CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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Romero Catholic Academy Trust

All Saints' Roman Catholic High School, A Voluntary Academy

At **All Saints' Catholic High School**, we want every young person to leave us feeling **confident, ambitious and prepared for their next step**.

Our careers programme helps students become **Work Ready** by developing the knowledge, skills, experiences and personal qualities they will need to succeed in further education, apprenticeships, training and employment.
Through our Careers Newsletter, we will share opportunities, career pathways, local labour market information, useful resources and important dates to help students and families make informed decisions about the future.

Post-16 Options Spotlight

T Levels – Technical Learning with Real Industry Experience

For students beginning to think about life after Year 11, **T Levels** are one of the options worth exploring. T Levels are two-year qualifications developed with employers. They combine classroom study with substantial experience in the workplace, giving students the opportunity to develop both **technical knowledge and practical skills**.



What does a T Level include?

A T Level includes:

- a technical qualification, broadly equivalent in size to **three A Levels**
- an **industry placement of at least 315 hours**
- opportunities to develop practical, employability and workplace skills.

T Level subjects available through local providers include areas such as:

Digital Production, Design & Development
Education & Early Years
Health
Engineering & Manufacturing
Business & Management

Local providers offering T Levels include Burnley College, Nelson and Colne College Group and Blackburn College. T Levels can provide a route into skilled employment, higher and degree apprenticeships, or further and higher education.
Could a T Level be right for you?
Think about:
How do I enjoy learning?
Which subjects and careers interest me?
Would I enjoy learning in the workplace as well as the classroom?
Where would I like my next step to take me?
Open events are a great opportunity to compare **T Levels, A Levels, vocational courses and apprenticeships** before making a decision.

Where are they now?

From All Saints' to a Degree Apprenticeship with Rolls-Royce
We are delighted to share the success of former All Saints' student Grace Bewley.
After leaving All Saints', Grace progressed to Burnley College, where she studied A Levels in English, PE and History. She has now secured a highly competitive degree apprenticeship with Rolls-Royce.
We recently caught up with Grace and asked what advice she would give to students currently at All Saints'.



Grace's advice for school
"Make the most of the experience. Five years go by faster than you think, so take every opportunity in class and in extracurricular activities to discover what you enjoy."
Grace remembers some of her favourite experiences taking place beyond the classroom – with friends, through sport and competitions, and even travelling to Poland with History.
Her message to students is simple: **be willing to try new things and work hard.**
"It's true that you get out what you put in and all the effort is worth it in the end."
Grace's advice for college
Grace also encourages students to choose the pathway that is right for them.
"Follow the path which is right for you, one that you'll enjoy and be motivated to see until the end."
Although she initially found the increased demands of A Levels challenging, Grace says that resilience and hard work paid off. She also recommends meeting new people, getting involved in opportunities and asking for support when it is needed.
"The lessons you learn in college, both in and outside lessons, really help you further down the line, so get involved wherever possible to gain new skills and experiences."
Grace's three key messages
Make the most of every opportunity.
Choose a pathway that is right for you.
Be resilient – hard work pays off.
Grace's journey is a fantastic example of how the choices students make after Year 11 can open up exciting opportunities for the future.

Open Events – Explore Your Options

Choosing what to do after Year 11 is an important decision, and students should explore **all of the options available to them**.

Visiting colleges and sixth forms gives students and families the opportunity to:

See the facilities • Meet tutors • Speak to current students • Compare courses • Ask about entry requirements • Find out about enrichment and support

October Open Events

Date	Time	Provider	Courses
Mon 12 Oct	5:00–8:00pm	Holy Cross Sixth Form College	A Levels, Vocational, GCSE Resits
Tue 13 Oct	From 5:30pm	St Christopher's Sixth Form	A Levels
Wed 14 Oct	4:30–7:30pm	Blackburn College	A Levels, T Levels, Vocational, Apprenticeships
Wed 14 Oct	5:30–7:30pm	Craven College – including Aviation Academy	T Levels, Vocational, Apprenticeships
Thu 15 Oct	5:00–7:15pm	Bury College	A Levels, T Levels, Vocational, Apprenticeships
Sat 17 Oct	10:00am–2:00pm	Rochdale Sixth Form College	A Levels, Vocational
Tue 20 Oct	4:00–6:30pm	Calderdale College	T Levels, Vocational, Apprenticeships
Wed 21 Oct	5:30–8:30pm	Burnley College	A Levels, T Levels, Vocational, Apprenticeships
Wed 21 Oct	4:30–6:30pm	Hopwood Hall College	T Levels, Vocational, Apprenticeships

*Independent fee-paying provider.

Make the most of an Open Evening

Don't just collect a prospectus! Encourage your child to speak to tutors and current students.

Useful questions include:

What are the entry requirements?
How is the course assessed?
What subjects or modules will I study?
What enrichment opportunities are available?
Where have previous students progressed to?
What support is available if I need help?

A student may spend the next two years at their chosen provider, so finding somewhere that feels right as well as offering the right course is important.

Careers in the Curriculum

“When will I ever use this?”

It’s an important question pupils ask all the time – and our **Careers in the Curriculum** programme helps provide the answer.

Throughout the year, subject departments will highlight how the knowledge and skills students develop in lessons connect with the **world of work**.

During the Autumn Term, our focus departments are **English, Maths, Science and Religious Education**.

ENGLISH

English develops **communication, creativity, analysis and the ability to persuade and explain ideas clearly**.

Careers can include:

Journalism • Marketing • Law • Teaching • Publishing • Public Relations • Communications • Copywriting • Civil Service

MATHS

Maths develops **problem-solving, logical thinking, accuracy and confidence working with data**.

Careers can include:

Accountancy • Engineering • Finance • Data Analysis • Quantity Surveying • Software Development • Construction • Logistics • Actuarial Work

SCIENCE

Science develops **investigation, critical thinking, practical skills, analysis and evidence-based decision-making**.

Careers can include:

Medicine • Nursing • Pharmacy • Engineering • Laboratory Science • Environmental Science • Veterinary Careers • Healthcare Science • Renewable Energy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE develops **discussion, reasoning, empathy, ethical decision-making and the ability to understand different perspectives**.

Careers can include:

Law • Teaching • Social Work • Counselling • Healthcare • Charity & Community Work • Journalism • Civil Service • Public Services

The important message? Careers aren't separate from the curriculum.

The knowledge and skills students develop in lessons every day are already helping to prepare them for their future.

Careers resources for pupils and families

There is a huge amount of careers information online. These are useful starting points for exploring options together:

Careers Guide for Parents and Carers: https://lancashirecareershub.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Careers-Guide-for-Parents-and-Carers-1.pdf

National Careers Service: https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers
Explore hundreds of job profiles, including the skills and qualifications required and possible progression routes.

Careerpilot: https://careerpilot.org.uk/
Explore post-16 and post-18 choices and discover where different subjects could lead.

Amazing Apprenticeships: https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/zones/parent/
Resources to help students and families understand apprenticeships and technical education.

Springpod: https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/search
Virtual work experience, career information and opportunities to explore different industries.

Prospects: https://www.prospects.ac.uk/
Detailed information about careers, university subjects and graduate employment.

16Personalities: https://www.16personalities.com/free-personality-test
A free 10 minute personality quiz that helps to provide a description of who you are and why you do things the way you do, to aid reflection on jobs that might suit best.

Labour Market Information Spotlight

