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Careers Newsletter

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Lunch time careers talks

When: Wednesday lunchtimes 12:30-45
and 1:15-30

Where: LRC



During lunch times in the LRC, we run careers talks where you can hear directly from people who have lots of different jobs.

October 19th – **Government, Politics – Home office**

November 2nd - **Human Resources Project Manager (international bank)**

November 16th – **Commercial Interior Design**

November 23rd – **Events management, Tech, Business, Pharmaceuticals**

January 11th – **Government, Politics - Dept for Environment, Food & Rural**

January 25th – **Management consultancy, Business**

March 2nd – **Financial Services/Asset management**

Alternative options for school leavers

Podcast for parents

The Parent Perspective Podcast Episode 1 now available!



Rachel Burden leads the conversation, kicking things off with a brilliant episode about workplace opportunities and the options available to school leavers. It's a great introduction to what promises to be a series packed full of useful support and guidance for parents and carers!

Listen via your preferred platform now or visit our dedicated podcast page here for more info!

Click the blue button for more details.



Years 7-9



STEM in Action: Environment

Free, self-paced resources for Years 7 to 9

Our fourth module, [Environment](#), has now launched! Learn more about how scientists at Imperial College London are working towards understanding climate change and the effects it is having on crops and ecosystems.

[STEM in Action](#) is an online resource with themed videos and activities that can be done at home or in school. You can also explore our previous modules The Human Body, Beyond Our Planet and Energy and Sustainability.

Year 12



Year 12 STEM Potential Programme 2022/23

STEM Potential supports students with their A-level studies and university applications during year 12 and year 13. Students will take part in practical workshops, lectures and university taster days.

Students will have the opportunity to meet current Imperial students and learn about their university experiences. We will support students with the university application process including workshops on personal statements and university interviews.

Applications will close on 20 October and you can find more information visiting the [STEM Potential page](#). We will also open applications for year 10 students in November.

Years 10-13

LET'S DO THIS

PricewaterhouseCoopers is one of the “Big 4” accounting firms



PwC's autumn 2022 series, showcases what it's like to be on our programmes, and providing application support. Whether your students want to pursue a career in technology, accounting or business on one of our Flying Start programmes, or join us full time as a School Leaver, you'll have the opportunity to gain top tips as well as hear from current and past students and apprentices.

[Register for an event](#)

University OPENDAYS



22-Oct Open Day



Saturday 5 November 2022



Friday 11 November 2022



Saturday 19 November 2022

Post-16 Options

Apprenticeship Myths

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An apprenticeship has many advantages and continue to grow in popularity. Apprenticeship starts are up 26% in the 2021/22 academic year to 204,000. Despite this rise in numbers, there are still many misconceptions surrounding apprenticeships.

We've got the facts and figures to bust some of the myths...

Apprenticeships are for people who don't do well in school

A very common misconception about apprenticeships is that they are only suitable for people who do not want to attend university or other higher education. However, the training and studying that goes along with the employment, is an important aspect of modern apprenticeships which leads to a qualification once the programme is done.

Depending on the level of apprenticeship, some apprenticeships may demand specific qualifications, such as at least five GCSE passes, including Maths and English. Some apprenticeships, however, may allow the apprentice to study for these certifications while completing the programme.

Apprenticeships are available in levels ranging from 2 to 7. Higher apprenticeships go from level 4 to 7 and are equivalent to a foundation degree and above.

Some apprentices prefer to finish a degree apprenticeship rather than attend university since it allows them to earn both an academic degree and job experience. Degree apprenticeships are available at levels 6 and 7 and are equivalent to a full bachelor's and master's.

Apprenticeships are low paid

As an apprentice, your employer is required by law to pay at least the national apprentice rate for the hours you work, including training time, throughout the first 12 months of the apprenticeship.

This rate is revised on a regular basis and is now £4.81 per hour (as of April 2022). Although many employers will regularly pay more. For example, Jaguar Land Rover's Engineering Degree Apprenticeship scheme pays a starting salary of £18,500 per year, which grows by 10% every six months. Some apprentices even earn more than their graduate colleagues in the long run.

"Remember, apprenticeships are also debt-free!"

Apprenticeships are only for trade careers

Apprenticeships used to be only available in positions where you were learning a trade, such as becoming an electrician, a plumber, or a heating engineer.

However, apprenticeships have expanded massively and hundreds of different apprenticeship standards exist, representing different work roles in a wide range of businesses and sectors. This includes everything from aviation to digital, animal care, hair and beauty, design, transportation, engineering, banking, care services and many more.

Apprenticeships don't lead to a full-time job

Apprenticeships can actually lead to a full-time job. Upon completion of your apprenticeship, your employer will typically offer you a full time position. If you would like to move to a different organisation afterwards, that's ok too! You'll have gained lots of experience, skills and gained a qualification to boost your application for a different role.

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Job Market information

It's never too early to start planning for careers.

Using Labour market information, which job sectors currently (and trending) have the most vacancies, is a valuable tool to start thinking about your options.

The digital sector is growing very quickly and is something worth spending time investigating.

Switch On Your Career: Why Digital?

The digital industry plays a key part of the UK economy.



Digital sector worth more than **£400 million** a day to UK economy



Average wage **£47,701**



27.5% increase in job numbers since 2012



Total number of job postings in 2021 for digital careers **1,062,301**

Top 5 occupations in industry with job numbers in 2021

Occupation	2021
Programmers and Software Development Professionals	167,745
Information Technology & Telecommunications Professionals n.e.c.	106,440
IT Specialist Managers	75,763
Sales Accounts and Business Development Managers	50,092
Information Technology and Telecommunications Directors	47,755