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## 2023-24 - Edition 3 – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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### New This Week

New College – Yr11 – T Level Special Event – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023



FIND YOUR NEW  
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**T-LEVEL SPECIAL**

**LET US HELP YOU  
FIND THE PERFECT  
COURSE AT NCD**

**New  
College  
Durham**

**Information & Advice Event**  
Join us between 4:30pm &  
6:30pm on Tuesday 07 November



**Doctors Live – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November - £87.00**

#### Why Surgery Live?

Experience First-Hand: Dive deep into the surgical theatre, understand its nuances, and

discover the exhilaration of being in an operating room—virtually!

Expert Insights: students will witness real-life surgical cases delivered by practising doctors from various specialties, learning about their day-to-day experiences and challenges.

Hands-On Learning and every participant will receive a full medical suturing kit in the mail to their home address. There will be a guided live demonstration of various suturing techniques. Students will leave the session knowing how to tie basic and more advanced knots.

## When & How Much?

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 25th, 2023**. This one-of-a-kind experience, which includes the suturing kit, access to all course recordings, and a certificate of completion, is priced at just **£87**.

Our past courses have received excellent reviews, and spots tend to fill up quickly! To register please use the link [www.doctorslive.co.uk/surgerylive](http://www.doctorslive.co.uk/surgerylive)



Higher & Degree Apprenticeships Vacancy Listing

The October 2023 edition of the Higher & Degree vacancy listing has now launched!

Explore 250+ Higher and Degree apprenticeship vacancies from 50+ employers, including Amazon, British Airways, Rolls Royce, HSBC, Morrisons and many more!

[Higher & Degree Listing - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

**Derwentside College – Yr11 – Open Event – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – This is next week!**

**dc** Derwentside College

Find out about your options for 2024

# Open Event

**Tuesday 24 October 4pm-7pm**

**Come along to our Open Event...**

- Meet our expert teaching staff
- See our fantastic facilities

**We offer courses in...**

|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Beauty Therapy         | Digital Technology   |
| Catering & Hospitality | Engineering          |
| Childcare              | Hairdressing         |
| Construction           | Health & Social Care |

**We offer T-Levels in...**

- Childcare & Education
- Digital Production & Design
- Electrical Installation
- Engineering Design & Development
- Health Care

Derwentside College, Front Street, Consett, DH8 5EE  
[www.derwentside.ac.uk](http://www.derwentside.ac.uk)

A great alternative to A-Levels



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[Business Administrator Apprenticeship](#)

[Early Years Apprentice](#)

[Business Admin Apprenticeship](#)

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## East College Durham (Houghall and Peterlee) – Yr11 – Open Event at all Campus – **These are happening next week!**

**East Durham College**

**2023/24**

# OPEN EVENTS

EXPERIENCE NIGHTS START PROMPTLY AT 5:30PM, SO PLEASE ARRIVE BEFORE THEN.

## PETERLEE CAMPUS & TECHNICAL ACADEMY

- OPEN EVENING - WED 27TH SEPTEMBER 2023 (5-7PM)
- EXPERIENCE NIGHT - MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2023
- EXPERIENCE NIGHT - MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2023
- EXPERIENCE NIGHT - MONDAY 29TH JANUARY 2024
- EXPERIENCE NIGHT - MONDAY 4TH MARCH 2024
- EXPERIENCE NIGHT - MONDAY 22ND APRIL 2024
- EXPERIENCE NIGHT - MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2024

## ED6 SIXTH FORM

ALL ED6 EVENTS ARE FROM 5:00-6:30PM

- YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENT - WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2023
- INTERVIEW EVENING - THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2023
- INTERVIEW EVENING - THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2023
- INTERVIEW EVENING - THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2024
- INTERVIEW EVENING - THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2024
- INTERVIEW EVENING - THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 2024

## HOUGHALL CAMPUS

- OPEN MORNING - SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023, 9:30-11:30AM
- EXPERIENCE NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2023
- EXPERIENCE NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2023
- INTERVIEW EVENING - WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY 2024, 5-6:30PM
- INTERVIEW EVENING - WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2024, 5-6:30PM
- EXPERIENCE NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH 2024
- EXPERIENCE NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY 2024
- OPEN MORNING - SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 2024, 9:30-11:30AM
- YEAR 11 HALF TERM TASTER DAY EVENT - MONDAY 19TH APRIL 2024  
10AM TO 2PM AVAILABLE FOR ALL CAMPUSES

SCAN ME FOR MORE EVENT INFO!



## BL Hairdressing – Yr11 Apprenticeship Open Event –

BL Hairdressing Training are running Apprenticeship Open Events in November at our training academies (Newcastle, Stockton, and Darlington) for year 11 students who are looking to pursue a career in hairdressing or barbering and we'd greatly appreciate it if you could circulate this information with any students who'd be interested in attending.

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> November – 10-12 – Darlington  
Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> November – 10-12 – Newcastle  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> November – 10-12 - Stockton

If any students would like to attend, we are asking them to contact us on 0191 261 9636 so we can take their contact details and book them onto their chosen academies event.

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## Legal Work Experience – October Half Term – Yr12-13

Calling all aspiring legal professionals, solicitor apprentices and anyone who's considering a career in Law, we have something VERY exciting lined up for you this October Half Term - **Young Professionals x City Century Legal Work Experience** is coming for you in Manchester!

This is an in-person Work Experience Day taking place on **Thursday 26th October** at the Hilton Deansgate Hotel in Manchester from 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM.

We are thrilled to announce that Young Professionals have teamed up with City Century which is a collaboration of over 50 leading London law firms who are all coming together to provide invaluable insight events, work experiences and solicitor apprenticeship opportunities for students up and down the country.

Never before has the legal industry seen so many law firms all coming together with a mutual goal - to help thousands of students around the UK find out how to secure their dream jobs within a City law firm! This is your chance to be in the same room as some of the senior leaders at each of these incredible law firms to learn from their experiences, ask any burning questions, network and ultimately take the first step to secure your dream job!

On Thursday 26th October, we will be holding an in-person work experience day where students will get the chance to come face to face with the 40+ law firms, experience panel discussions, hear some inspiring keynote presenters, as well as have plenty of opportunities to network and build up your personal legal connections to help you start your journey to a very bright future.

This is set to be the biggest in-person student law event to ever take place in Manchester, so spaces are in high demand and are very limited. Please note, the session will start at 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM.

Please check with your parent/guardian, consider your travel arrangements, and check your diary to ensure you can attend before applying.

**Application Link:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CityCenturyLawEvents>

Once your space is confirmed you will receive a confirmation email via email.

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A special TV programme for Year 13 sixth-form students on the graduate job market & degree apprenticeships that was broadcast live at 2pm on Thursday 5th October 2023.

Broadcast live from a TV-studio in central London, **Graduate Careers Live!** provides the latest information, advice and guidance for Year 13 students and their parents on how to make the most of university – or one of the increasing number of degree apprenticeships – in order to prepare for a successful graduate career in the future.

Highlights from the 90-minute programme include:

- a [guide to the universities and degree courses](#) that are most-likely to lead to a well-paid job after graduation
- an [interview with Zoe Thomas](#), author of *The Times & Sunday Times Good University Guide*
- an assessment of the outlook for today's university-leavers and the [latest graduate job market](#)
- an in-depth [introduction to degree apprenticeships](#)
- specially-commissioned films about [graduate careers in law](#) and [engineering degree apprenticeships](#)
- a [countdown of The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers](#) and an [interview with the number 1 employer](#)
- a [guide to student finance](#) and how to pay for university
- an [interview with Sian Griffiths](#), education editor at *The Sunday Times*
- expert advice on [how to decide what to do after sixth form](#)
- [useful tips and guidance](#) from current university students

The programme was presented by **Martin Birchall** editor of *The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers* and **Levi Jouavel**, journalist & presenter on BBC Three and a former BBC apprentice.

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**Medic Mentor – free Get into Medicine UCAS Conferences**

We are pleased to inform you that registration for the national free UCAS conferences for students interested in becoming doctors has opened. Students will be awarded a certificate of attendance which can be listed on their Medical School UCAS applications for 'activities that support higher education'.

Conference Registration Form: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shry7MZytt3MGPjvO>

**Upcoming Dates:**

Saturday 7th October

Sunday 8th October

Saturday 28th October

Sunday 29th October

The Get into Medicine UCAS Conference is a comprehensive guide to the medical application process. The doctors and medical students will cover:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Medical Schools
- CV Building
- Personal Statements
- Medical School Interviews
- UCAT - Entrance Exams to Medical School
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- Accessing Scholarships

We strongly encourage all students to make the most out of this free opportunity that has helped thousands of students secure medical school places since it launched: <https://medicmentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/>

**Here's how the day will run:**

9:30-10.00 Registration

10.00-11:00 Quick introduction to Medic Mentor, overview of the day, competition ratios, application timeline, Awards and Scholarships

11:00-11:15 Break

11.15-11.45 Introduction to the UCAS application form and entry requirements

11.45-12.15 Interactive CV building exercise and exclusive access to leadership, research, presentation, publication, prizes and scholarship opportunities

12.15-12.30 Top tips form a successful applicant (medical student)

12:30-12:45 Break

12.45-13.30 How to write the perfect personal statement

13.30-13.45 Break

13.45-14.10 Entrance exams - how to do ace the UCAT

14.10-14.30 How to prepare for Medical School interviews

14.30-15.00 Top tips form a successful applicant (medical student) and next steps

One booking = one booking for a student + their parent/guardian.

Getting into medicine may seem impossible to many students, but we're here to break down the entire process into actionable steps.

We're able to offer free opportunities like these due to schools and teachers like yourself very kindly spreading the word, so we're very grateful for the hard work you're doing to inspire the next generation of doctors. Thank you.

Our Chief Mentors look forward to meeting your students at our conference!

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**That's all for this week but come back next week for more opportunities to enrich your CV or personal statement.**

**Events that are still active are here.**



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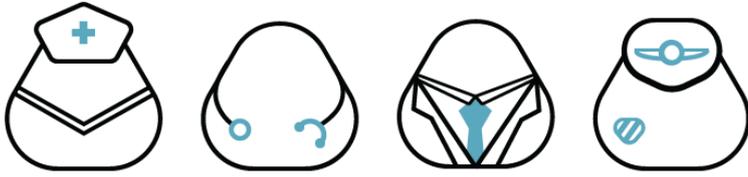
**Careermag – for parents, carers and guardians**

The next few years of your child's education are such important ones, not just because of their academic achievements and the knowledge they will learn but also because of who they will become. In this time, they are going to be forming into adults, working out what they want and don't want and what their future may look like.

In a changing world, the possibilities also change. The options available to them include vocational pathways as well as A levels and GCSEs, they include graduate schemes, apprenticeships, internships as well as degrees.

The possibilities are endless which is why this magazine is such an important publication to guide you through. If you want to find a map to plan the route ahead, this is the place to be!

To read the latest edition click here - [Careermag - Parents - Careemap](#)



# careerdays.co.uk

Careersdays – Virtual Career sessions - £69 per session

The days are designed to give students an insight into possible future careers with advice on how to apply to university followed by an afternoon session of work experience to help them see what the career may be like. Students will receive a certificate confirming their work experience.

If you are aged 13-18, you can register to join the online days through the website.

The schedule is as follows:

- Midwifery Career Day - Saturday 21st October 2023
- Dentistry Career Day - Saturday 28th October 2023
- Business Career Day - Sunday 5th November 2023
- Psychology Career Day - Saturday 11th November 2023
- Architect Career Day - Saturday 18th November 2023
- Vet Career Day - Saturday 25th November 2023
- Law Career Day - Saturday 2nd December 2023
- Computer Science Career Day - Saturday 9th December 2023

Students can visit [www.careerdays.co.uk](http://www.careerdays.co.uk) to join a session in their field of interest and will receive a certificate at the end of the day confirming their work experience.



**The Parent Perspective Podcast episode 4 is now LIVE.**

This week, Rachel is joined by Anna Morrison, Founder and Director of Amazing Apprenticeships and Kasim Choudhry, Director of Thinkfest & Multicultural Apprenticeship Ambassador at the Skills Provider Pathway Group.

Set against the backdrop of National Inclusion Week, our speakers explore just some of the ways

employers are doing vital work to support diversity in the workplace.

Tune in to the latest episode to hear more - available **now** on all the usual channels, or by clicking [here](#)



**Careers Unwrapped podcasts**

Bring careers to life through honest and reflective stories showing what jobs look like in the real world!

[Careers Unwrapped](#) is a podcast series where accomplished industry leaders share their career stories, advice and reflections to inform and inspire young people.

This includes Camilla Holden-Ayala on how she forged her own path into PR, Topie Chiedozie, who has years of experience running workshops in schools, prisons, community hubs, and many more!

Go to the website [here](#) and register for free to access the podcasts. Previous podcasts are in the menu on the right-hand side. Just click on them to listen.



### **Bright Ideas Gathering Gala Theatre – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Bright Ideas Gathering combines the learning of a great conference and the electricity of live theatre to create a full body, mind, and soul immersion into some truly bright ideas! Now in its third year, this unique event is a must for curiosity seekers and future thinkers everywhere and is fast becoming one of the city's cultural highlights.

Come and absorb yourself in a day of twelve inspiring, uplifting talks from some of the country's brightest minds.

Now in its third year, Bright Ideas Gathering is an amazing day of inspiring talks from thought leaders from a range of sectors. As the lead for audience development for the event, I am very keen to involve young adults and teenagers in particular. The nature and range of the talks makes it, I feel, a perfect event for bright young and enquiring minds, one which can open up their thinking about the world, the future and what's possible for them at this crucial point in their lives where they are already being encouraged to think about careers and what they want to achieve in life.

For more information about what Bright Ideas is, watch this short clip <https://youtu.be/zNwu53W3568> and tickets for 5th November here [Tickets – Bright Ideas Gathering](#)

**We have been offered free tickets for the first 10 interested students. Email Mr Kennedy to ask for the code when booking tickets. Students under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.**



### **Teesside University October Residential – Yr12 and 13**

Teesside University's (25-27) October residential is now live and accepting applications. The residential is available to year 13 or year 12 students thinking about applying to a university for September 24 entry.

Students must live 25 miles or more away from Teesside University to apply.

We have 10 places per subject area:

- Cyber security
- Education
- Graphic design
- Learning disabilities and mental health nursing
- Tourism and marketing

The key facts:

- free 2 night's accommodation at a nearby hotel
- all meals and social activities are free
- 8 hours academic contact time
- a travel reimbursement of up to £50 is available
- it's brilliant experience on a student's personal statement
- a fantastic taster of university life
- students attend as individuals, not part of a school/college/VI form visit.

For more information and to apply please visit the website: <https://www.tees.ac.uk/residential/>

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