



Personal Development at Newbridge School



Careers, Employability and Key Skills

Work Experience and Careers days



Fire Service

At Newbridge Secondary SEMH, our week-long Fire Service placement gives students a unique opportunity to experience life in a challenging and rewarding public service role.

During the placement, students:

- Gain first-hand insight into the daily responsibilities of firefighters
- Develop teamwork and communication skills under pressure
- Build resilience, confidence, and problem-solving abilities
- Learn about community safety and civic responsibility

This hands-on experience not only inspires students but also equips them with practical skills and personal qualities that are valuable in all areas of life and future careers.



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Giving Pupils Real-Life Work Experiences

At Newbridge, we are passionate about giving pupils hands-on, real-world experiences. Working with Wigan LBC and community groups like Friends of Low Hall allows students to develop practical skills, teamwork, and a real sense of connection to their local environment. Projects such as making hedgehog homes or collaborating on art initiatives give pupils the chance to see the tangible impact of their efforts while fostering pride, responsibility, and a love of nature.



From Our Volunteers

"Michael, Catherine, and I were thrilled to visit Newbridge and see the Year 9 woodwork class in action, making hedgehog homes. The students were engaged, proud of their work, and clearly enjoying the experience.

Opportunities like this, working with Wigan LBC and Friends of Low Hall, are incredibly valuable. Everyone was so welcoming, and we've even started discussions about an art project with one of the classes. We can't wait to organise a trip to Low Hall after half term to see the boxes in situ!"



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Work Experience and Career days - Duke of Edinburgh Award



Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Bronze & Silver



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is a hugely popular and highly engaging programme at Newbridge Learning Community, offered to pupils from Years 9-11. It provides a structured pathway for personal growth, practical skill development, and community involvement, with many pupils on track to achieve their Bronze and Silver Awards.

The programme encourages pupils to step out of their comfort zones, take on new challenges, and explore a wide range of volunteering and career experiences. This includes hands-on community activities such as litter picking and clearing the grounds at **Haigh Hall**, helping to maintain the local environment while developing teamwork, responsibility, and pride in their community.

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Duke of Edinburgh Award



Programme Highlights

- **Volunteering & Community Engagement:** Pupils help with litter picking, fundraising, charity events, and supporting local projects, meeting new people and experiencing different environments.
- **Skill Development:** Practical skills including cooking, music support, painting, and other creative pursuits.
- **Physical & Outdoor Challenges:** Pupils take part in fitness activities, expeditions, and a 120-mile charity challenge, building teamwork and resilience.



Benefits for Pupils

- Develop independence, leadership, and teamwork
- Build resilience and confidence
- Gain practical skills and experiences for CVs and applications
- Make a positive contribution to the community

The DofE programme inspires pupils to push themselves, try new experiences, and achieve goals — all while having fun and making a difference.



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Work Experience and Career days - Pupil Mentoring timetables

At Newbridge, our Pupil Mentoring Scheme provides tailored, one-to-one support for students who benefit from additional guidance, encouragement, and positive role models. Mentors work closely with identified pupils to build confidence, develop social and emotional skills, and support personal and academic growth.



In-School Mentoring - KS4 and KS3

At Newbridge Learning Community, older pupils take on the role of mentors as part of their **work experience**, guiding younger students and making a real difference in school life.

What Mentors Do

- Offer advice, encouragement, and support to younger pupils
- Help with organisation, routines, and problem-solving
- Model leadership, emotional regulation, and positive behaviour
- Build trusting relationships that pupils look up to

Benefits for Mentees

- Receive guidance from relatable, supportive peers
- Gain confidence and motivation in school life
- Develop social and emotional skills
- Feel valued and supported within the school community



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Pupil Mentoring Scheme at Newbridge Learning Community



Benefits for Mentors

- Strengthen leadership, communication, and teamwork skills
- Build confidence and self-awareness
- Experience the satisfaction of helping others succeed
- Develop skills transferable to future careers and personal growth

Mentoring at Newbridge creates a **connected, supportive school culture**, where younger pupils thrive and older pupils grow as leaders.



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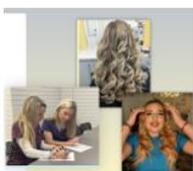
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Work Experience - Vocational Placements



At Newbridge Learning Community, pupils gain **hands-on, real-world experience** through vocational placements with a range of local partners. These opportunities give students insight into careers, build workplace skills, and connect learning to the wider world.





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Placements Include

- Applecass - animal care land-based work experience projects
- Fix-It - practical repair and maintenance
- Bike mechanics - hands-on bike mechanics skills
- TMP - music, technology and the arts
- Elysium - construction
- Wigan Athletic- sports, fitness, and teamwork
- Excel in Life - hair and beauty and career preparation and employability
- The Arc - hair and beauty



Why It Matters

Pupils develop work-related skills, confidence, and professional behaviours while engaging with **external organisations**, learning how workplaces function, and exploring career paths. These placements prepare students for future employment, further education, and life beyond school.



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Careers - STEM & Educational Visits

Inspiring Futures Through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics - Careers days



Inspiring Hands-On STEM Learning

At Newbridge Learning Community, we provide hands-on STEM experiences that spark curiosity and open doors to future careers. Educational visits bring learning beyond the classroom.

Preparing for a Rapidly Changing World

With fast-paced advances in technology, engineering, and digital innovation, our pupils gain the skills and confidence to thrive in an evolving world.

STEM Education as Opportunity

STEM at Newbridge is more than lessons — it is about inspiration, opportunity, and future pathways.

Empowering the Innovators of Tomorrow

Visits to Eureka and NEC Birmingham STEM exhibitions help pupils see themselves as scientists, engineers, designers, and innovators.

Broadening Horizons and Igniting Ambition

We provide experiences that broaden horizons, build confidence, and ignite ambition, preparing students to succeed in STEM and beyond.



Careers- STEM & Educational Visits - Careers Days



Exploring the Future of STEM - Big Bang Fair at the National Exhibition Centre

STEM Visit to NEC Birmingham

Our pupils had the exciting opportunity to explore cutting-edge developments in:

- Robotics and Artificial Intelligence
- Biomedical and Health Technologies
- Engineering Innovation
- Digital Technology and Coding
- Sustainable Energy Solutions

Hands-On Learning Experiences

Students participated in workshops, live demonstrations, and interactive challenges, experiencing how science and technology are shaping the modern world.

Impact on Students

- Pupils see first-hand the vast range of careers available within science, engineering, and technology sectors.
- They understand how classroom subjects connect to real industries and global challenges.
- They develop problem-solving, analytical thinking, creativity, communication, and teamwork skills.