



ASPIRE

Gildredge House

WEEKLY NEWS

WEEK 1 . TERM 1 . 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023



ASPIRE IN ALL THAT WE DO

KEY REMINDERS

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Medical or Dental Appointments

Parents should make every effort to ensure these appointments are made outside school hours. Where it cannot be avoided, children should attend school for as much of that day as possible. The school requests optician appointments are not made during the school day unless a medical procedure is required. Evidence to support the absence must be submitted to authorise the absence.

Other Absences

There may be some instances where the school will authorise absences for exceptional circumstances. Parents/carers have an opportunity to detail the exceptional circumstance on a Request for Withdrawal from Learning Form.



YEAR 7 OPEN EVENING

Monday 25th
September 2023
5.30pm -8pm

Come along and meet our Executive Head Teacher and find out what we have to offer your child



To book, go to our website
www.GILDREDGEHOUSE.ORG.UK

Key Dates

21ST SEPTEMBER
MEET THE TUTOR
YEARS 7- 11

22ND SEPTEMBER
GILDREDGE HOUSE
SPONSORED WALK

25TH SEPTEMBER
YEAR 7 OPEN EVENING FOR
ALL NEW PROSPECTIVE
PARENTS

26TH & 27TH SEPTEMBER
SCHOOL PHOTOS FOR ALL
YEARS

29TH SEPTEMBER
YEAR 5 TRIP TO BATTLE
ABBEY

13TH OCTOBER
PRIMARY OPEN MORNING
FROM 9-12PM

13TH OCTOBER
INSET DAY (ALL YEARS)

NUT FREE SCHOOL - To safeguard our students, staff and visitors it is imperative that peanuts, nuts and anything nut based are NOT bought into school or consumed on the premises.



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Gildredge House Radio Station

ON AIR



ASPIRE_RADIO - IS LIVE !!!

The very first radio show went live at 2:30 pm on Wednesday 13th September and many members of the school community tuned in to the launch. Students across all key stages have been busy training to become the leaders of ASPIRE_RADIO.

A brand new Creative Media suite has been built in the old Oasis building and we are all very excited to share photos of this incredible team of young producers and presenters.

We are very grateful to Russell from Anderton Tiger Radio for helping us realise this exciting opportunity which we know will be a hit with the students as well as a brilliant way of sharing news and information with the Gildredge community. Who knows? We might even go global! Have a listen and let us know what you think https://www.mixcloud.com/Aspire_Radio/aspire-radio-show-no1/



Russell Prue from Anderton Tiger Radio said "I'm absolutely thrilled to have been asked to provide one of my school radio stations to the school's new media suite. The young people here will be Podcasting and broadcasting live to the whole school.

Podcasts are enjoying a worldwide surge in popularity with podcasts on just about any subject or topic. Learning to produce shows involves writing, researching and confidence, skills that are easily transferable into other areas of the curriculum at Gildredge House School.

This is my 385th School Radio Station and I wish them well in all of their broadcasting endeavours.

For more information about Russell's work in School, please visit AndertonTiger.com



LIGHTSCAMERA....ACTION !!!



We are so excited to share with you the latest news from our school. We have had a fun week shooting the new footage for our *Day in the Life* at Gildredge House film.

Here are some behind-the-scenes pictures of our little film stars, doing a great job.

The premiere will be on our Year 7 Open evening on Monday 25th September.

The film features our new state-of-the-art radio station, our new Virtual reality headsets and our amazing students. The children had an absolute blast being little film stars, and we can't wait to show you the final product.





GH PRIMARY NEWS



We recently had the pleasure of sitting down with our new Head of Primary, and asking Mrs Punter-Bruce some fun questions:

Tell us about your career

I have been a teacher for over 20 years. I started teaching in a Primary school near Chichester, then moved to East Sussex to work with Early Years children with complex needs, moved back into the classroom in a primary school in Heathfield to teach in Key Stage 2, and then became Inclusion Manager at another primary school, before moving into leadership as a co-headteacher, still with an interest in children with additional needs and then came to Gildredge to expand my horizons and work in an all-through school.

What is your favourite Quote?

"Believe you can and you're halfway there"
(Theodore Roosevelt)

Do you have any hobbies?

I love going to see live music shows - a good sing and a dance is great fun. I also like walking with friends, spending time by the coast and going out for nice things to eat.

Well done to all the new Reception children for their first days in school this week! It's always a big adjustment starting school, but they've handled it so well. I'm sure they'll continue to thrive and learn as the year goes on. Keep up the great work!



Favourite Movie

Grease - I have watched this too many times to count and know all of the songs off by heart! I also like Disney's Frozen - it reminds me of when my children were younger!

Favourite Food - Fish and chips!

Do you have any pets

2 cats called Roxy and Lyra; they are very mischievous and 6 chickens who lay very tasty eggs!



GH SECONDARY NEWS



We also had the pleasure of sitting down with our new Head of Secondary and asking Mrs Jenkins some fun questions:

Tell us about your career

I completed a BSC Nutrition degree at the University of Surrey, followed by a PGCSE in Science at the University of Sussex. My first school was in St Leonards on Sea where I worked for 5 years. I qualified as an Advanced Skills teacher there, before moving to The Causeway School in Eastbourne, where I remained for 10 years. Most recently I have been the Deputy Headteacher at Peacehaven Community School, I was there for 3 years where I was responsible for the Quality of Education. I am now very proud to be the Head of Secondary here at Gildredge House.

What is your favourite Quote?

"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard"

Do you have any hobbies?

I absolutely love baking but I also enjoy cooking and hosting dinner parties. I particularly enjoy having afternoon tea!

Favourite Movie - Dirty Dancing!

We are delighted to let our Year 7 parents know that Year 7 students now have their own designated area during break times. This will continue for the rest of the term.

It has been a huge hit so far and everyone seems to be enjoying having their own space to hang out. Hopefully this will help our newest students settle into secondary school a little more smoothly.



Favourite Food

I love most foods, but I really enjoy a roast dinner on a Sunday.

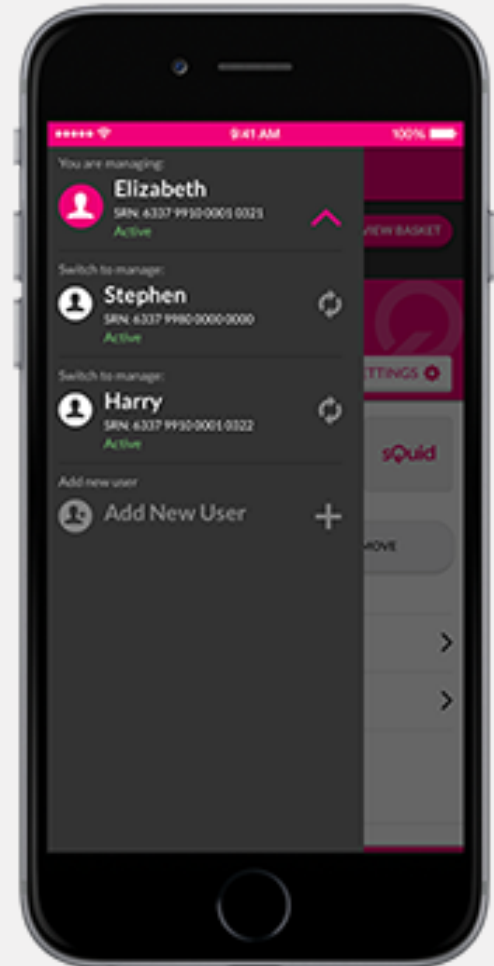
Do you have any pets

No pets currently, but we are thinking about getting a puppy in the new year.

sQuid

The school has received numerous emails on basic 'sQuid How To Queries'. Please can parents/carers view the 'Help Centre' in their sQuid account to resolve their query before contacting the school.

- Please can we also remind you, that there is a £5.00 daily catering limit. If you would like to amend this amount, please email Harrison Catering at gildredge.house@harrisoncatering.co.uk
- If you are experiencing any pending top-ups with your child's catering purse, please contact Harrison Catering at gildredge.house@harrisoncatering.co.uk
- For any other queries relating to your child's squid catering purse, please contact Harrison Catering at gildredge.house@harrisoncatering.co.uk
- For any sQuid account registration/set-up queries, please contact Mrs Gouws at m.gouws@gildredgehouse.org.uk
- For any other queries relating to your child's squid trips & and offers purse, please contact Mrs Gouws at m.gouws@gildredgehouse.org.uk



A reminder that Fireflies Childcare provides high-quality wrap-around care for our students. Opening from 7:15 am for breakfast club and closing at 6 pm for after-school club. The sessions will be 7:15am-school start (£5.50), our twilight session 3 pm-5 pm (£10), or our after-school session 3 pm-6 pm (£13)- which will include a cooked supper.

If you'd like to BOOK, [please visit the booking system to do so!](#)

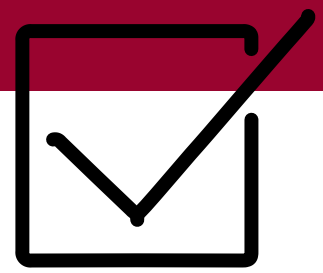
They accept a wide range of childcare vouchers, so please check if they are already registered with yours- if not, they will register for your scheme. They accept WorldPay on their booking system, the childcare grant, and government schemes, so there are plenty of tax-free ways to pay!

School Meals

Our school takes pride in offering healthy and nutritious meals for our students. We understand that a well-balanced diet is crucial for their growth and development, which is why we invest in providing high-quality ingredients and preparing them in a way that is both delicious and healthy. Our menu is designed to cater to different tastes and dietary needs, ensuring that every child can enjoy a satisfying meal that meets their nutritional requirements. We believe that by promoting healthy eating habits at a young age, we can help our students establish a foundation for a lifetime of good health.



WEEKLY MENU				
Gildredge House School Summer Menu - Week 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oven baked Sausages with Creamy Mashed Potato & Tomato Basil Sauce	Creamy Chicken Pasta with Spinach	Roasted Thyme Chicken Thigh & Roast Gravy	Mild Beef Mince Keema Curry with Carrots & Potatoes	Battered Fish of The Day
Broccoli Macaroni Cheese with Panko topped Crust	Pea & Mint Falafels served in Pitta Bread with Mediterranean Salad	Roasted Vegetable & Brie Puff Pastry Parcel	Mild Vegetarian Keema Curry with Quorn Mince	Vegetable Burrito with Cheddar Cheese
	Baby Steamed Potatoes	Sliced Carrots & Cauliflower Cheese	Poppadum	Chipped Potatoes
Garden Peas	Side Salad	Roast Potatoes	Basmati Rice	Baked Beans or Peas
Jacket Potato served with Baked Beans	Fusilli Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Tuna & Sweetcorn Mayonnaise	Fusilli Pasta with Tomato Basil Sauce	Jacket Potato Stuffed with Cheese & Spring Onions
Ice Cream Tub	Chocolate Brownie	Rice Krispie Square	Ginger Cake	Fresh Fruit Salad



WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

At Gildredge House, we believe that outstanding attendance is important to ensure children are safe and have full access to the educational provision made for them.

We closely monitor attendance for all students in both Primary and Secondary. We celebrate, weekly, the top two classes with the highest attendance rates in both phases of the school.

Week : Commencing 4th September

Congratulations to:

Primary
4A = 98.9%
2B = 98.9%
5B = 98.9%

6B = 97.8%
6A = 97.8%



Secondary
7J = 100%
7R = 100%
8B = 100%

9H = 98.9%

ATTENDANCE



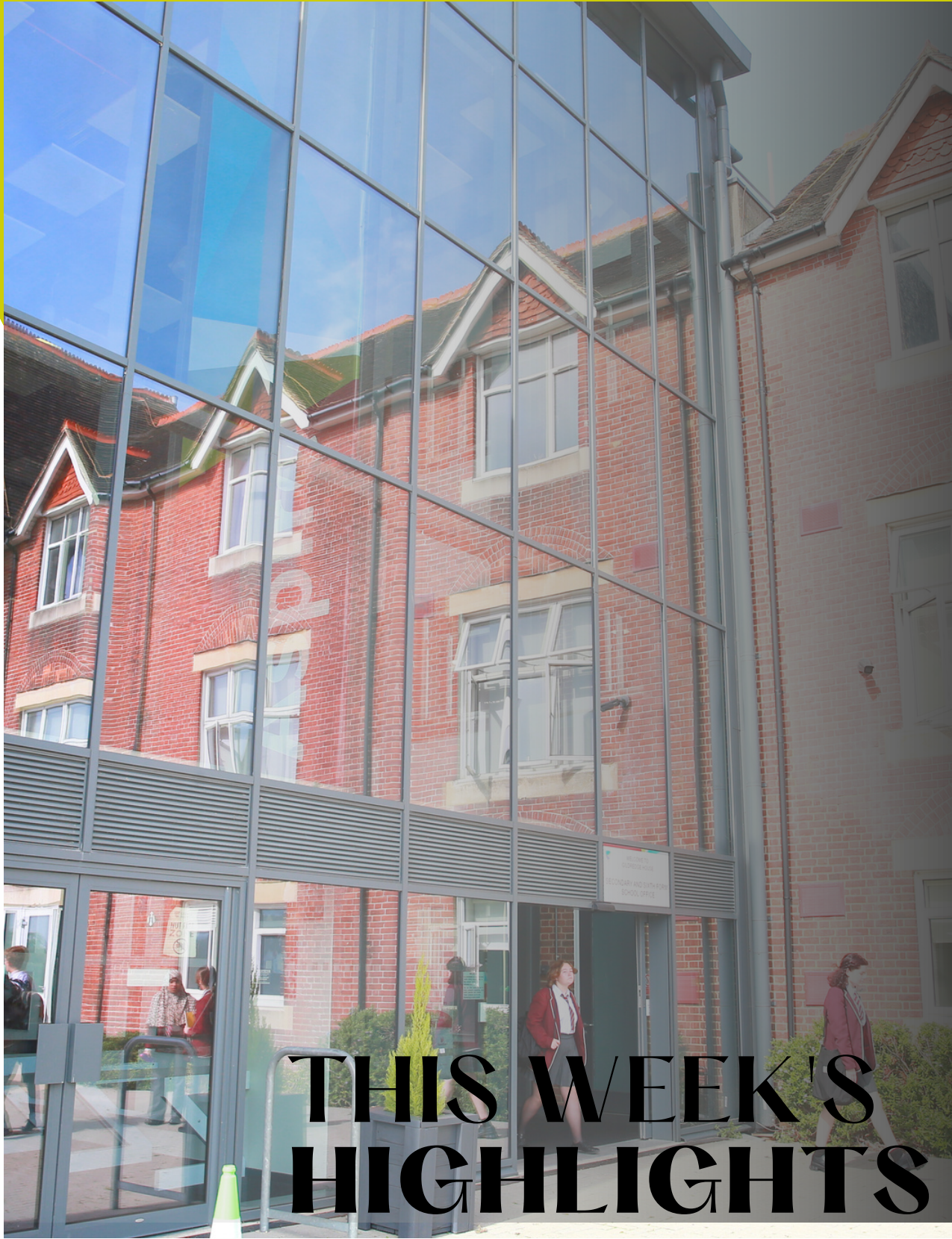
MATTERS



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GH CAREERS

CAREERS UPDATES



**THIS WEEK'S
HIGHLIGHTS**



CAREERS UPDATES

For more Careers advice please check out the website. Available [here.](#)

Welcome to the new academic year!

The theme of this year's careers programme is **'resilience'**. As we travel through a cost-of-living crisis we are all digging deep, and our young people must learn to do the same. When students enter the world of work, they must be able to draw on their resilience to make choices and to create the future they have always dreamed of.

We are certainly not living in a world where opportunities drop into our laps. We want to ensure that we support and teach our students to look for opportunities, to face uncertainty, and to create their own amazing career prospects, whilst recognising their strengths as well as their weaknesses.



SUPPORT OUR GILDREDGE HOUSE CAREERS PROGRAMME BY JOINING OUR CAREERS PARTNERSHIP



We would like to invite you to come and share your career journeys with us at the school. We believe that you have a wealth of experience and knowledge that can benefit our students, and we would love for you to share this with them.

Your experiences and insights can help our students to see beyond the classroom and into the real world of work. It can inspire them to explore different career paths and consider the various options available to them.

We would be delighted if you could take the time to come and speak to our students about your career journey, whatever that may be. We believe that it would be an invaluable experience for our students to hear about your career path.

Come and join our careers partnership. You may be able to offer a lunchtime career talk to a small group of our students or be willing to support us with CV writing, mentoring, mock interviews, or larger style year group career talks. We can accommodate you into our Careers and Community Programme.

We can support you with lesson/talk structure, PowerPoints (if necessary), supervision during talks/activities etc. You don't need to be a budding teacher or enjoy public speaking to get involved. For further information or to have an informal chat, please email Mrs Sara Bray s.bray@gildredgehouse.org.uk



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Year 11 What's Next Sussex (Get Career Confident)

Are you thinking about your options when you leave Gildredge House?

What's Next Sussex [What Next Sussex - Get Career Confident](#) is a free online event especially for young people, parents and carers to support Post-16 options.

This online event will be taking place on Tuesday 17 October 2023. If you would like to register for this event, please click on the link [What Next Sussex 2023 - sign up here \(office.com\)](#)

For further information on your options, including choosing GCSES, CV writing, employability and life skills, job hunting, researching careers, work experience and so much more, visit, Get Career Confident [What Next Sussex - Get Career Confident](#)



East Sussex Careers Hub

Gildredge House Careers Department work very closely with The Careers Hub in East Sussex. We attend their CPD events and learn more about labour market information and how these statistics impact on our local regional and national job market.

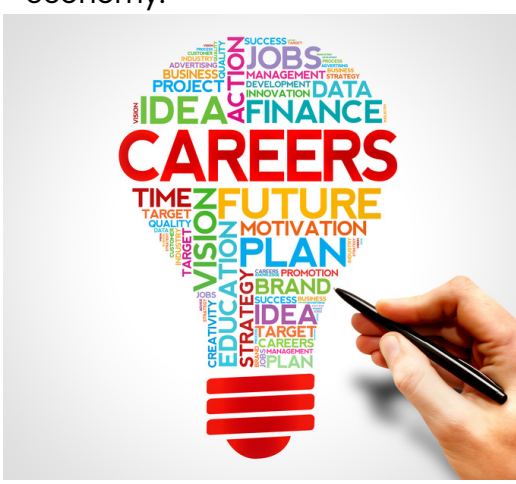


We want to share our findings with all our stakeholders. East Sussex Careers Hub has a great YouTube Channel which is home to many sector videos. Hear from local employers and learn more about different jobs. Hear from students and learn more about our local economy.

AUTUMN CAREER DATES FOR THE DIARY

Autumn term 1

- Tuesday 3 October 2023 Evening - Year 10 Work Experience Launch (Time to be confirmed)
- Wednesday 11 October 2023 - Year 10/11 Careers Fair





News for
schools
September 23

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Apprenticeships

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Unlock your potential with apprenticeships!

Gain practical, hands-on experience while learning from experienced professionals in your desired field.

Technical or Business? - we offer apprenticeship programmes in both disciplines.

Apprenticeships offer a unique opportunity to develop skills, build networks, and jumpstart your career.

Apprenticeships provide a supportive environment to grow and excel. Embrace the chance to earn while you learn and pave the way for a promising future.

Your journey to expertise starts with an apprenticeship!



**SCIENCE
TECHNOLOGY
ENGINEERING
MATHS**

Apprenticeship vacancies pay between £15,000-£21,000 a year!

Some of the organisations we have placed apprentices with this year:

- CAE - Flight Simulator Technicians - Gatwick
- Tesla Engineering - Engineering Technicians - Storrington
- Rhopoint - CAD (3D Design) - Hastings
- Spellman - Engineering Technicians - Pulborough
- Servomex - Engineering Technicians - Crowborough
- Interface - Engineering Fitter - Hastings
- Elekta - Engineering Fitters - Crawley
- Interface - Business Admin - Hastings
- Technoturn - Machinist Technicians - Hastings
- Plastipack - Maintenance Technicians - Hastings
- Littlehampton Town Council - Business Admins - Littlehampton
- E&S Heating & Ventilation - Business Admin - Hailsham
- Felcon - Engineering Fitter - Newhaven

Teachers! please share our newsletter with your students to help make them aware of our great apprenticeships with world-class companies.

**Qualifications without student debt!
(and get well paid to learn)**

EARN & LEARN



We require:
GCSE English & maths plus 3 others at grade 4 (C) and above for most of our apprenticeships.



BECOMING AN APPRENTICE

Each month we feature one of the apprenticeships that we offer

Apprenticeships



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NO STUDENT DEBT

IT'S A REAL JOB!

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BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR



Want to work 'in business'? Our Business Administrator apprenticeship programmes can start at any time of year as the programme is delivered entirely in the workplace - there is no college requirement.

We work with world-class companies across East and West Sussex and encourage our companies to pay far above the apprentice minimum wage. All of our vacancies are posted on the apprenticeships page of our website (usually a video too).

Suitable for large and small businesses alike, this apprenticeship is aimed at supporting the organisation and interacting with their customers. The role may involve working independently or as part of a team and will involve developing, implementing, maintaining and improving administrative services.

Qualifications

You will work towards a Level 3 Business Administrator Apprenticeship Standard. This is a highly respected qualification demonstrating your abilities.

We require five GCSEs at Level 4 and above. This must include English and maths.

- Our apprentices are:
- Using multiple IT packages
 - Delivering customer service
 - Planning & organising
 - Analysing data
 - Assisting with projects
 - Problem solving
 - Team working
 - Using social media
 - Preparing reports
 - Maintaining records and files
 - Sending emails, letters, proposals and payments
 - Arranging meetings
 - Booking hotels
 - Developing professionally

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STAFF VACANCIES

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in all that we do



WE ARE CURRENTLY RECRUITING FOR THE BELOW VACANCIES:

- CASUAL EXAM INVIGILATOR
- DESIGN TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN
- DEPUTY DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD
- SCHOOL CLEANING OPERATIVE
- ESTATES ASSISTANT



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