**Lowdown to lockdown 1/6/20**

**What’s happening with apprenticeship in our area?**

Alex Richards from the Western Training Provider Network

* The ASK programme
* Delivering existing apprenticeships – online
* Going forward – things are less clear
* 83% of local providers believe there will be a reduction in vacancies
* Tourism Hospitality and retail sectors have been hit hard
* Some recruiters are pushing back their recruitment cycles back to Jan 2021
* NHS and police still recruiting and have a heavy demand for apprenticeships
* Government anticipate a reduction in the overall apprenticeships
* SME and Mid sized employers to create the biggest demand for apprenticeships
* Advice to students to still research apprenticeships
* Keep in touch with providers so that when they are ready to recruit

**What’s happening with the job market for young people**

Charlotte Hopley from WECA Career Hub

* Things are changing rapidly which is impacting the labour market
* 28% of the national workforce are furloughed with a high proportion of others working from home
* Spike in of working age people claiming unemployment benefits
* The number of young and old being particularly effected
* Jobs advertised down to a ¼ of where they usually would be at this time.

**Future**

In July 2019 they expected the following sectors to grow

* Advanced Engineering and Manufacturing
* Creative and Digital
* Professional Service e.g. FinTech and LawTech
* Replacement demand – may reduce as less people moving jobs/retiring during uncertain times
* Recovery Task Force set up and formulate a plan going forward

**Chat and share: Apprenticeships and LMI**

Impact of digital presentation – Sherie to forward to Sue

Alex – check the posting date of the apprenticeship ads on gov.uk site just to make sure its still live

mdrewitt@matravers.wilts.sch.uk shared the following:

Predicted growth sectors in S+W shared in careers hub meeting:

* Cyber and digital, Microsoft, Zoom etc, Logistics warehouse and transport (due to shopping online), local manufacturing (won’t want to rely on imports), financial and banking sector , H+S Care, Life Sciences and research and medical. Increased demand in construction

**What’s happening with colleges?**

Rose Hiron-Grimes from Wiltshire College

* Virtual teaching since lockdown
* Many qualifications are being calculated
* Where this can’t be done student will eb ack in college end of June (practical courses)

Going forward

* New students – still receiving applications
* Hoping to run taster days in July for those that have applied
* Admissions team are available on the phone and working remotely
* Offers being given based on grades – no interviews
* Virtual events – open days (general)
* Webinars – subject specific
* New courses being offered in Life Sciences and Agri Tech – in response to local needs.
* Salisbury and Lackham developments still going ahead
* Work experience and placements were stopped – although some on longer term placements have made separate arrangements with their provider
* Students given a work based research project instead
* Hoping placements will resume from September
* Advice still apply for apprenticeship if that’s what you are interested in but they are expecting them to reduce.

Support that is offered:

* Careers appointments from home
* Twitter Q&A
* Instagram takeover
* Increase of late applications – think due to people deciding not going away (stay local)

**Chat and share: Colleges**

* (Kathy) Bristol city college – handing out guaranteed offers

**What’s happening with universities?**

 Louise Croft from Careerpilot

* Guardian predicted a summer of chaos for universities
* Cambridge and Bristol have put all lectures online for the whole year
* Manchester – all online lectures for the first term
* Durham has had to retract its plan to put all its degrees online due to a petition
* Universities should make it obvious how they plan to run their courses next year by 18th June.
* UCAS media – survey applicants
* Biggest concerns:
* missing out on the real university experience
* having to learn online
* Not having access to facilities
* Finance
* 45% applicants are thinking about changing their course
* 20% thinking of deferring

What are universities doing to support:

* Supportive and inspiring videos
* Being flexible with offers
* Offering flexible accommodation
* Supporting vulnerable students with financial packages
* UCAS – Facebook live Q&A
* Unibuddy – link to a student who is studying what you are interested in
* Virtual open days
* Accept offers by 18th June or go into clearing
* Clearing plus – new matching system – 6th July

**Chat and share: universities**

* Weekly Webinars – link to be shared
* Students deferring
* Melanie – Bath Spa university using the fact that they are a smaller university as a marketing tool
* Parental pressure to stay at home
* Some universities are offering Lectures online and seminars for smaller groups in person.

 **How Careerpilot will present the latest info.**

 Sue Lewis

Sue – asking what would be useful going forward:

* Mike to speak (University of Bath)
* One a month
* UWE ?
* Bath spa?
* Uni Connects?
* Gloucester University?
* Oxford Brooks ?

**Results day – what are peoples plans**

Career pilot

* Online tutorials for year groups
* Home learning activities
* Staff learning sessions
* Info for parents