz.ac.uk		
Wednesday	1 October 2025	5.00-7.30pm
Tuesday	7 October 2025	5.00-7.30pm
Saturday	18 October 2025	10.00-12.00pm

Stockton Riverside College stockton.ac.uk		
Tuesday	7 October 2025	5.00-7.00pm
Thursday	20 November 2025	5.00-7.00pm
Thursday	12 February 2026	5.00-7.00pm
Tuesday	5 May 2026	5.00-7.00pm

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

