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INTRODUCTION

As the Chair of the Forest Economic Partnership (FEP), it gives me great pleasure to say hello and welcome you to the second Inspiring the Forest education and skills event. I hope that all Year 10 students visiting today from five of the Forest's high schools and academies have a truly memorable experience.



Our aim at FEP, is to showcase a variety of different job roles and career options across seven different employment sectors. We are lucky to have great support today from 21 Forest based employers. These range from companies that are in their early stages of development, through to long established local businesses.

We are hoping that some of the job roles being demonstrated will be familiar to you and that some may be completely new to you. We hope the hour and a half that you are on site at Gloucestershire College in Cinderford gives you an opportunity to hear from and speak to the people that are here to show off their companies.

The company I founded, Versarien will be part of the Manufacturing and Engineering Zone – so please come by and chat to our friendly team who can share with you what a typical day looks like at work and how their role is helping to develop a wide range of product offerings that are capable of having a game-changing impact in a broad variety of industry sectors.

The important thing is to get started in a sector and then you'll soon realise what's right and what's not right for you.

Remember that often careers don't go in straight lines and are a set of random experiments. Ask adults around you what they wanted to be when they grew up or where they started out.

So don't worry if you don't have a fixed idea of what you want to do yet. Use today to gather some insights, talk to people and explore the world of work on our doorstep. You might have a clearer idea of what you do want to do or just as importantly what you don't want to do after today.

Enjoy!

Neill Ricketta

Forest Economic Partnership Director

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On behalf of the Forest of Dean District Council and as a retired teacher, I am pleased to be able to confirm financial support for the Forest Economic Partnership's Inspiring the Forest project.

This exciting series of events will bring businesses, organisations and schools together again to lift aspirations and raise awareness about future career options within key employment sectors in the Forest of Dean.

The Council's Voluntary and Community Sector Grant Scheme is being used to support the cost of staging and promoting the Inspiring the Forest over a three year period. Gloucestershire College in Cinderford is once more kindly hosting this second of several skills events aimed at inspiring young people in the Forest of Dean. Year 10 school students have been invited to come along in June and Year 8's will be asked to join the next event in November 2023.

Over the life of the project, we would like to see Inspiring the Forest being open to people of all abilities resident in the administrative area covered by the Council. Our aim is to reach 5,000 Forest school students and for their parents, carers and family members to get involved too – we look forward to meeting you all!"



Councillor Bernie O'Neill
Ruspidge Ward Member and Forest Economic Partnership Director.



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GFirst LEP and the GFirst Careers Hub are proud to sponsor and support the Forest Economic Partnership with their Inspiring the Forest project and subsequent live events.

These events will strengthen the links between education and business, promoting community and collaboration. Students will explore the career and training opportunities within their local area and further develop their understanding of business skills needs. In partnership with the Careers and Enterprise Company, the GFirst Careers Hub works with schools, colleges and employers to help every young person find their best next step.

The Inspiring the Forest events will help make the potential 'next steps' real and exciting. Where students have missed out on face to face encounters over the last couple of years, it is important that this event will be live and provide students with the opportunity to meet and engage with a number of local business representatives.

Careers Hubs fundamentality aim to facilitate a collaborative approach to careers education and these events will engage a cluster of 6 schools in the Forest of Dean, their students and over 15 local businesses and employers at each event.

We hope through these events that new relationships can be formed to allow for further collaboration. The Careers Hub team can offer ongoing support with careers and engagement activity and are keen to continue working closely with school careers teams.



Gloucestershire College

Gloucestershire College brings you learning that works right in the heart of the Forest of Dean.

At Gloucestershire College, we deliver learning that works, empowering students to achieve their goals and launch successful careers. With a comprehensive range of full-time courses and apprenticeships, we provide unwavering support to our students every step of the way inside and outside of the classroom.

Our team of highly talented lecturers brings a wealth of industry knowledge and a commitment to delivering exceptional teaching standards in the classroom. Their expertise ensures that our students receive a top-quality education that is aligned with industry requirements.

We are recognised as a specialist provider of IT and cyber security education and engagement with schools, being one of the first to receive the NCSC's CyberFirst Schools Gold Award.

Our talented Catering and Hospitality students work in The View our commercial restaurant, whilst our Hair and Beauty students practise their trade in the Graduations Hair and Beauty salon.

Our unique student development program, combined with our extensive network of local employers, ensures that students have access to the best work experience opportunities and career-building prospects. Whether their path leads them to university, an apprenticeship, or directly into the workforce, we are committed to providing the resources and guidance they need to succeed.

Start your journey with GC.
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HARTPURY
COLLEGE

Hartpury University and Hartpury College is among the UK's leading specialist education providers in animal, agriculture, equine, sport and veterinary nursing.

Located in the Forest of Dean, our 360-hectare campus is home to over 4,500 college-level, undergraduate and postgraduate university students, studying A-levels, diplomas and degrees, as well as undertaking cutting-edge industry research.

Our campus is enriched with state-of-the-art specialist facilities. Over recent years we've invested more than £50 million to create an environment that supports and nurtures the progression of staff and students alike.

Hartpury University and Hartpury College is the largest employer in the Forest of Dean and has a range of careers from academic pathways to professional services. These include, for example a wide variety of roles that include lecturing, finance, project management, HR, administration, sports coaching and business development.

Hartpury University and Hartpury College is a great example that you don't have to leave the county to find a fulfilling and rewarding career. By shining a light on similar excellent employers we can showcase opportunities to local residents that are on their doorstep.

We are delighted to see this event in the Forest of Dean. It's a great way to showcase brilliant local businesses who are looking to engage with the next generation of local talent. The Forest of Dean is home to so many career paths and opportunities and this event will help highlight these opportunities and create valuable and hopefully inspirational connections.





AccXel is the UK's first industry-led construction school, co-funded by construction company K W Bell Group, GFirst LEP and HM Government.

Here are just some of the reasons why AccXel is so special?

- It is a family owned business and school.
- It is the first of its kind, created by the industry, for the industry.
- It boasts the best facilities for construction education.
- It creates job opportunities by matching apprentices to employers.
- It provides unrivalled wrap around support and pastoral care.
- It created the first construction education pathway from apprentice to site manager, supporting a life-long education alongside a career.
- It builds confidence.

At AccXel, we offer apprenticeships in groundworks, bricklaying, JCB plant operations, and construction support technician roles. We inspire school leavers and career changers into construction through educating about the wealth of opportunity in the industry and making it attractive to the younger generation. We make construction aspirational by recruiting directly through AccXel and securing employment for every apprentice through our network of trusted Employer Partners. A differentiator of AccXel is its state-of-the-art plant simulators and our mock live site. Our learners master theory as well as practical application, which makes them truly site-ready and gives them confidence in their ability.

We currently have 37 Employer Partners from SME to PLC with a revenue of over £2.6bn who work with us to provide apprenticeship employment and upskill their existing staff to raise and secure the future of their talent pipeline.



SWAC provide a flexible model for employing Apprentices: we streamline and simplify the process, removing barriers associated with taking on an apprentice.

Our apprentices are employed and paid by us and placed at hosts for the practical aspects of their Apprenticeship. Small businesses often don't have time to navigate the apprenticeship system, some don't have HR or recruitment; many need new skills to grow their business but not always where to find them.

We provide a handholding service, discuss their objectives for growth and what new skills are needed. Once we've identified an Apprenticeship Standard, we help them to write the job description, ensuring skills, knowledge and behaviours are embedded. We ensure they understand off-the-job training isn't a barrier but an opportunity for the apprentice to learn new skills and use them at work. We discuss providers and their delivery methods so they can make an informed decision.

We simplify the recruitment process: advertise, interview and shortlist the most suitable candidates; arrange interviews and give feedback; so they can get on with running their business. SWAC employ the apprentice directly after selection, managing complexities of apprentice employment law and increase the viability of Apprenticeships for the host employer.

We have a bespoke mentoring programme, working with host and apprentice at every stage of the journey to ensure the Apprenticeship has the max impact. Throughout the journey we meet to assess the overall impact to their business and highlight any improvements that could be made to the process.

Clare Vertigen, *Managing Director of the South West Apprenticeship Company*



K W Bell Group is a 3rd generation family business. It has two operational companies within the group, Bell Contracting and Bell Homes.

Bell Contracting employs over 550 people within a 60 mile radius of Cinderford, in Forest of Dean. It contracts to the Major House Building Group for groundwork and civil engineering services with contract values between £3 million - £15 million.

Bell Homes is a housing developer, building quality homes from small 2-bed apartments to mansions up to £2m. It employs 50 staff and has a loyal supply chain of sub-contractors in the region.

K W Bell Group was ranked 85th in the Sunday Times Profit Track 100 which was celebrated at the Savoy in London.

K W Bell Group are big community sponsors and are main sponsors of Cinderford rugby club, football club and cricket club to name a few.

It also has a family pub in the group, The Belfry, Littledean, where many company functions and celebrations are held.

K W Bell Group is well known in the area as an excellent employer, with over 100 staff members serving 25 years and more.

K W Bell Group has an extensive training and development programme in association with AccXel. All apprentices are given pathways to support a career from Trainee to Site Manager.

Bell Contracting are GOLD Constructing Futures Award winners for staff development and training.



Our project aims to raise career aspirations amongst young people, their parents and their teachers across the Forest of Dean; raise awareness of the eclectic mix of businesses in the area and of the types of jobs available; and, increase awareness of the skills required for jobs locally at all levels from apprentices to senior managers.

Research proves that if you can't see it, you can't be it, so we want to showcase what opportunities the Forest of Dean has to offer.

Inspiring the Forest seeks to address some of the following issues and needs raised in FEP's Education & Skills Sub-group:

1. Raising aspirations amongst the young, parents, and generally across the Forest of Dean.
2. Raising awareness of the businesses in the District and of the types of jobs available.
3. Increase awareness of the skills required for jobs locally at all levels, from apprentices to managers.
4. Creating close links between schools/colleges/universities and businesses both organisationally and individually.
5. Reducing youth disaffection by applying the 4 business touch principles within mainstream education. (Those who have met businesses 4 times in their school career are 80+% more likely to continue in rewarding training/work)
6. Reducing difficulties around arranging work experience and other business-school engagements required by best practice. And going beyond the minimum required.
7. Engaging the voice and views of the young people who live in the District.
8. Raising awareness of B2B potential & assisting businesses to manage their talent pipeline.

Take a look at the FEP website to learn more about our other projects and sign up for the FEP e-bulletin

www.fep2050.co.uk

MANUFACTURING & ENGINEERING



Newspace are a UK market leader in manufacturing bespoke steel containers; modular and portable buildings, site accommodation and everything in between. Established in Lydney, Gloucestershire in the year 2000 we have been helping businesses solve their portable accommodation needs for over 20 years.

But how do we do it?

All stages of build are completed in-house by our skilled staff using the latest modern methods of manufacture. This starts with our expert design team who utilise solidworks software to provide advanced models for both the client and production. It's then over to our fabrication team who bend, prep, and weld the steel to form the container shell which is then painted, and spray foam insulated. Finally, it heads over to our innovative lining facility. A conveyor belt system pulls each unit through various 'fit out' stations; studwork, flooring, lining, plumbing & electrics, to deliver a fully complete & quality checked unit by the end of the belt.

From canteens at construction sites, to pop-up shops at stadiums, you name it we can build it!



Suntory Beverage & Food GB&I is a unique drinks company, driven by a vision of Growing for Good and part of one of the world's leading beverage and food companies. Our range of soft drinks includes a line-up of some of Europe's most iconic brands. UK household names include Lucozade Energy, Lucozade Sport, Ribena and Orangina with plenty more across Europe.

CALICO INTERIORS

Thinking of starting a career within the interior design industry? Want to know a little bit more about us and what we do?

Let's start at the beginning...

It all began in 1981, when our founder, Pauline Nash, started a curtain and soft furnishing business from the comfort of her very own home. The business quickly garnered a reputation for creating beautifully crafted, bespoke soft furnishings and attracted an ever-growing queue of clients. As the fan-base grew, so did Calico Interiors.

Today, Calico Interiors has its own purpose-built Workroom and works on both commercial and residential projects across the UK.

We also have a Home Store & Design Studio which resides at the rather glorious Lambsquay House, a former hotel in the Forest of Dean - and Pauline has a little more help these days from her highly established and dedicated design team, who put their hearts into every project they take on, no matter how small or large that may be.

Our purpose-built Workrooms house our highly skilled team of makers and upholsterers, and a fitting team who complete all measures and installs for our retail and commercial clients, who pride themselves on the finish and hanging of our products, ensuring our reputation is always maintained.

SUNTORY BEVERAGE & FOOD GB&I

We have a rich culture, a unique mix of Japanese roots and European heritage. Our principles guide our business towards creating harmony between people and nature. Our Manufacturing site (including head office roles!) is based in Coleford, Gloucestershire, our other office is in Uxbridge, West London (which includes a sensory and science lab!), with many other roles being remotely based.



We are Forest of Dean and Wye Valley Tourism (FDWVT), the official Destination Management Organisation (DMO) for the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley. We are a not-for-profit organisation managing and marketing tourism and growing awareness of our area as an attractive holiday destination.

We provide strategic leadership for the tourism industry in our area. We represent our partner businesses and the local tourism industry at local, regional, national and international level. We provide business support, networking and development opportunities for tourism businesses across the destination. We grow tourism in the area through our website, marketing campaigns, social media and PR coverage.



The Speech House Hotel is a renowned historic, family owned and run independent hotel with 35 bedrooms, function facilities for up to 200, with a fine dining as well as an informal dining restaurant. The 15 acre field is popular throughout the year for outdoor events

The hotel offers employment to local people and chooses to employ individuals who enjoy interacting with people. The hotel prefers to train staff who have the right attitude. Qualifications at all levels are offered including Apprenticeships. Once trained to the high Speech House standards employees are able to take their skills and work in hospitality anywhere in the UK or the world.



There are career paths and opportunities within all the hotel departments, from the kitchen, housekeeping, events, reception to the bars and restaurants. For those who wish to go into hotel management training can be given across all departments.

Visit us in the tourism and hospitality section on the 30th June at Inspire The Forest, for further information. We look forward to welcoming you there.

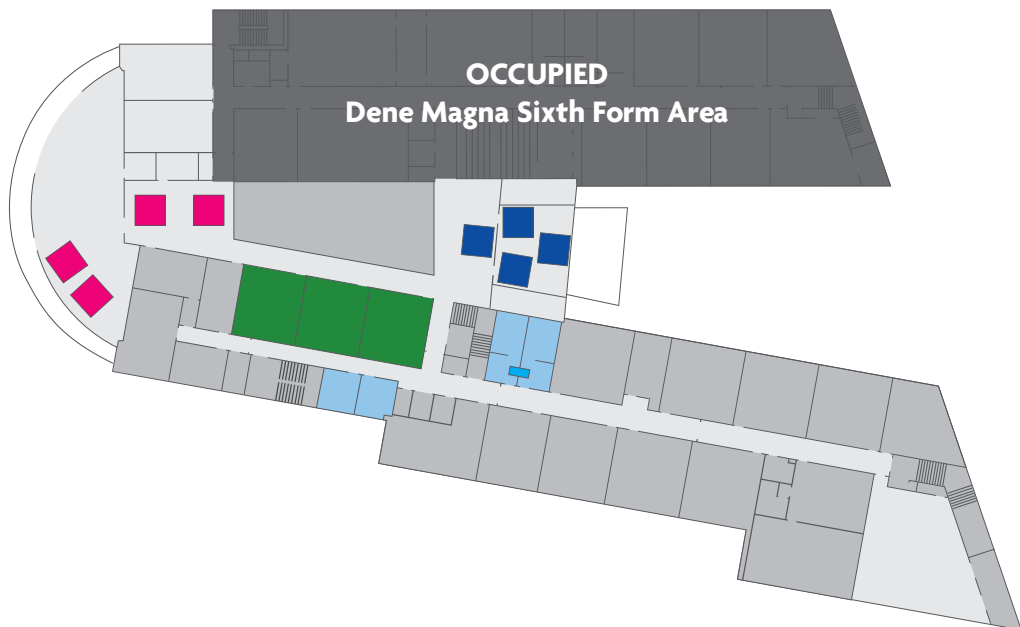
INSPIRING THE FOREST FLOOR PLAN

GROUND FLOOR



-  EVENT RECEPTION/INFORMATION
-  MANUFACTURING & ENGINEERING ZONE
-  HOSPITALITY & TOURISM ZONE
-  HEALTH & WELLBEING ZONE
-  COMMUNICATION & MEDIA ZONE
-  DIGITAL AND CYBER ZONE
-  EDUCATION AND TRAINING ZONE
-  TOILETS

FIRST FLOOR



INSPIRING THE FOREST PHOTO COMPETITION

So, how are your photography skills?

Do you reckon you could capture the spirit of this event & take a great shot of either yourself or your classmates on the day?

We are looking for some great examples to use in our future publicity material.



Entries need to be sent by 14 July to FEP@fdean.gov.uk

FEP Directors will select the winning pic in July - the winner will receive an Instax Camera



Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

We are an NHS trust of around 8,000 people, providing care for the population of Gloucestershire and beyond. We provide a wide range of specialist hospital services from our two main sites at Gloucestershire Royal and Cheltenham General Hospitals, as well as maternity services at Stroud Maternity Hospital. We have ambitious plans for the future to help us achieve our vision of delivering the Best Care for Everyone.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE MANAGED SERVICES

We provide essential facilities management services to Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, ensuring a high-quality environment for the benefit of staff, visitors and patients. Specialising in healthcare, we have a deep understanding of the sector and what is required to keep non-clinical operations running smoothly, now and in the future.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE HEALTH & CARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust provides joined-up mental health, physical health and learning disability services to people of all ages across Gloucestershire. We do this in our community hospitals, in community buildings and primarily in people's own homes.



Civil Service

The Civil Service carries out the business of the government of the day, implementing policy and running government services. There is a huge variety of careers available within over 500 departments and agencies.

Roles are available through apprenticeships, the graduate scheme and direct applications.

Opportunities within range of the forest include the Ministry of Defence at Abbey Wood employing over 5000 and GCHQ in Cheltenham employing over 6000. Both these and other departments have a diverse range of apprenticeships available up to degree level.



DAVID BROADBENT PHOTOGRAPHY

David Broadbent Photography offers over 30 years of experience in providing high quality, dynamic and eye-catching images for commercial clients of all sizes.

Shooting commercial images for companies, books and magazines around the world. David Broadbent Photography produces cutting edge and on trend work in stills, video and time-lapse to communicate your business message effectively. We shoot modern, travel and lifestyle orientated interiors, exteriors, food, events, lifestyle, Press & PR, people, places and products on location in the studio. Whether you need new or refresh images for your website, imagery for a news or PR story, print advertising or to generate regular social media content for Facebook, Twitter and Instagram we can help.

FACTS & FIGURES

- Did you know that in 2023 the Forest of Dean has 3482 business rate paying businesses?
- Over 90% of businesses in Forest of Dean are micro-businesses employing 9 or fewer staff
- An average of 300 new businesses are started every year in the Forest of Dean
- Over 65% of these new commercial ventures are still trading after 3 years
- In April 2023 there were 817 unique local job postings with Care Workers/Home Care, Science, Engineering and Production Technicians and administration roles topping the list
- Wholesale and retail is a dominant sector, making up approximately half of the Gross Value Added (GVA) contribution to the Forest's economy.

MANUFACTURING & ENGINEERING

Over 4000 people are employed in these sectors representing some 14% of the population of the Forest of Dean. Working in an Engineering role you can earn between £22,000 and £59,457.

A job in engineering gives you one of the broadest range of options for career choices. The UK's engineering and manufacturing sector employs over 5 million people and covers every industry from aerospace, automotive and marine to construction, energy, sustainability and many more.

The engineering sector can provide a diverse choice of job roles, and you can choose to specialise in a particular area to work on some fantastic projects.

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM (INCLUDING FOOD & DRINK)

This sector employs over 2000 people - some 7% of the population. Working in Hospitality and Tourism can provide a salary of between £18,533 and £32,495.

With roles varying from part-time, casual, entry-level through to graduate hospitality jobs, the hospitality, tourism and leisure industry has something for everyone.

HEALTH & WELLBEING (INCLUDING BEAUTY AND SELF CARE)

13% of the population of the Forest of Dean is employed in Health - over 3500 people.

Working in Healthcare you can earn between £19,635 and £62,395.

A healthcare career gives you the chance to make a real difference in people's lives. Almost 2 million people work in the UK healthcare sector, including NHS jobs and working in

private medical care. A variety of skills and qualifications can help a career in healthcare, so you can find a speciality healthcare job or general medical job to suit your skills.

COMMUNICATION & MEDIA

Some 500 people which is around 2% of the population are employed in this sector Working in Media you can earn between £20,000 and £59,865.

Jobs in media can cover a wide range of sectors, and employment opportunities usually fall within the advertising, film, digital media, and journalism companies. Media sales, technical production, special effects, public relations and writing are all an option if you are looking for a media job.

A job in media opens up a world of options when it comes to industry sectors; you can choose to specialise in radio, TV, digital design, publishing, copywriting or animation. A media career is an excellent choice if you have a particular skill or talent and want a job that allows you to use your creativity.

DIGITAL & CYBER

A job within the digital and cyber sector can provide a salary ranging from £16,844 as an entry level Cyber Engineer through to £75,000 as an Information Security Consultant. Information technology is a sector with the highest forecast growth 2017-2027. In an increasingly digital world, digital skills are needed across all employment sectors and at a range of levels, by businesses and other organisations seeking to transform their businesses and for individuals. Cyber security job postings alone have increased 94% in the last 6 years.

CACI

Founded in 2006, CACI IIG is an agile, exciting, growing and progressive business unit within CACI UK. We currently have over 350 intelligent, professional and engaging staff. Through a rigorous emphasis on quality, the company has grown considerably to become one of the UK's most well-respected Software Engineering Companies.

IIG's company mission statement is to delight our customers and employees by delivering core mission solutions that keep the UK safe, secure and sustainably moving forward. Our strategy is to do great things for our customers on work that is at the heart of their core mission. We bring together highly capable, creative, curious and passionate problem solvers to:

- Seek excellence, delivering real customer value in an open, honest and friendly way
- Run and grow a sustainable and profitable business
- Work alongside our customers to exceed their expectations and set the standard for our competitors- Be the trusted technical partner of choice in our chosen markets
- Provide employees with a great working environment focussed on support, growth and empowerment

Our mission is to support government departments to use information intelligently to make mission critical decisions and advance the security, sustainability and prosperity for the UK.



cybersecurity associates

Cyber Security Associates (CSA) has been providing a range of cyber consultancy and managed services since 2013. Focusing on providing end-to-end services using advanced security tools and techniques, CSA will deliver a dedicated capability that focuses on cyber security risks and threats.

As a Managed Security Services Provider (MSSP), CSA will work with internal IT teams or outsourced IT Managed Services Providers to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of information and respond together when an incident occurs. Built around the founder's knowledge of cyber operations within the Military and Government, CSA provides world-class experience and skills through UK Government security cleared cyber professionals.

Certified with Cyber Essentials Plus, ISO 27001 and ISO 9001, CSA has embedded security within its own operations to ensure every detail is covered and that every client is not only secure but knows it is in 'safe hands'!



Gloucestershire College

GLOSCOL DIGITAL & CYBER APPRENTICESHIPS

Gloucestershire College is a specialist provider in the training and upskilling for the cyber-tech industry in the county. With IT, software development, and cyber security apprenticeships, along with our state-of-the-art Advanced Digital Academy (ADA) and expert teaching team, we equip the workforce with future-ready skills for success in this evolving industry.

- We are England's only further education provider with provisional certification from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) for our Level 6 Cyber Security Degree apprenticeship, offered in partnership with the University of the West of England (UWE Bristol). This program is also accredited with Tech Industry Gold by Tech Partnership Degrees.
- We were one of the first to receive the NCSC's CyberFirst Schools Gold Award for our first-rate approach to specialised cyber security teaching and engagement with schools.
- We are a proud partner in the West of England Institute of Technology (WEIoT) - a government-funded programme bringing

together key academic and employer partners across the region to develop the skills of the future.

- We are the academic partner of CyNam, one of the UK's largest cyber-tech clusters, driving the growth of tech skills in the region. This partnership showcases the ongoing alignment between industry and academia in attracting, developing, and retaining talent.
- To meet the demand for digital and technical skills identified by LSIP, we have expanded our offerings and recently introduced the DevOps Engineer Level 4 and DATS Professional Integrated Degree (Software Engineer pathway).
- We collaborate with IT and cyber employers of all sizes, including industry leaders throughout the South West.
- We firmly believe that apprenticeships are the key to social mobility and to unlocking the full potential of all – from school leavers to those already in employment and looking to retrain or progress their careers.

Visit our stand and meet our expert Employer Training and Apprenticeships team to find out more.
www.gloscol.ac.uk



With facilities across the entirety of Britain, Raytheon UK is a unit of Raytheon Technologies and sits within the Raytheon Intelligence & Space business. Raytheon UK is invested in the British workforce and the development of UK technology.

Across the country, the company employs 2,000 people. As a prime contractor and major supplier to the Ministry of Defence,



Raytheon UK continues to invest in research and development, supporting innovation and technological advances across the country.

WE ARE RECRUITING APPRENTICES

Bell Contracting are looking for **groundworks and plant operations apprentices** to start their training at AccXel in **September 2023**.

As one of AccXel's Employer Partners, we are offering employment to their apprentices throughout the duration of their studies.

For more information about the apprenticeship and to apply, head over to AccXel's website.

www.AccXel.co.uk



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GOLD AWARD WINNER 2022**



DENE MAGNA

DENE MAGNA SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Dene Magna is a thriving 11-18 school that is incredibly proud to serve our community and plays its part in continuing to raise aspirations and standards in the Forest of Dean. Students of all ability levels thrive here.

Dene Magna is a school that has a relentless passion for getting the very best out of our entire community. The expectations of students and staff at Dene Magna are very high, because we know we have a vital role in ensuring that our learners become successes for the rest of their lives.

Our central aim is "that every learner shall achieve their maximum potential...and enjoy the process". To achieve this, staff continue to challenge and support each other in their teaching; sharing ideas and best practice and working with students to ensure that we all thrive.

Stephen Brady - Head Teacher

Dene Magna provides extensive careers advice and partners with local and national employers to offer students a wide range of contact points with industry. Through our Careers Programme students are exposed to a wide range of current and future opportunities through trips and guest speakers and flexible work experience placements are encouraged in years 10 and 12.

We are proud to be the only provider of quality A-Levels here in the Forest of Dean, and we welcome students from both the Central Forest and beyond. Dene Magna school has an outstanding reputation which extends into our Sixth Form.

Our bespoke, state-of-the-art campus is a beacon for academic excellence and ambition and our students benefit from getting a college experience whilst also belonging to a school. This year we are offering two new A-Levels in Environmental Science and Criminology to enhance our Sixth Form offer to students.

Liz Balmer - Head of Sixth Form



FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL

Five Acres High School is an exciting, energetic and welcoming all-inclusive 11-16 Academy and a proud member of the Greenshaw Learning Trust; a 'family' of like-minded schools, that collaborate to provide mutual support and share their good practice, whilst retaining and developing their own distinctive character.

At Five Acres High School, we have created a safe and caring environment where students can achieve the very best academic qualifications and skills. We are equally ambitious for all of our students, working with parents and carers to create a community ethos, centered on high performance and excellence regardless of a child's starting point.

We have an 'open door' policy and welcome visitors. Every day is an Open Day! Please feel free to come into the school and ask for a tour at any time.

Simon Phelps - Head Teacher



NEWENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE

Educating children is both a responsibility and a privilege. At Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre, we take our responsibility very seriously.

We want our students to love school and yet be ready to leave, being well prepared for the future. We want them to have achieved the best possible examination results, been involved in a wide range of activities, forged lifelong friendships and, above all, have happy memories of their school days.

We are committed to inspiring learners for their future through a vibrant, innovative and supportive environment where students develop resourcefulness, resilience, accept responsibility and are challenged to take risks in order to succeed.

Over the past few years, we have established an incredible team of staff that give their all to helping the school be and become 'the best that it can be'. We believe we have an amazing future ahead, not without its challenges, but one that is committed to the vision and values that we hold dear, and the community that we serve.

We are committed to improving – with a clear understanding that we have much to be proud of but we have still much to do.

If you are already thinking about September 2024 and beyond, please contact the school (01531 820550) to discuss your options or to arrange a visit.



SGS FOREST HIGH SCHOOL

SGS Forest is Cinderford's secondary school, where every child matters. We are improving rapidly and sustainably, so that we will be an Ofsted Good school within two years and stay that way for generations to come.

Our staff are united in the shared belief that every child in Cinderford matters, so that at SGS Forest:

- Every child learns a broad range of subjects from an exceptionally strong team of expert teachers. Our students' breadth of study already exceeds the national curriculum, with more subjects being added each year, some as part of innovative partnerships with excellent local providers such as AccXel and Hartpur.
- Every child grows into a responsible and resourceful young person. Our students benefit from being part of a small school community, where each of them is known well by staff. Beyond the classroom, SGS Forest students take part in a rich and varied range of extra-curricular clubs and trips, including a wealth of sports teams and The Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We would love you to visit and see all the great work we do.

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Alan Dane - Head Teacher



Wyedean

School and Sixth Form Centre

WYEDEAN SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE

Wyedean School and Sixth form centre is an 11-18 school which provides every child with the very best opportunities to grow both academically and personally.

Our school and sixth form centre are equipped for exceptional learning and our teachers are enthusiastic, experienced and know how to get the best out of our young people. This provision is underpinned by a broad and exciting curriculum offer. We offer an excellent record of academic excellence in our examination results, together with exceptional guidance and well-being support.

Our ethos as a school is based on the development of the whole student to meet the ever-changing challenges and opportunities of a globalised society in the twenty-first century. At Wyedean, everyone has the opportunity to develop their individual talents and aptitudes within and beyond the classroom. Research-informed, aspirational teaching and learning is at the core of our offer and it is delivered by experiences, dedicated, professional, specialist teachers. Our students deservedly expect the highest quality of education and we meet this expectation time and again.

Our school is a vibrant, caring and supportive community that equips students with the best possible preparation for their future lives. Our students experience learning beyond the classroom in choosing from an extensive range of extra and super-curricular opportunities. These experiences develop new skills and help our young people to become resilient and flexible and of course form lasting friendships, support academic success and healthy well-being.

We have a strong collaborative relationship where students, staff, parents, and the community have an integral role to play in supporting our students to achieve their potential.

Aspire together, achieve together.

Gwennan Jeremiah - Principal

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Labour Market and Careers information for all, with a particular focus for students with SEND needs.



I COULD

Career ideas and information to support you with your decision making



CAREERS COACH

Gloucestershire specific careers and employability support



NATIONAL CAREERS SERVICE

Careers information, advice and guidance and making decisions on your next steps.



CAREER PILOT

Information and tools to let you explore your future career



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