

The Pedmore Career Challenge

As a young person, you may be concerned how the last few months will affect your career options, so why not complete the 10 steps below to help you get career ready and boost your employability prospects?

<p>1. GET ADVICE</p>	<p>Get some Careers Advice – talk to a fully trained professional who will guide you through all your options and what’s available. They are independent so will talk to you about Apprenticeships/Colleges/Further Education. They can also recommend support from an IMPACT Mentor if needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://connexionsdudley.org/ • https://www.dudley.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers
<p>2. CHECK OUT YOUR SKILLS</p>	<p>Check out your Skills – find out what a skill is and what you may need to work on to get the job of your choice!</p> <p>Visit https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/ then click on Skills Assessment</p>
<p>3. GET SOME WORK EXPERIENCE</p>	<p>Sign up for some Virtual Work Experience, and check out the opportunities for work experience with Sandwell Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.scapegroup.co.uk/learning-in-lockdown • https://volunteeringcounts.org.uk/i-want-to-volunteer-2/ <p>Also check out some workplace tours and other resources by visiting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.blackcountryskillsfactory.co.uk/schools/school-and-student-support-covid19/
<p>4. FIND OUT ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS AND COLLEGES</p>	<p>Find out more about apprenticeships and local colleges, see all the latest vacancies and what’s on offer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/ • https://www.blackcountryskillsfactory.co.uk/schools/school-and-student-support-covid19/colleges--local-training-providers/
<p>5. GET A CV</p>	<p>Get ready – draw up your own CV (Curriculum Vitae) and take the jobs quiz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://barclayslifeskills.com/i-want-help-applying-for-jobs/school/cv-builder



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<p>6. RESEARCH JOBS</p>	<p>Interview a parent, friend or neighbour about their job. Visit the icould site where you can watch videos of 100s of people in their jobs Icould is a national careers film library, a free resource showing hundreds of real people doing real jobs.</p> <p>Check out who they work for, what do they do, what skills they need and how they got into that role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://icould.com/
<p>7. VOLUNTEER AND DEVELOP YOURSELF</p>	<p>Volunteering – helps develop skills and confidence, meet new people and make new friends.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://vinspired.com/ • https://do-it.org/
<p>8. FIND OUT ABOUT JOBS WHERE YOU LIVE (LMI) Labour Market Information</p>	<p>Find out more about Local Labour Market information for example- what jobs and companies are in the local area Think sandwell.com has the top 50 employers in our area find out who they are.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.lmiforall.org.uk/explore_lmi/ • https://connexionsdudley.org/jobs/money-and-work/labour-market/
<p>9. SKILLS</p>	<p>Use the 5 Key employability skills below and think about what evidence you have to support these skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Communication Skills • Good Time Keeper • Willing to work as part of a team • Willing to undertake further training if required • Being reliable and dependable <p>Take the buzz quiz on icould.com and find out what TV personalities you share similarities with https://icould.com/</p>
<p>10. INTERVIEWS</p>	<p>Not many people enjoy applications and interviews so practice your interview skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/znpwvk7/interviews/1

Good Luck!