

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

As part of the schools wider curriculum, we run careers based events and opportunities for our students to get involved in. These take place throughout the entire school from Y7-Y11, including visits to Universities, careers interviews, work experience placements, and many more.

Given the current situation, it is obviously not possible for this to be delivered in the normal manner. Therefore, in order to help maintain this fantastic element of school life, we have invested in an online careers based product called Xello. This allows students to build an online careers profile, gives them easy to use up to date information about the careers paths available, complete quizzes and lessons to help support their understanding of the types of careers which might suit them, and much more. You will find more information on how to access this further down the newsletter.

There are also a number of additional support services and resources you can access which are detailed below. In the meantime, if you have any queries related to careers, you can contact me via email on [jessicaheath@birleysecondaryacademy.co.uk](mailto:jessicaheath@birleysecondaryacademy.co.uk)

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The Birley Academy has an ongoing partnership with Sheffield Futures. This organisation provides a wealth of careers and post 16 support. If any of our students need advice- particularly Year 11, they can contact [jackie.redfern@sheffieldfutures.org.uk](mailto:jackie.redfern@sheffieldfutures.org.uk)



HEPP are a Sheffield based organisation which we work with at Birley Academy, to help support students there are also lots of resources about higher education available via this link <https://www.hepp.ac.uk/who-are-you/tasters/>



The Amazing Apprenticeships site has a lot of online resources you can look at and complete- quizzes, interview tasks etc. These can be found at <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/teachers/>



For the Year 10 students who will miss out on work experience, Barclays Life Skills are offering a virtual opportunity. There are also lots of resources students can look at and use on their website. Sign up to it via this link <https://barclayslifeskills.com/i-want-virtual-work-experience/school>



## xello

Xello is a fantastic tool our students can use to maintain and develop their understanding of careers options, further and higher education. It is interactive and an excellent tool for Y7-Y11 to use. It is never too early to start considering what you want from your future!

### How do I access it?

The website is <https://login.xello.co.uk/> (please note you need to access this through google chrome, not internet explorer).

You will need your student log in and password. To get this you need to email me on [jessicaheath@birleysecondaryacademy.co.uk](mailto:jessicaheath@birleysecondaryacademy.co.uk) and I will email it to you.

### How do I use it?

Once you are logged on it will take you to the home screen which gives you 3 tabs 'About Me', 'Explore Options' and 'Goals and Plans'. Start by completing the tasks under 'About Me'.

If you need any help or have any questions about Xello, please contact me on the email above.