



# Bradfield School Careers Newsletter

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*Welcome to the latest edition of the Bradfield Careers Newsletter. This will be produced regularly and will include lots of exciting information relating to local and National opportunities as well as general careers information for all year groups, parents, carers and staff which we hope you will enjoy!*

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Don't forget clocks go forward one hour at 1am on 30th March 2025

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INSIDE!



We would love to hear what you think about the latest edition of the Careers Newsletter. Please scan the QR code to access the form. Thank you.





## Careers Spotlight: Construction and the Built Environment

Working in Construction helps to shape the physical world around us—you can watch buildings and roads being developed all around you! This industry builds everything from schools to hospitals to our homes, creating the infrastructure that supports our villages, towns and cities.



The construction industry is one of the UK's most important sectors. The range of jobs available is vast, covering traditional craft trades such as plumbing and carpentry, to managing large civil engineering infrastructure projects such as bridges and stadiums, house building, design and consultancy, and the professions such as architecture, management, and surveying.

From working with modern materials to designing the next sports stadium or theme park, discover construction careers today. In a fast-changing world you could get to work with flying drones, laser technology, the latest design software and much more to build anything from landmark skyscrapers to smart homes and cities. It's really diverse, modern, and future-thinking. You don't have to get dirty or wear hard hats to build a sky-high career full of variety where your skills will always be in demand. PLUS: You can get into construction careers with [T Levels](#)!

Studying Construction and the Built Environment gives you the opportunity to develop the practical skills and knowledge needed in a number of trades found on a construction site.



*Teen encourages girls to join construction industry*

A teenager is encouraging other girls to joining the construction industry, telling them to "go for it". Leeanna, 17, works as an apprentice bricklayer in Kent and joined the industry when she finished her GCSEs. She said: "I applied to my apprenticeship at 15, while studying for my GCSEs. Just a couple of months after finishing, I started my apprenticeship and loved it instantly." Leeanna was inspired by her brother who studied bricklaying and dreams of building her own house. [Kent teenager encourages other girls to join construction industry - BBC News 19/2/2025](#)



[Why choose construction? | Go Construct](#)

[Career Quiz: What Career Is Right For You? | Go Construct](#)

[Construction Roles - Our Interactive Careers Map | Go Construct](#)

[Careers Adviser Videos: Construction Career Videos | Go Construct](#)



### Getting into this sector:

**Useful Subjects**—Maths, Design & Technology, Science and Business

**Skills & Qualities**— Team Working, Planning, Organising, Problem Solving, Communication and Reliability.

**Routes in**—Apprenticeships or T-Levels are good routes into this sector. A Degree is useful for more technical roles.

### Find out more:

[Start - Occupations related to ... Construction and the built environment - Green Careers Hub](#)

[Careerpilot : Jobs by subject](#) [Exploring Green Construction Careers | Go Construct](#)

[Construction Jobs List \(Careers in Construction\) | Go Construct](#)

[What Is A Construction Worker \(Definition, Roles\) | Go Construct](#)





# In the news...



## The Sheffield College student shares T Level insights with nursing chiefs...



A student at The Sheffield College has shared their insights of studying a new industry qualification with nursing leaders.

Favour Okoh, 18, who is completing the Supporting The Adult Nursing Team T Level at City Campus, has met top national and regional experts to share her experiences.

As part of her T Level qualification, Favour is completing a 45-day placement at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Favour said: “My career ambition is to become a nurse. I realised that studying a T Level would provide me with a path to achieve that goal.”

“It is exciting to be able to speak with senior nurses about my T Level qualification,” added Favour, who wants to progress to a nursing degree or degree apprenticeship. Favour continued: “I am really enjoying the placement, meeting patients and developing my skills. It has been a wonderful experience so far.”

The college has the latest industry equipment to develop students’ skills. This includes a six-bed hospital ward with robotic mannequins. The ward reflects standard NHS hospital bay dimensions and includes a bathroom, mobility aids such as a hoist, and breathing, blood pressure and obstetric equipment.

Students work with the mannequins in computer simulated scenarios using a range of specialist equipment and drawing on skills such as developing a care plan. Source and full story: [FE News | The Sheffield College student shares T Level insights with nursing chiefs](#)



## High standard of apprenticeships lead to success for University of Sheffield students

The University of Sheffield is highlighting the importance of apprenticeships to the NHS and UK industries such as advanced manufacturing, as part of National Apprenticeship Week.

Apprenticeships help UK employers adapt to changing sector challenges, and play a key role in closing the skills gap

A recent [Ofsted report](#) highlighted how apprenticeships at Sheffield are developed and delivered through strong collaboration with industry, and praised apprentices for displaying outstanding behaviour and attitudes

Sheffield’s apprenticeship scheme was established in 2012, and since then has helped more than 3,400 people start apprenticeships across its School of Allied Health Professions, Nursing and Midwifery, and at the AMRC Training Centre.

The University’s commitment to developing excellent apprenticeship provision led to it being one of only two UK universities to be awarded an Expert Apprenticeship Provider status by the Department of Education (DfE) in 2023. The status highlights Sheffield’s experience in working in partnership with industry to improve apprenticeship provision nationally.

Source and full story: [High standard of apprenticeships lead to success for University of Sheffield students | News | The University of Sheffield](#)



## South Yorkshire Apprenticeship Hub goes live!

Includes all current opportunities, hints and tips and a great parent section to help parents and carers support their young person in making informed decisions.

[www.southyorkshireapprenticeships.org](http://www.southyorkshireapprenticeships.org) | [South Yorkshire Apprenticeship Hub](#)

## Connect – Finding Musical Opportunities for Young People Across South Yorkshire



Sheffield Music Hub are here to help your students find musical opportunities when they don’t know where to look. Our Connector programme in partnership with Young Sounds UK is an initiative dedicated to supporting young people’s musical development across England.

Our connector, Rachel is here to connect young people and families with musical experiences across South Yorkshire. Sheffield Schools, please pass this on to anyone aged 5 - 18 who is interested in exploring musical opportunities such as funding, next steps, groups to join, or general music making in South Yorkshire and beyond, please fill out [this form](#)



# Subject spotlight on: Careers linked to PE..



Physical Education involves the performance of sport, learning how to perform (e.g. dance), and understanding how the human body functions with physical activity.

You will get the opportunity to develop an interest in a variety of roles in sport, such as a performer, official, or coach. You will also study the latest issues affecting the world of sport, including the use of performance enhancing drugs, technology, and the increasing commercialisation of sport (adverts, sponsorship etc)

Whilst studying PE you will learn about keeping healthy & fit as well as the systems within the body that are developed when exercising. The subject also provides an overview of the socioeconomic factors affecting sport as well as sports psychology.



Physical Education

PE is a great subject to study if you want a career in a sports related field. This could be anything from a sports coach to a physiotherapist to a personal trainer. Science subjects fit well with PE, particularly if you are interested in studying sports science or psychology in the future.

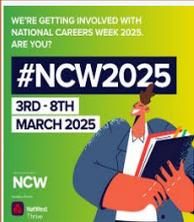
If you enjoy keeping fit, active and healthy, you may also be interested in exploring jobs that require physical skills and those based outdoors rather than office based. You could also use transferrable skills learnt in PE across other careers such as Armed or Public Services, Management, Business, Teaching, Medical, Teaching, Counselling, etc.

Find out more about careers related to the subject of PE by visiting:

[Careerpivot : Jobs by subject](#) [Jobs that use PE - Careers - BBC Bitesize](#) [Sport and exercise science | UCAS](#)

[Careers in Physical Education \(PE\) | Physical Education Jobs](#) [Sport and Physical Activity | Sheffield Hallam University](#)





# National Careers Week 3rd-8th March 25



## www.ncw2025.co.uk



Green Buzz quiz is designed to help young people explore green careers that match their personality strengths.

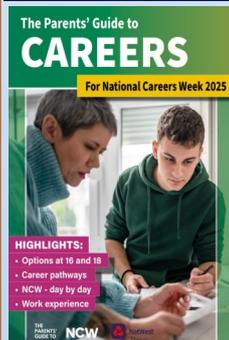
In the QUIZ you'll choose your personality preferences, be matched to an animal, and see suggestions of green careers and skills that could make the most of your strengths.

[Green Buzz - National Careers Week](#) Which 'animal' will you be? Take the quiz to find out.



**Virtual Careers Fair**—Visit the exciting 'virtual careers fair' from your phone or PC by heading to [ncw2025.co.uk](http://ncw2025.co.uk) from 3rd March onwards.

Last year there were around 100 exhibitors for students to interact with including providers such as Natwest Group, NHS, John Deere, WWF, IMI, Cats Protection, Young Enterprise, UK Space Agency, Environment Agency, Met Office, Natural History Museum and UK Hospitality partners. You can visit last years event by clicking: [VCF Lobby - NCW 2024 Virtual Careers Fair](#)



**The Parents Guide To Careers** helps parents and carers with clear, unbiased advice on post-school options, study and exam revision, and wellbeing. Created in partnership with National Careers Week, this guide supports young people in talking about their futures.

Download to access a wealth of information to include Apprenticeships, T-Levels, Post 16 & 18 Options, Educational routes, Work Experience, Green Careers and many other interesting articles to help you support your child.

Download it here: [The Parent's Guide To NCW 2025 - National Careers Week](#)

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## Volunteering, Work Experience and Online Learning Opportunities.....

We know that work experience, voluntary work and additional study courses can all help to increase your skills and knowledge but did you know that they also give you incredible experience that you can add to your CV or personal statements which will really help you to stand out from the crowd when applying for employment or learning opportunities. We have put together some free opportunities to get you started which you can do in school or from home. Have fun and learn something new!



### Apply for free virtual work experience programmes and online courses —Featured this edition are:

Why not check out some weekly STEM challenges at home together that you can make out of simple things you will have around the house [Engineering At Home | Smallpeice Trust](#)

[Free Virtual Work Experience | Springpod](#)—Register for an account to access a wide range of work experience from major employers.

[Explore Work Experience - Youth Employment UK](#) A selection of great videos to help you understand work experience with a digital workbook

[Services and Products - Future First](#) Virtual work experience activities in the Commercial, Third and Health Sectors.

[Virtual Work Experience tool | Barclays LifeSkills](#) Get to see the inner workings of a digital transformation agency and work with different departments—Estimated time 20-40 mins.



### Free online courses for all:

[FutureLearn | Online learning | The University of Sheffield](#)—Free taster/sample sessions with completion certificates for all.

[Free courses - OpenLearn - Open University](#) Wide range of free to study courses. Create a free account to record your achievements.

[Free Online Courses \(alison.com\)](#) Access thousands of free online courses from Art to Zoology! Create an account to record your progress and save your work.

[Mind's free online course to help you support others - Mind](#) Free course to support the wellbeing of others

[Sign In - Unifrog](#) Don't forget you have access to a wide range of MOOC's via your school Unifrog account!



**Volunteer Centre**  
Sheffield

Volunteering is a great way to gain skills and experience, help others, meet new people and have fun!

Volunteer Centre Sheffield is part of Voluntary Action Sheffield and is a charity that supports the voluntary and community sector in Sheffield to be vibrant, effective and influential. Volunteer Centre Sheffield produces a regular bulletin of local volunteering opportunities for young people aged 14 and over in the Sheffield area. There is an incredible range to choose from and you can add yourself to their mailing list to receive regular updates if you are interested.

You can find out more by visiting [I'm a young person - Volunteer Centre Sheffield \(sheffieldvolunteercentre.org.uk\)](#)

You can access the most recent vacancy bulletin for young people here :

[March April 2025 under 18s Bulletin.pdf](#) For Parents/Carers visit:

[March April 2025 Bulletin.pdf](#) Have a look, you might find something inspiring and incredible.





# This month...the spotlight is on Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience Week—7th to 11th July 2025



Work Experience is exactly what it says, it is an 'experience of work'. It is an opportunity for you to experience what it is like to go into a real workplace to see what it is like to be an employee, witness professionals in action and observe day-to-day operations of different workplaces.

Work Experience provides a **practical and hands on environment** for individuals to develop employability skills and get a taste for the world of work.

Your experience of the workplace will help you to develop valuable **key and transferrable skills**:

- Communications skills**
- Teamwork**
- Problem solving**
- Time Management**
- Adaptability**
- Customer Service**
- Self-Management**
- Confidence**

You will spend a week at a placement of your choice. You will need to **find your own placement** and will manage your application through the **Unifrog** platform. [Sign In - Unifrog](#)

## Tips for finding placements....

- Start thinking about **where you would like to work**. What types of organisations interest you? What kind of work would you like to try? You can search for companies through [www.yell.com](http://www.yell.com)
- Be '**proactive**' and '**take responsibility**' for finding your own placement. This will ensure that you go somewhere of interest to you and support you in getting the most out of your experience.
- Ask family and friends**—We have many students who find placements this way.
- Download the **placement/work experience journal** from Unifrog
- Write and save an **email or letter template** that you can modify to send to different employers
- Research** the companies you are contacting. Gain names and contact information. Write a helpful template to help you to know what to say on the telephone when contacting
- Act early!** Some placements are **offered as early as January** and can be quite competitive, i.e. NHS, Teaching, Engineering companies, etc. You may have to apply for these placements formally which may include an interview. Don't worry though we can offer support with this.
- Don't worry if you are not successful** with the first employer you try, **it is not personal**, it might not be convenient for them to have someone at this time. Look for other similar companies and try again.
- If you are not sure what kind of work experience you would like to try, then think about your **hobbies and interests** or **subjects you are enjoying** as these could link well to different types of employment, such as:



**English**—newspapers, magazines, publishing, writing, libraries, teaching

**Maths**—accountancy, banking, engineering, computer programming, finance

**Geography**—green charities, local borough town planning, environmental sciences, travel

**Science**—vets, pharmacies, zoo's, laboratory work, hospitals, teaching

Here are a few local companies who kindly supported our work experience programme last year:





## Info for our Year 11's relating to open events, Sheffield Progress and application processes.

### Year 11 Update.....

Our Year 11's are currently sitting their mock exams but are also attending post 16 interviews and accepting offers. Good luck with your exams. Here are some upcoming reminders:

**Sheffield Sixth Forms**—All offers **MUST** be accepted or declined by **14th March 2025**. If you did not get your first or second choice, please accept the offer you have been given as you may receive a higher offer at a later date, although this is not guaranteed. Offers are accepted via Sheffield Progress. Please see Sarah—Careers Adviser before declining any offers just to double check.

**Sheffield College**—You can still make applications for Sheffield College or any other colleges, although you will join a waiting list if places are full. Sheffield College still have industry specific open events coming up: [Open Days](#) | [The Sheffield College](#) Please double check your personal email accounts for interview details and log in details for your college portal. If you have applied to college and have not yet had your interview date, please come and see Sarah in the Careers Office.

**Apprenticeships**—These will start to appear between now and Easter for school leavers: [Browse apprenticeships before you apply](#) [Apprenticeship Vacancies The Sheffield College](#) [Apprenticeship vacancies | AMRC Training](#) [Current Vacancies | Sheffield Apprenticeships](#) [Apprenticeships with Sheffield City Council | Sheffield City Council](#) [Apprenticeships | Sheffield Health and Social Care](#) [Apprenticeships - Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust](#)

### Useful support information and opportunities for ALL year groups:



[Who we are — Sheffield Young Carers | Dedicated to helping young carers across Sheffield](#)



[Youth Clubs - Always An Alternative](#) [Home - Always An Alternative](#)



[SAYIT \(Sheena Amos Youth Trust\) | LGBTQ+ Youth Charity | Sheffield, England](#)



[Wellbeing Cafe — Golddigger Trust](#)



[The Period Positive Pledge – Period Positive](#)



[Mental Health Support For Young People | YoungMinds](#)



[Local Groups and Support for Young People — Sheffield SENDIAS](#)



[Children and Young People's Empowerment Project - Chilypep](#)

[Sheffield Youth Cabinet and UK Youth Parliament | Sheffield City Council](#)



[South Yorkshire Fire Cadets scheme - South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue \(\[syfire.gov.uk\]\(http://syfire.gov.uk\)\)](#)



[Volunteer cadets | South Yorkshire Police](#) **Current application window closed—Opens in April 25**



[Humberside And South Yorkshire Army Cadets | Army Cadets UK](#) [Army Cadet Magazine](#)  
- Winter 2025 by Salt Media - Issuu



[Find your local squadron | Royal Air Force Air Cadets \(\[mod.uk\]\(http://mod.uk\)\)](#) [Interested in joining as a Cadet | Royal Air Force Air Cadets](#)



[Home - Sea Cadets Sheffield \(\[sea-cadets.org\]\(http://sea-cadets.org\)\)](#)



**Sheffield Safeguarding Hub** is the place for professionals and members of the public to report safeguarding concerns

regarding a child or young person. You can do this by calling **0114 273 4855** at any time: [Sheffield Children Safeguarding Partnership - Information for parents, carers and families](#)



## General Information for Parents & Carers



Welcome to series 3 of the popular 'The Parent Perspective' podcasts. Join BBC Radio 5Live's Rachel Burden who is the new host for this incredible and informative series aimed at parents and carers who want to be informed and confident in supporting their child to navigate and make decisions about their future and career plans. [The Parent Perspective Podcast - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)



[Careers Advice for Parents - Youth Employment UK](#) Helpful information to help parents navigate options and choices with their children.

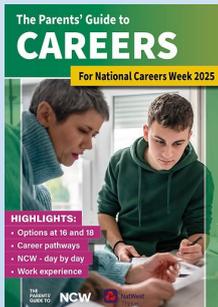


### Online Parent/Carer Guides

For parents/carers of Years 10 & 11 [Careerpilot : Parent zone : All questions : What are the choices for my child at 16? Post-16 Options | UCAS](#)

For parents/carers of Years 8 & 9 [Careerpilot : Get information : Your choices at 14 : Choosing GCSEs: compulsory and optional GCSE choices: Practical ways to guide students | Undergraduate | UCAS](#)

[All Years Articles | The Parents' Guide to \(theparentsguideto.co.uk\) SEND LocalOffer | Sheffield \(sheffielddirectory.org.uk\) Young Carers Young carers | Barnardo's \(barnardos.org.uk\) Young carers | Childline](#)



We're thrilled to share The Parents' Guide to National Careers Week, created in partnership with National Careers Week: a free guide outlining vocational options after GCSE and sixth form.

#NCW2025 gives parents a chance to learn more about different careers paths their teens can take. Find out what's available, what will suit your teen best, and where each option could lead. [National Careers Week | The Parents' Guide](#)



[Careermag - Parents - Careermap](#) - Don't forget to sign up for your free subscription of this fantastic guide. Visit [Live Careermags - Careermap Careermap for Parents, Carers, and Guardians Issue 12 - September 2024 : Careermag for Parents & Guardians - careermag | Careermap](#)



### Sheffield Parent Hub - Events

Sheffield Parent Hub deliver a range of seminars, discussion groups and evidence based programmes.

These are tried and tested based on international research into what works for families and children! We all have busy lives and one size doesn't fit all so we have a range of options to suit every parent. [Sheffield Parent Hub | Sheffield](#)

Sheffield Children's  
NHS Foundation Trust



[Family Support Services - Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Wide range of family support services information all in one place.

## Careers Research

Careers research is a great way to generate ideas about what you might like to do when you have completed your studies. It will also help you to investigate different kinds of career areas and jobs and help to inspire you for the future. It can help you to think about the things you enjoy and the skills and qualities that you have. Why not start a research project of your own and be as creative as you can? These sites are a great starting point and can be used for all ages.

 [Start – Careers Information for South Yorkshire \(startprofile.com\)](http://startprofile.com)

 [Careerpilot : Plan your future work & study](#)

 [Career sectors and professions for school leavers | TARGETcareers](#)

 [Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

 [home - icould](#)



Sheffield Progress is an online prospectus and application system for young people in Y11 to apply to school sixth forms, colleges and training providers as part of their Post 16 Options process.

Students in all year groups can access Sheffield Progress without needing an account to research the range of learning opportunities associated with their own interest areas. For example, you could research courses such as A Level subjects at Tapton School Sixth Form, Art & Design at Sheffield College, Engineering at UTC, Construction at Nacro, Sport at Sheffield Wednesday, Beauty at White Rose, etc There are so many providers and courses to look at which should give you helpful information and inspiration for the future.

Please visit: [Home \(sheffieldprogress.co.uk\)](http://sheffieldprogress.co.uk) to start your research.

 If you are considering the possibility of Higher Education in the future as a potential Post 18 choice, you may find it helpful to explore UCAS which is the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service website. You can find out all about Higher Education opportunities which includes apprenticeships and colleges as well as universities.

Visit: [UCAS | At the heart of connecting people to higher education](#) to find out more or try the UCAS Careers Quiz at: [Careers Quiz | UCAS](#)

 Would you like to find out more about your personality and discover possible career pathways for you? Try the Complete-Careers Quiz by visiting: [www.careersquiz.complete-careers.com](http://www.careersquiz.complete-careers.com)



We hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter. If you have any careers related news you would like us to include or have a topic you would like us to cover, we would love to hear from you.

Please email [careers@bradfield.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:careers@bradfield.sheffield.sch.uk) or pop and see Sarah Dempsey our Careers Adviser who can be found in the careers office at the back of the library or contact Mrs Carter—Careers Lead