

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

Careers Provision Feedback Survey

We have a short questionnaire on careers provision at Balcarras and would be grateful if you could spare a few moments to give us your views. Please click [here](#) for the form. The results are entirely anonymous.

APPRENTICESHIPS

Please click on the logos below to view the opportunities at that company. Click [here](#) to visit the VLE and see all the current vacancies and opportunities.



Mercedes-Benz



COLLEGE OPEN DAYS & EVENINGS



Open day - Sat 15 March
Open evening - Thu 26 June



Open morning - Sat 15 March



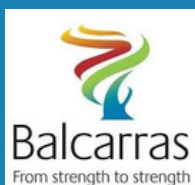
Open evening -
Thu 1 May



Open evening - Wed 29 Jan
Open evening - Wed 26 Feb
Apprenticeship evening - Mon 12 May

Booking essential, click on the college logos to register your interest.

Dates for Balcarras 6th Form



Application deadline - Sunday 2 February
Offer letters issued by mail - May
Induction day - Tuesday 1 July



CAN YOU HELP OUR STUDENTS?



Year 10 Work Experience Week, 7 July

Are you interested in helping to shape the future of young people?

We are reaching out to companies and individuals to see if you would be able to provide work experience for our talented and eager pupils.

Your support can make a real difference to our pupils as they start making choices about their future careers.

If you or your organisation is willing to offer work experience opportunities, we would love to hear from you.

Contact: careers@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk

SELF MOTIVATION
TEAM WORKING
PROBLEM SOLVING
LITERACY
COMMUNICATION & PRESENTATION
NUMERACY
CREATIVITY
RELIABILITY & SELF DISCIPLINE
RESILIENCE
HONESTY & INTEGRITY

BALCARRAS ALUMNI

We have recently added a section to our website for Balcarras [Alumni](#).

We are always pleased to hear from past students about the many and varied career paths that they have gone onto.

If you would like to feature on this page please contact Mrs Gemma Towers (grt@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk)

Or fill in this [form](#).

We would also love to hear from you if you would like to be involved in any of the following at the school:

- Talking about career paths and experiences in a speaker session
- Advertising your business and presenting career choices at our Careers Fair (October)
- Helping to prepare pupils in our mock interviews
- Giving pupils a taste of the workplace through work experience (July)

BETHAN KENT

2009-2016



French - A
Spanish - A*
English literature - A

"My name is Bethan and after finishing my A levels at Balcarras in 2016, I went to study Modern Languages (French, Spanish and Italian) at the University of Birmingham.

I graduated in 2020 and then did a Masters degree in Translation Studies. I now work in luxury travel for Abercrombie and Kent in Cheltenham where I research experiences for our clients travelling from America to Europe.

I use my language skills in my job and recently travelled to the Loire Valley where I met with suppliers to learn more about the wineries in the region."

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This page shines a spotlight onto careers in film and media. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

OPPORTUNITIES



Film studies unlocks the magic of storytelling, and opens a world of imagination, culture, and human connections through the lens of cinema. You can read the [UCAS subject guide](#) to find out more about how much you could earn, routes into the industry etc.



Are you thinking of studying Film Studies at university? If so, check this out! This is a [Film studies Subject Spotlight](#) with Nicholas Glean from the University of Sunderland. An interactive, cinematic course taster experience to allow students to gain insights into what it's like to study Film studies.



If you're thinking about what the next right step is for you – it could be an apprenticeship, maybe you're thinking about university, or perhaps you want to dive straight into your first 'proper job' - the [BBC's 'GET IN' Taster Experiences](#) offer you the chance to explore the different career paths the BBC has to offer and to find out if our organisation is somewhere you'd like to work in the future.



Channel 4 are delighted to announce the re-launch of their [Virtual Work Experience Platform](#), after a fantastic year in 2023, which saw 2,000+ people undertake the programme. Learn in your own time, and complete true-to-life tasks, set by our teams across Channel 4. This programme will be open to anyone 14+ years old, based in the UK and interested in gaining an in-depth understanding of the UK media industry.



When you think of TV and film, what comes to mind - red carpets and awards? In this [Springpod Virtual Work Experience](#), we're going to pull back the curtain and discover what a career in TV and film really looks like, from popular film theory to what happens in post production, you'll get a backstage pass.



Here are some sixth form and/or college courses that you could take that relate to this subject area: Film Studies, Media, Photography, Drama, Performing Arts, BTEC Level 3 in Creative Practice.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"We are in the top 50 Apprenticeship Employers in the UK and the industry leaders in early careers, hiring more than 250 new apprentices each year. As one of the world's most creative and technologically-advanced organisations for the last 100 years, we are committed to skills and talent development both inside and outside the BBC."

Read more about [BBC Careers here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"MetFilm School and Metstudios courses equip you with the best tools and expertise required to develop a fulfilling and sustainable career in the film, television, games and digital media industries. Our students are taught by award-winning professionals with numerous industry awards and nominations."

Read more about [MET Film School here](#).

If you have any questions or need support, please email Careers@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk