

**We are delighted to be hosting some of the
UK's leading universities:**

Aberystwyth University
Aston University
Bangor University
Bath University
Birmingham University
Cardiff University
Derby University
Durham University
Exeter University
Harper Adams University
Keele University
Lancaster University
Leicester University
Lincoln University
Loughborough University
Nottingham University
Oxford Brookes University
Sheffield University
Swansea University
Warwick University

**Lower Sixth pupils are invited to a
series of talks in Paddock Hall**

**2pm – How to Choose a Course/
University**

**2.30pm – Applying to Competitive
Courses**

**3pm – Placement Years &
Study Abroad Years**

Plus four of our local Colleges

Telford College
Shrewsbury College
Stafford College
Wolverhampton College

Careers and Education Fair



Haberdashers'
ADAMS
a grammar school with state boarding

Making the most of your visit to the Careers Fair
Although we have a diverse range of professions, industries and employers represented today there might not be anyone directly related to your area of interest. This does not mean your visit can't be of value to you.

Talk to the visitors about what they currently do and how they got there. Often you'll find interesting stories about alternative routes and changes of course and an emphasis on gaining valuable employability skills such as teamwork and problem solving.

If you want to go to university but don't know how your chosen subject links to a job talk to those on the stands who recruit graduates – you'll find that often a specific subject isn't required and that employers are looking for candidates with good degrees from good universities who they can then train in a specific role.

If you are considering an Apprenticeship talk to the organisations who offer these and find out what they look for in their successful candidates and what you can be doing now to help you make a strong application.



Wrekin View Vets is a small animal surgery in Wellington. They provide a full range of **veterinary services for pets**. Unlike Doctors who tend to specialise vets will consult, diagnose, prescribe and operate. If you are interested in becoming a vet you should enjoy, and be good at, subjects such as:

- Chemistry
- Biology
- Maths

and be interested in people and animals. Applying to study veterinary medicine is very competitive and admissions tutors will want to see that you have lots of work experience.



Based in Shropshire (with a nationwide reach), 8 Financial Planning work exclusively with business owners and people approaching retirement with:

- Protecting their wealth using insurance, where required
- Managing and growing their wealth using investments
- Planning towards their retirement
- Passing on their wealth

If you enjoy working with numbers but also think you have good communications skills and enjoy talking to people this might be a good career route for you.



British Airways is the UK's flagship airline. As well as Pilots and Air Crew BA have numerous roles across all of their business functions and also offer **apprenticeships, internships and graduate entry opportunities**.

Chat to our visitors on the BA stand if you are interested in becoming a Pilot or if you aren't sure what you'd like to do and are interested to hear more about the opportunities available with an international airline. Pilots needs to be strong in science subjects but languages are also an advantage and if you are interested in other roles virtually any subject can be relevant.



Clarkes LLP is one of Shropshire's leading **law firms** and provides specialist legal advice for both business and private clients. They have specialist advisers across all areas of law.

Did you know you can qualify as a Solicitor via the traditional university degree but also via a **Degree Apprenticeship**?

Lawyers require excellent written and spoken communication skills and good attention to detail. No specific academic subjects are required to study Law but you should consider it if you enjoy subjects such as:

- English
- Humanities
- Politics

and like to take part in activities such as Debating.



The Wrekin Housing Group provides almost 13,000 homes for affordable rent and low cost home ownership across Shropshire, Staffordshire and Telford & Wrekin.

They also provide care to people living in those homes as well as to adults with learning disabilities and those requiring specialist dementia care.

We keep hearing on the news that Britain needs more homes so talk to the team at Wrekin Housing to discover the opportunities the sector offers and how you could become part of this increasingly important industry.



Barclays **moves, lends, invests and protects** money for customers and clients worldwide. It is often said that money makes the world go round and in our interconnected world the will always be a demand for those who can help can help us to make the most of our resources, whether that be as an individual or as a business.

Speak to Michael from Barclays about the wide range of career opportunities linked to banking and finance and the skills you will need to succeed.



VINCI Building delivers new build, refurbishment and associated fit-out works, with particular expertise in the education, healthcare, industrial, air, retail and commercial areas. The company is about to start a 3 year project at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

The construction industry offers a wide range of opportunities from those on site bringing a vision to life to those developing innovative technical solutions for customers.





Barbers Rural Consultancy is an independent firm of **Chartered Surveyors, Rural Estate Agents and Auctioneers**. They are represented today by former pupil Harriet who is a Rural Chartered Surveyor. She is looking forward to speaking to pupils who are interested in careers in property, estate management and planning.

Speak to Harriet if you are interested in:

- Rural Development
 - Planning
- Land Management

or if you enjoy subjects such as:

- Geography
- Business Studies



Spec Savers is the UK's largest group of opticians. The company offers eyesight testing and sells glasses, sunglasses, and contact lenses as well as hearing aids. As the population ages demand for these services will continue to grow.

Optometrists play a vital role in helping us not only maintain the health of our eyes but they can help diagnose a patient with conditions such as diabetes or high blood pressure. Optometrists work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, high street optometrists, research and teaching.

Talk to Spec Savers if you enjoy subjects such as:

- Maths
- Biology
- Chemistry



JCB is one of the most recognisable **international brands**; they operate on 4 continents and employ over 14,000 people. Their **global headquarters is in Staffordshire** and they are represented today by two former pupils who have, or are completing, Apprenticeships. Speak to them if you are interested in:

- Engineering
 - Manufacturing
 - Project/Business Management
- or if you enjoy subjects such as:

- Maths
- Physics
- Geography
- Business Studies
- Languages



Founded by a former pupil Purple Frog Systems is a Microsoft Data Analytics consultancy with multinational clients in a variety of sectors from finance and retail to aerospace and logistics.

They specialise in the architecture and design of **data analytics systems**, including the implementation of **machine learning and artificial intelligence systems**.

Speak to Purple Frog Systems if you love solving puzzles and are interested in:

- Data Science
 - Software Engineering
 - Machine Learning
 - Computer Science
- or if you enjoy subjects such as:
- Maths
 - Physics



The West Midlands Ambulance Service serves a population of 5.6 million people in Shropshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Coventry, Birmingham and the Black Country.

Speak to the team about the wide range of careers available both on the frontline and in corporate functions. Whatever the role, everybody has one main priority, helping patients and providing the best level of care.



We are delighted to welcome local business The Travel Store to Adams. They are an independent travel agent offering holidays for all tastes and budgets.

Despite the growth of online booking travel agents are still a very popular way to book a holiday as holiday makers appreciate the expert advice and support they provide.

The travel industry is growing as people prioritise experiences and the career options are diverse and extensive. Speak to the team from The Travel Store if you:

- Love to travel
- Enjoy talking to a variety of different people
- Like planning and organising

Collins Aerospace is an **international company** that designs, develops, manufactures and supports a comprehensive range of solutions for ministries of defense, integrators, aircraft manufacturers and airlines. They help make military missions more effective, pilots more aware and flights safer and more enjoyable.

Collins are represented today by former pupil Ed who studied Mechanical Engineering at Bath and is now a Simulation and Mathematical Modelling Engineer.

Speak to Ed if you are interested in:

- Mechanical Engineering
- Aerospace Engineering

or if you enjoy subjects such as:

- Maths
- Physics
- Design



SHROPSHIRE Festivals

Shropshire Festivals is the award-winning creative force behind the county's most popular, fun-filled event and we are so pleased to welcome them to our event.

They run the Shrewsbury Food Festival, Shropshire Oktoberfest, Shropshire Petal Fields, and Shropshire Business Festival, as well as hosting corporate events throughout the year.

Running events such as these requires organisation, creativity, teamwork and a passion for bringing people together.



DE BEERS GROUP

The De Beers Diamond Consortium is a South African- British corporation that specialises in **diamond mining**, diamond exploitation, diamond retail, diamond trading and industrial diamond manufacturing sectors.

We are delighted to welcome back **Old Novaportan Michael** who is a Full Stack Engineer for GemFair, a way of tracking ethically sourced diamonds from mine to market.

Michael studied **International Relations** at Exeter and completed a Masters in **Mining Environmental Management**.

Speak to him about his career path and the diverse career opportunities available in mining.

Premier Foods is one of the UK's largest food businesses and employs 4,000 staff across 13 sites throughout the UK.

We are delighted to welcome back Old Novaportan Jemma Green who joined the company as an Apprentice and has now been promoted to Senior Compliance Technologist.

Speak to Jemma if you'd like to know what that roles involves and what other opportunities are available in the food industry.



Speak to the team at the Work Pays stand if you want to learn more about Apprenticeships generally.

You can start an Apprenticeship after your GCSEs, after A Levels or it may be that you complete one when you are further down your career path or if you want to change your career direction.

Apprenticeships can provide a path into a wide variety of careers now including many which have traditionally been popular at Adams including engineering, medicine and law.



HSBC is a familiar name on our High Streets but it is also one of the largest banking and financial services organisations in the world.

We are delighted to welcome back Old Novaportan Harry Smith who is completing a Commercial Banking Degree Apprenticeship.

Harry is looking forward to talking to pupils about the wide range of opportunities available in banking and finance and the value of the Apprenticeship route.

As we are discovering in the news the security of our country is still closely linked to the sea and the Royal Navy is responsible for maintaining our safety and security. The Royal Navy has a diverse range of roles and is a significant recruiter of both fast jet and helicopter pilots.

Talk to the Royal Navy representative about opportunities to join at 16, 18 or as a graduate. Generous sponsorship packages are available for those studying subjects such as Engineering.

The Royal Navy is also a leading provider of Apprenticeships and regularly tops the list of the best Apprenticeship providers in the UK.

The primary role of the Army is to protect our nation and its dependent territories. Highly trained soldiers are ready to deploy anywhere at any time to meet a variety of challenges. Ranging from support to the Police following a terrorist attack, to specialist capabilities such as bomb disposal and intelligence experts. As well as conducting complex war fighting, it is the same highly trained soldier who helps support the NHS, deals with floods and trains partner forces abroad.

Speak to the Army representative to discover more about the roles and opportunities available and ask them about the different routes into the British Army.



Galliford Try is one of the UK's leading **construction groups**, working to improve the UK's built environment and delivering lasting change. The organisation is involved in a wide range of projects including Transport (Road, Rail and Aviation), Building (Housing, Schools, Prisons, Commercial), Defence, Manufacturing and Environmental projects.

There are **hundreds of different roles** within the construction industry and lots of routes into it including Apprenticeships and graduate opportunities.

Speak to the team from Galliford Try if you are interested in finding out more about the wide range of opportunities available.



For over a hundred years the Royal Air Force has defended the skies of Britain and projected Britain's power and influence around the world. Now the RAF's role is to watch the skies, respond to threats, prevent conflict, and provide assistance in an uncertain world.

The range of career options in the RAF are diverse from pilot to intelligence analyst and musician to linguist.

The RAF is one of the UK's leading Apprenticeship providers and have opportunities for those wanting to leave school after their GCSEs, those wanting to join after their A Levels and they can also support you through your university studies.