

Paving the Way Festival FAQs for Festival Participants

Q. What is Paving the Way Festival?

A. It's a **Virtual Careers Festival** organised by <u>The Cheshire & Warrington Pledge</u> with over 40 employers and business owners taking part with the aim of helping students explore and understand a wide variety of jobs and careers.

Q. Who is the Festival aimed at?

A. Mainly Years 10 - 13, but younger participants are welcome.

Q. How do I join the Festival?

A. Please visit the <u>Learn Live</u> page where you can register your details as an attendee or copy this link into your browser: www.learnliveuk.com/paving-the-way-virtual-careers-festival/

Q. When does the Festival take place?

A. It launches at 11am on Tuesday 19 May and runs through until 4pm on Friday 22 May

Q. How much time will I spend at the Festival?

A. Each day you will be asked to log in to a "On Your Marks - Daily Briefing" for 15 minutes. After that, your participation is mainly self-directed as you will be asked to join in with activities that appeal to you. It is expected that each day, you will be actively involved in Festival activities for between 1 - 3 hours.

Q. Can I take a break at any time?

A. YES! You can pause videos and return to them at a later time as they will all be saved and published on the Learn Live website.





Q. What will I get out of the Festival?

A. This completely depends on what you put into it! If you watch the "Day in the Life" video's, take part in the "Festival Quiz", Q&A's, Activities Suite and "Win WEX" Challenges then you will get lots of inspiration for your future. Some lucky participants will win Work Experience, some may even land themselves an actual job.

Q. I may not be able to get on my family computer at the right time

A. Don't worry! All activities are on video and will be made available as soon as they have been published. Do the best you can. Some parts of the Festival Guide can be worked on offline.

Q. How do I communicate with other Festival Participants?

A. Most of the videos you watch will have a chat room facility to ask questions. Some of your friends will be in that chat, some will be from other schools and colleges.

Q. What are the chat rules?

A. Very simple really - be polite and be relevant. Also, please be patient waiting for answers as some questions may take more time to answer than others. All unanswered questions will be submitted to the employer to answer after the event and these will be published for your school to share.

Q. Do I need to hand anything in at the end?

A. YES! We would love to hear your feedback as creatively as possible. So, how about sending your teacher an audio soundbite, short selfie video, poem or picture to explain to us what you learned and enjoyed about the Festival. Each school will be invited to share 3-4 of their favourite creative pieces with the Festival organisers and we will pick a top prize winner - one from Warrington, Cheshire East and Cheshire West.

Q. Is there a social media hashtag for the Festival?

A. YES! Please tag @ThePledgeCW on Twitter and talk about the #PavingTheWay #CareersFestival with #CheshirePledge #WarringtonPledge. Also look for your local Pledge on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.



