



# My Learning My Future

## Where can studying Chemistry take you?

Highlighting the relevance of Chemistry to future careers and opportunities



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# Why Chemistry matters

**Have you ever considered where studying Chemistry can take you?**

Today, we'll be exploring some of the career opportunities that are available to you, as well as the various pathways you can take to get there.

What pathways can you take with this subject?

What do you think these roles involve (daily task, etc.)?

What careers can you think of that use Chemistry?

Why is Chemistry an important subject?

Why Science is for me?  
- STEM Learning

What skills do you think you might need for these roles?



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Explore a  
career as a...

Here are some  
example roles and  
careers linked to

Chemistry



Pharmacologist

BBC Bitesize case study



Chemist

BBC Bitesize case study

Career Explorer case study



Research and Development

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STEM Learning case study



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Chemical Engineer

MWOW case study

NSF case study



Nuclear Chemical  
Technician

icould case study

BBC Bitesize case study

# Discover more about the role

Explore careers using [National Careers Service](#) and find out about what jobs involve and how they are right for you

## Includes:

- Average salary
- Typical hours
- Work patterns
- Pathways/How to become
- Essential Skills
- Daily tasks
- Career path and progression
- Current opportunities

## Research Ideas:

[Pharmacologist](#)  
[Chemist](#)  
[Research and Development](#)  
[Biochemist](#)  
[Chemical Engineer](#)  
[Nuclear Technician](#)

## National Careers Service

We provide information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work.

This service is available to people who live in England.

### Skills assessment

Learn more about your skills and match them to potential new careers.

[Assess your skills](#)

### Explore careers

Choose from over 800 career profiles to discover what each job involves.

[Search job profiles](#)

### Find a course

Look for online learning opportunities and training courses local to you.

[Look for courses](#)

## Careers advice

### Making career choices

Whether starting your career, changing job or if you have been affected by COVID-19, understand and make the right choice for you.

### Getting a job

Be successful in the recruitment process with tips on great CVs, interviews and graduate scheme applications.

### Progressing your career

Move up in your career by developing new skills. Find opportunities like volunteering and online learning.

### About us

The National Careers Service can help you with your career, learning and training choices. [Find out more](#) about the different ways we can support you.

### Speak to a careers adviser

Wherever you are in your decision-making, you can call us on [0800 100 900](#) or [use webchat](#).

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# Why not teach Chemistry?

Start in the classroom, where you go from there is up to you. Bring your passion for your subject, keep learning, and pass your knowledge onto others

- No two days are the same – and neither are the pupils
- Once qualified you can teach throughout your life
- You could teach abroad
- Progress your career into leadership and management
- Bring your outside interests into the classroom and your subject

# Why is STEM important?

- It boosts essential skills such as problem solving and curiosity
- It helps you see and understand the wider world around you
- It helps young people become future entrepreneurs

## Explore teaching

## The right skills to teach?

[Vjendra's Story](#)

[Every Lesson  
Shapes a Life](#)

[Love to keep  
learning?](#)

[Work well  
in a team?](#)

[What makes a great  
teacher?](#)



## GCSE

While there are different routes you can take to be a teacher there are a few essential things that you will need:

- A minimum GCSE Grade 4 or above in English and maths (plus science if you want to teach primary)
- A degree or equivalent qualification

### A level

A levels are 2 years of study

### T Level

T Levels are nationally recognised, technical qualifications for 16–19-year-olds. Designed by leading employers, one T Level is equivalent in size to 3 A levels

### Vocational/Technical Qualification

These include BTEC, Applied General Qualifications (AGQ) and Vocational Technical Qualifications (VTQ) – all at Level 3

### Apprenticeship

Apprenticeships are jobs which combine practical work and study. Intermediate is Level 2, Advanced is Level 3

### Degree

#### Complete a degree course

It is possible to get QTS as part of an undergraduate degree, for example:

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) with QTS
- Bachelor of Education (BEd) with QTS
- Bachelor of Science (BSc) with QTS

### Level 4/5 qualifications

Complete a L4/5 course and top up to a degree – L4/5 includes Certificate of HE, Diploma of HE, Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ), HNC, HND and Foundation degrees

Top up to a degree (Level 6) in a year of full-time study

### Higher apprenticeships

Higher level apprenticeship (foundation degree / Level 5)

### Degree apprenticeships

Degree apprenticeship (Level 6-7). There is a Level 6 Teaching apprenticeship programme

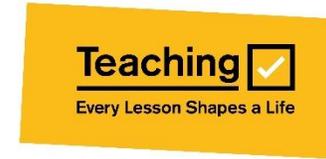
Initial Teacher Training (ITT) with qualified teacher status (QTS)

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# Why not teach activity?



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- Pick a topic in Chemistry you think you would like to try and teach
- Agree your choice of topic with your teacher and the length of session (and with which group)  
(It may be the perfect opportunity to try this with a younger class lower down the school, or as a transition activity for Y6)
- Plan a short activity to cover the topic in a way you feel will be engaging and memorable for your peers as part of a lesson starter, main activity or plenary

## Consider:

- What are you trying to achieve (teach)? Be clear what information you intend to impart
- How will you make it fun? How will you make it 'stick'? How long will this take?
- What type of activity will you plan for? (written/practical)
- How will you know others have learned it?
- How will you make sure everyone is stretched and challenged?
- What will the end-product be?

Once you have checked it with your teacher, try the lesson with a small group (as agreed by your teacher)

Try and get feedback during and after the session from those in the lessons and from the teacher

## After, consider:

- What you enjoyed about the experience
- Whether this is something, with training, you would enjoy
- How you felt when others learned from you



## Non-obvious jobs using Chemistry: Ever thought about..?



[How to become an Air Ambulance Doctor: Matt's story](#)



[How to become a Vet: Lucy's story](#)



[How to become a Professor: Saiful Islam's story](#)



[Careers ideas and information - Science](#)



[Agronomist | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)



[Fingerprint Officer | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)



[Technical Brewer | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zhst2sg>



<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers>

# MYPATH Job of the week (Chemistry)



Toxicologist



Anaesthetist



Veterinary Surgeon



## MYPATH Science: Why bother?



### Chemistry:

Atomic Structure

Bonding Structure and the Properties of Matter

Quantitative Chemistry

Chemistry of the Atmosphere

Organic Chemistry

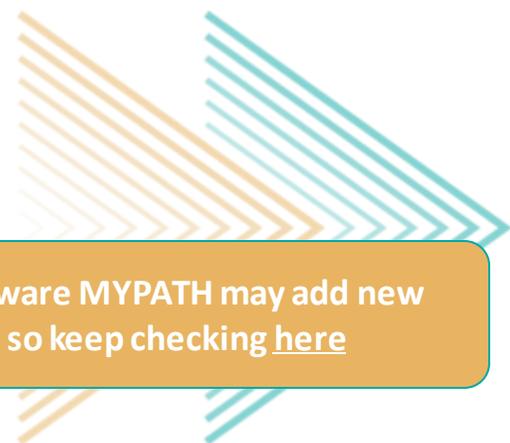
Energy Changes

Chemical Changes

Chemical Analysis

Resources

The Periodic Table



Please be aware MYPATH may add new videos so keep checking [here](#)

# Chemistry careers in a changing world: How can I future-proof my career pathway?

The world will be changing drastically in the next few years to cope with the impacts of climate change and nature loss, and the need to lower greenhouse gas emissions and unsustainable practices. How might this steer your choice of career path using your Chemistry skills?

**Sustainability**  
means meeting our  
own needs without  
compromising the  
ability of future  
generations to  
meet their own  
needs.  
*(UN definition)*



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# Chemistry careers in a changing world



Water Quality Inspector



Engineer (Lush)



Consultant (Element Energy)



**Every career can be sustainable**

1. Use your skills and passion for sustainability to help businesses adapt
2. Work for a company with sustainable values
3. Innovate for a sustainable future





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# A spotlight on Technicians using Chemistry

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Discover here how the technical jobs related to Chemistry keep industries moving and the real difference technicians make in our lives.

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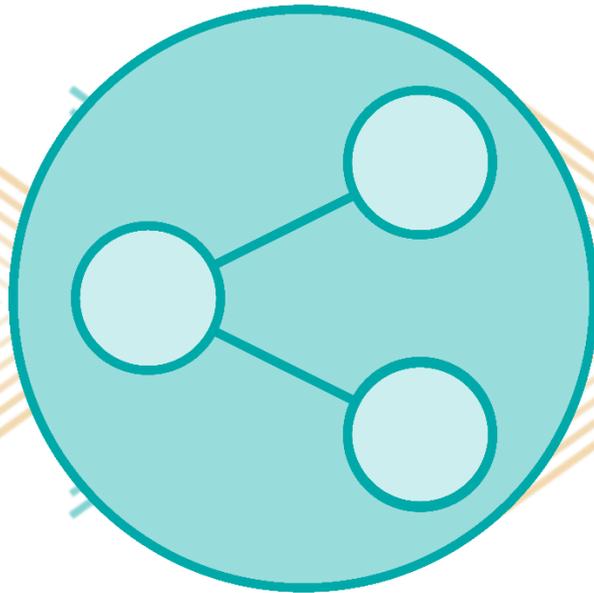


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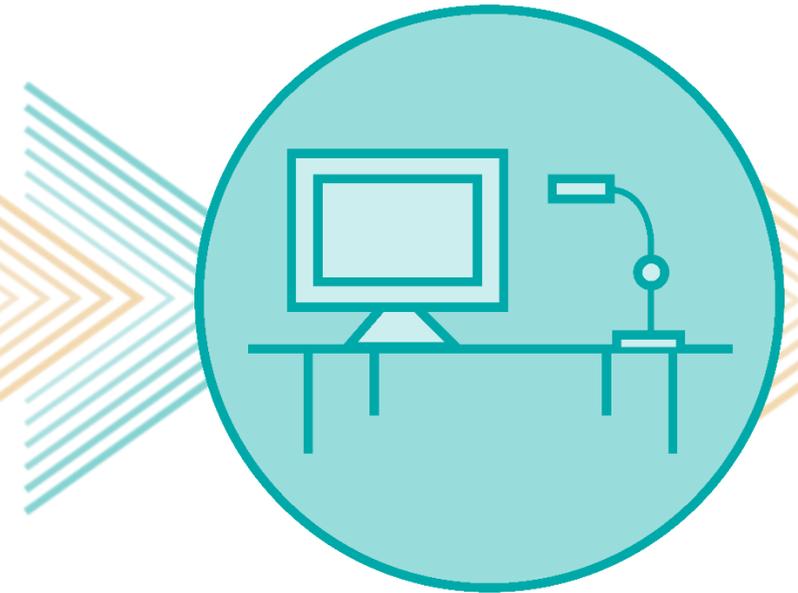
## 7 | Chemistry Pathways



Combine Study  
and Work



Study



Work



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# 7 | Combine Study and Work

## Apprenticeships

- Metrology Technician
- Laboratory Scientist
- Food Industry Tech Professional
- Forensic Practitioner
- Pharmacologist Technician
- Ecologist
- Laboratory Analyst
- Biochemist
- Chemical Engineering

## T Levels

- [T Levels | National Careers Service](#)
- [T Levels | Education and Childcare](#)
- [T Levels | Health](#)
- [T Levels | Management and Administration](#)
- [T Levels | Healthcare Science](#)
- [T Levels | Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control](#)
- [T Levels | Agriculture, Land Management and Production](#)

## VTQs

[Vocational Technical Qualifications \(VTQs\) | National Careers Service](#)

- Applied Science
- Chemistry
- Health and Social Care
- NHS Careers

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# 7 | Study Pathways

## HTQs (Higher Technical Qualifications)

Higher technical qualifications (HTQs) | National Careers Service

You might find courses in:

- Chemical Engineering
- Applied Chemistry
- Applied Sciences: Chemistry

## A levels

A levels | National Careers Service

You might find courses in:

- Chemistry
- Applied Science

## Higher education

Higher education | National Careers Service

You can explore undergraduate courses in Chemistry

You might find courses in:

- Chemical Engineering
- Energy Engineering
- Medicinal/Physical Chemistry
- Environmental Chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Ecology
- Forensics
- Dentistry
- Chemical Process and Energy
- Chemistry with a second subject (management/Industrial placement)





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## 7 | Work Pathways

### Supported internships with an education, health and care plan

[Supported internships | National Careers Service](#)

[Watch Saul's story](#)

**You might read about:**

- [Access to Work Funding](#) (if you have a disability or health condition)
- [Preparing for Adulthood](#)
- [Talking Futures](#) (A parents' toolkit for career conversations)

### School leaver schemes

[School leaver schemes | National Careers Service](#)

**You might read about:**

- [How to fill in an application form](#)
- [How to write a CV](#)
- [Interview help](#)
- [Progressing your career](#) (Careers Advice from NCS)



# 7 | University League Tables

See at a glance the university ranking for Chemistry

[Chemistry Rankings \(thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk\)](https://thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/chemistry-rankings)

**Filter by:**

- Overall score
- Entry standards
- Student satisfaction
- Research quality
- Research intensity
- Graduate prospects





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Once you have had a look at a few different courses and subjects now it is time to compare some side by side

3. Check out this video which shows you how to use our comparison tool <https://youtu.be/dBFzCQgTp8I> -

Pick 5 courses and add these as a saved course and then you can compare

## 4. Once you have your chosen five side by side, try to answer the following questions:

- What kinds of qualifications do students on the course have when they start the course?
- How many have a placement year?
- How many courses let you study abroad?
- Which has the highest student satisfaction rating? How do you know this?
- What kinds of job do graduates from this course go on to?
- Which course has the highest salary after three years? (higher/lower than national average)
- Choose your favourite course and explain why you chose this course over the others?

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- Is the data I am looking at for a course or a subject?
  - a. What year, or years, does the data relate to?
  - b. How many students or graduates is this data based on?
  - c. Does the data represent all the students on the course or subject area?
  - d. Does the data include people like me?
  - e. What factors might impact the data?



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## In 10 years time...

Job in 10 years time (related to Chemistry):

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What GCSEs helped you get this job:

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What KS5 Pathways choice did you make and what did you study:

Apprenticeship    T level    A Level    other L3 equivalent

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Post 18 pathways choices did you make: explain:

Study & Work

Study

Work

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Essential skills used in the job:

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Progression route:

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## My local options...

**Subject chosen (related to Chemistry):**

\_\_\_\_\_

Local college options:

Local apprenticeships options:

Other options:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**The pros and cons of these options for me:**

**Pros:**

**Cons:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Consider how these will apply and explain:**

Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Travel \_\_\_\_\_

Convenience \_\_\_\_\_

Aspirations \_\_\_\_\_

Personal circumstances \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Final choice – justify:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Next steps:**

\_\_\_\_\_



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## Prepare a 3 - 5-minute talk to share with a small group on any role that interests you related to Chemistry



What's the role



Where do you need to go to carry out the role



Where has the interest come from



What's the chances of getting this role



What do you need to do to become one



Who do you look up to in this role



Where can you go to study and what level of study



What might a typical day look like



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My career path....





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## Essential Skills

Here are three  
key skills needed  
for a career that  
uses

Chemistry



	Video	Skills Builder Resource KS3	Skills Builder Resource KS4	Skills Builder Resource Post 16
<p><b>The ability to use tactics and strategies to overcome setbacks and achieve goals</b></p>	<a href="#">Watch here</a>	<a href="#">Short Lesson Staying Positive Step 6-8</a>	<a href="#">Short Lesson Staying Positive Step 8-10</a>	<a href="#">Short Lesson Staying Positive Step 10-12</a>
<p><b>The ability to set clear, tangible goals and devise a robust route to achieving them</b></p>	<a href="#">Watch here</a>	<a href="#">Short Lesson Aiming High Step 6-8</a>	<a href="#">Short Lesson Aiming High Step 8-10</a>	<a href="#">Short Lesson Aiming High Step 10-12</a>
<p><b>The ability to find a solution to a situation or challenge</b></p>	<a href="#">Watch here</a>	<a href="#">Short Lesson Problem Solving Step 6-8</a>	<a href="#">Short Lesson Problem Solving Step 8-10</a>	<a href="#">Short Lesson Problem Solving Step 10-12</a>



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	<b>Staying Positive</b>	Tick which apply
Step 6	I keep trying when something goes wrong and encourage others to keep trying too	
Step 7	I look for opportunities in difficult situations	
Step 8	I look for opportunities in difficult situations, and share these with others	
Step 9	I look for opportunities in difficult situations, and adapt plans to use the opportunities	
Step 10	I look for opportunities in difficult situations, and create new plans to use the opportunities	
Step 11	I identify risks and gains in opportunities	
Step 12	I identify risks and gains in opportunities, and make plans to manage them	

**My Strength (s)**

**My area (s) of Development**



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	<b>Aiming High</b>	Tick which apply
Step 6	I set goals informed by an understanding of what is needed	
Step 7	I set goals, ordering the prioritising tasks to achieve them	
Step 8	I set goals and secure the right resources to achieve them	
Step 9	I set goals and plan to involve others in the best way	
Step 10	I create plans that are informed by my skill set and that of others	
Step 11	I create plans that include clear targets to make progress tangible	
Step 12	I create plans that are informed by external views, including constructive criticism	

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	<b>Problem Solving</b>	Tick which apply
Step 6	I explore complex problems by identifying when there are no simple technical solutions	
Step 7	I explore complex problems by building my understanding through research	
Step 8	I explore complex problems by analysing the causes and effects	
Step 9	I create solutions for complex problems by generating a range of options	
Step 10	I create solutions for complex problems by evaluating the positive and negative effects of a range of options	
Step 11	I analyse complex problems by logical reasoning	
Step 12	I analyse complex problems by creating and testing hypotheses	

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