

Student Development Conference – 5th March 2026 – Computing and Science

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| 9:30 – 10:30 | Mastering the Unplanned: Building Careers Through Adaptability Keynote – Daniel Hulatt CT506 | | | | | |
| 10:10 – 10:40 | Identifying Workplace Values and Behaviours Chris Rea, Carole Wyatt | | | | | |
| | Stream 1 CT208A and 108, 203 | Stream 2 CT100 - ST | Stream 3 CT102 - SM | Stream 4 CT103 - FB | Stream 5 CT104 - DP | Stream 6 CT110 - MW |
| 11:00 - 11:45 | Mock Interviews HR Dept Book in advance | Impact of AI within Science Stuart Smith dbfb | Listening and Problem Solving Carole Wyatt Barclays Life Skills | A day in the life of a web developer Christian Nunez Fuentes CNF IT Solutions | Rerouting the Journey: don't blindly follow the SatNav Adam Gold Full Circle Web Design | Embrace a Chaotic Career Niall Ashley Vertali |
| 12:00 - 12:45 | | Lunch | Personal Strengths for Employment Carole Wyatt Barclays Life Skills | Lunch | Progressing from Studies to climbing the career ladder Olivia Black NBC Universal | Lunch |
| 13:00 - 13:45 | Lunch | Building a personal brand Gary Fay Issured & Identifi Global | Lunch | Mentoring the Mentors Adam Gold Full Circle Web Design | Lunch | Educational Conferences: Are they worth the hype? Niall, Simran, |
| 14:00 - 14:45 | Mock Interviews HR Dept Book in advance | Industry Certification for the Digital Workplace Mark Downing Bedford College | Mock Interviews/Transferable Skills Carole Wyatt Barclays Life Skills | Impact of AI within Computing Stuart Smith dbfb | Understanding what employers want. Chris Rea Prospects | What it takes to be a Mainframe Security Administrator Simran Sharma (and Niall Ashley) Vertali |
| 15:00 - 15:45 | | CV Optimisation: from Student to Future Professional Gary Fay Issured & Identifi Global | A Day in the Life of an IT professional Adam D Bedford College: IT Services | UCAS and HE Michael Worthington/Daria Potrykus Bedford College – Student Services | Job hunting using Job Match Chris Rea Prospects | No more BS about Job Applications Niall Ashley |
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| | Stream 7 CT202 - CNF | Stream 8 CT206 - MO | Stream 9 CT107 | Stream 10 CT301 - VP | Stream 11 CT305 - JM |
| 11:00 - 11:45 | Importance of peer mentoring Mohamed Habbib Bedford College | Mainframe 101: what are they and do we need them Kyle Pressly and Andrey Mitrev IBM | | Not a Straight Line: My Path from Education to the Workplace Aaron Davidson North Hertfordshire College | Health and Wellbeing Careers (online) Thorrun Govind Pharmacist and TV Health Expert |
| 12:00 - 12:45 | How college can shape HS experiences Matt Brownsett Bedford College | Lunch | | Lunch | Path Forging Robert Mitchell |
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| 14:00 - 14:45 | Investing in your Cyber Journey (online) Darren Malcom EC-Council | Skills required in the Mainframe Space Andrey Mitrev IBM | Education to the workplace: Drop in sessions for SEND students (20 minute intervals) | | Conservation Careers (online) Naomi Arnold, WWF-Scotland, Charlie Cutt, WWF-UK; Rebecca May, WWF-UK |
| 15:00 - 15:45 | FE to Lecturer: A students journey into personal growth Abdalla Ahmed Bedford College | Use case: Mainframe AI in large scale IT Systems (IBM Z) Andrey Mitrev IBM | Jo Hales Bedford College – Additional Learning Support Team | | |
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