



Your weekly guide to careers information, advice and news from Parklands High School

Well, here we are at the end of the first half term already, and what a busy few weeks it has been, with assemblies, visits, drop-in sessions and much more. Year 11s should spend a few minutes applying to at least TWO colleges over the half term break, so they can fully concentrate on mock exam revision when they return to school.



Inside this issue you will find:

- More open events at local colleges and training providers, plus a reminder to book onto the Chorley Careers event at the Town Hall, where you will meet local and national employers - details on how to register are inside.
- For any aspiring lawyers, why not take part in the Browne Jacobson law work experience event - this will give you an insight into the industry with some of the biggest names in the field taking part.
- Future doctors and dentists can take part in free online conferences, virtual work experience, e-skills courses and Virtual Medical and Dental Societies - absolutely vital for anyone considering a career in healthcare. There is also an article on volunteering - again, a must for aspiring medics.
- After Christmas, Year 11 will take part in a Mock Interview Day - if any parents/carers would like to be involved as interviewers, please let me know - it would be great to see you. The event takes place on Friday 7th February from 9am - 1.30pm and it would be good to have interviewers from a wide range of industries. Thank you to those wonderful people who have already volunteered!
- I am still looking for a STEM team from Year 8 to take part in the EDT Bronze Industrial Cadet Challenge, starting in November. NSG Environmental Ltd are again our industry mentors, so one of the highlights of the competition is a visit to their workplace to see how they deal with the issue of nuclear waste in a safe manner. We also visit the University of Liverpool for the grand final to receive our awards. Interested? See Miss Berry, Top Office.

Have a lovely half term holiday



Half term edition, Autumn 2024

WHY STUDY...

ICT INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Check out some of the jobs you can do, the skills you'll develop and pathways available!

JOBS

Application Analyst
Cyber Security Analyst
Data Analyst
Data Scientist
Information Systems Manager
IT Consultant
IT Technical Support Officer
Software Engineer



SKILLS



Programming



Analytical



Problem Solving



Computer Software



Communication



Interpretation

PATHWAYS

APPRENTICESHIPS

AVAILABLE IN

- Applications Support Lead
- Game Programmer
- Artificial Intelligence Data Specialist
- Creative Digital Design Professional
- Geospatial Survey Technician
- Cyber Security Technician
- Radio Network Technician
- Software Tester
- Digital and Technology Solution

FURTHER EDUCATION

- A Level - Information Technology (IT)
- A Level - Computer Science
- A Level - Maths
- T Level - Digital Business Services
- T Level - Digital Production, Design and Development
- T Level - Digital Support Services
- BTEC - Digital Development
- BTEC - Digital Marketing
- BTEC - Games Development

HIGHER EDUCATION

- BEng (Hons) in Software Engineering
- BEng (Hons) in Computer Systems Engineering
- BA (Hons) in Computer Games Design
- BSc (Hons) in Creative Computing
- BSc (Hons) in Business Computing
- BSc (Hons) in Data Science
- BA (Hons) in Computer Arts
- BSc (Hons) in Network Management

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The Lancastrian,
Chorley Town Hall,
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Your Future, Your Choice

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- 🕒 Thursday 7th November 2024, 3pm - 7pm
- 📍 The Lancastrian, Chorley Town Hall PR7 1DP

Whether you're exploring potential or chosen careers, looking for the next step, or just wanting some advice and guidance, this is a great opportunity for you to talk to professionals from a wide range of local, regional, and national businesses. It's a chance to build relationships with potential employers!

This event will provide access to career advisors, industry experts, and other resources that can help you navigate careers, apprenticeships, training, and further/higher education routes and processes, enabling you to make more informed decisions about your future.

So why not come along? After all it's your future, your choice—and it's free too.

Choose Chorley Careers Event – Your Future, Your Choice

Shout Futures are partners for the Chorley Careers Event, an excellent opportunity for you to meet with people from industry and various companies, learn more about their job roles, opportunities and careers within their sector. It's a fantastic chance to build new relationships with potential employers!

We are expecting over 50 businesses at The Lancastrian, Chorley Town Hall on Thursday 7th November to join us for this exciting event. It will be a great way for students to explore different career paths and industries, learn about job requirements, and get a sense of what it's like to work in a particular role, sector and field.

This event will provide access to careers advisors, industry experts, and other resources that can help individuals navigate careers, apprenticeships, training & further/higher education process and make informed decisions about their chosen career paths, so why not get involved - after all, it's free!

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Monday 4 November 2024
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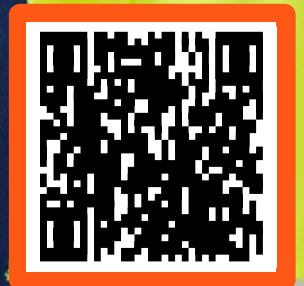
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- Computing
- Geography
- Law
- Physics
- Psychology
- Technology

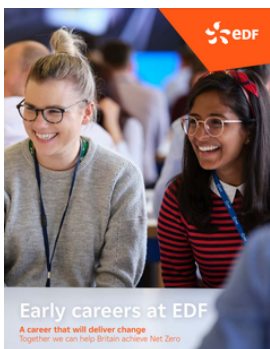
Do you want to work:

- towards achieving Net Zero
- tackling climate change
- on sustainability
- for the biggest generator of low carbon electricity

Are you interested in a career in:

- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Construction Quantity Surveying
- Cyber Security
- Data Analyst Security
- Environmental Ranger
- Facilities Management
- Health, Safety & Environment
- Maintenance and Operations Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering
- Project Controls
- Project Management
- Solicitor
- Wind Turbine Technician

EDF offer apprenticeships in all of these areas!



Interested?

Visit EDF's website and download their guide to Early Careers, which tells you everything you need to know!

www.edfenergy.com/careers/apprenticeships



Browne Jacobson

Browne Jacobson October Law Work Experience

Tuesday, 29th October from 9:00am - 4:00pm

This is a fantastic opportunity for students looking to get an insight to the legal profession whilst hearing from some really incredible speakers we have lined up.

In particular we have Baroness Hale of Richmond (Lady Hale), Former President of the UK Supreme Court delivering a session on her time within the legal profession and what it was like being the president at the highest possible position within the UK legal field. This will be one of the very few times students from across the UK will get an audience with Lady Hale during a law experience like this. On top of this, students will also

If you're a law student at university, or aspiring legal professional in school / college, there's one event that you absolutely cannot miss this year – the Browne Jacobson Law Virtual Insight Event on Tuesday, 29th October from 9:00am - 4:00pm.

Why is this the must-attend law careers event of the year?

It's simple. This event is packed with unrivalled legal insights, an incredible lineup of speakers, and hands-on career advice from the most prestigious legal figures. Whether you're planning to work in private practice, join an in-house legal team, or carve your path as a barrister, this event covers all bases.

Star-Studded Line-Up:

We're beyond thrilled to announce **Baroness Hale of Richmond** (Lady Hale), Former President of the UK Supreme Court and widely recognised as one of the most influential figures in law, as our headline speaker. You've read her judgments, now hear her wisdom live! She'll be joined by a host of other legal luminaries, including:

Richard Medd, Managing Partner of Browne Jacobson – an unparalleled opportunity to hear directly from the leader of one of the UK's top law firms.

Charlotte Leigh, Head of Legal at Mace—a global construction and consultancy powerhouse with an annual turnover of £2 billion—will delve into the dynamic and evolving world of in-house legal careers, offering invaluable insights into the unique challenges and opportunities faced by legal professionals within major corporations.

Katy Handley and **Alex Taylor**, Barristers at 4 Pump Court, will provide a first-hand account of the realities of life in a barristers' chambers, giving you a glimpse into the world of advocacy.

Akil Hunte, CEO of NRG Lawyers, will lead a panel discussion on non-RG (Russell Group) lawyers, showcasing how individuals from non-traditional university backgrounds can stand out and succeed in the legal field, with contributions from students, trainees, and apprentices.

Plus, you'll gain insights from a panel of SQE trainees, on how to tackle the Solicitors Qualifying Examination and build a personal brand that will help you stand out.

What Makes This Event Different?

You won't find another event that offers such a comprehensive, real-world look into the different areas of law, led by top-tier professionals.

From in-house legal advice to insights from barristers and a special session on personal branding, this is where you'll gain practical knowledge, understand what employers are really looking for, and most importantly, stand out from the competition.

Why Attend?

This event is your direct access to the brightest minds in law and a chance to gain actionable advice on how to navigate your legal career in the most competitive field. Whether you're aiming for a law firm, chambers, or an in-house role, the Browne Jacobson FAIRE Virtual Insight Event is designed to help you get there faster, smarter, and with confidence.

Reserve your spot today and make this the career-defining moment of your journey in law!

Register now to secure your spot:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Browne-Jacobson-Law>





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Next Steps

Leaving School? What Next?

College

- A Levels
- Vocational Courses
- T Levels
- Entry Level Courses

Apprenticeship

- Work Based Training
- 4 days work, 1 day college/training
- Apprenticeship Salary
- Qualification on completion

Employment

- Full Time / Part Time Work
- Hourly / Salary Paid
- CV Needed
- Interview Preparation

Training

- Support Your Employability Skills
- Build Your Confidence
- Vary From 4 - 12 weeks!

Want Support?

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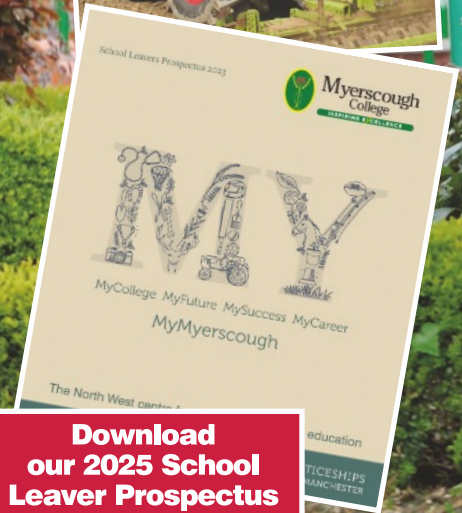
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We are currently looking for more young people to join Lancashire Constabulary Youth Independent Advisory Group, we are looking for people who live in Lancashire and are aged between 14 - 21 years old. The meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month at the Police Headquarters on the outskirts of Preston.

More information can be found at the link [HERE](#)

We would be grateful if you could share this information with anyone that you think might be interested in the role, if you have any questions please let us know.



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Discover our Women in Engineering Experience

January & February 2025.



Discover pathways to STEM success with our insight experiences

We're one of the UK's leading STEM employers, bringing together 45,700 professionals nationwide across engineering, aeronautics, technology, procurement, project management and many more. Like you, we're passionate about helping young people embrace STEM subjects and discover careers in engineering and technology.

Together we can inspire bright minds from all backgrounds to access opportunities in our industry. At BAE Systems we serve, supply and protect those who serve and protect us – and provide opportunities for our 5,500 apprentices and graduates in learning to find a place to build meaningful careers.

Women in Engineering Insight Experience

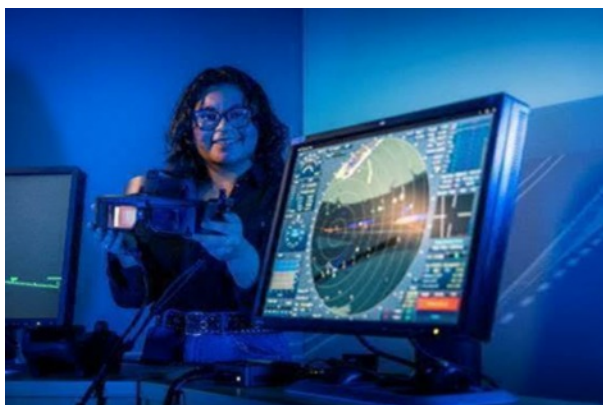
Our apprenticeship insight event introduces BAE Systems, engineering, and our early careers programmes.

Taking place over four days throughout January & February 2025, students will have the opportunity to learn more about us, gain hands on experience, and visit our sites. There will also be opportunities to meet our current engineering apprentices, who will provide insights into their role and share their experience.

Following the experience, students could be offered a full-time position on one of our engineering apprenticeships, starting in Autumn 2025.



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About our apprenticeship programmes

Our wide range of apprenticeships are designed for students of 16 years or over who have, or are about to, complete GCSE's, A-levels or equivalent.

Through study modules, hands-on experience, and dedicated mentorship, they'll earn professional qualifications equivalent to further GCSE's, A-levels, foundation degrees or even a full bachelor's degree in their chosen area – all while earning a salary.

Who we are

We're a skilled, collaborative, and increasingly diverse community of over 90,000 people in over 40 countries, creating some of the world's most advanced, technology-led defence, aerospace, marine, land and security solutions. At our core is an overarching purpose - we play our part in protecting those who protect us, making the future more secure for everyone.

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Women in Engineering Insight Experience

January & February 2025



Apply now for our 2025 Women in Engineering Insight Experience



Why engineering?

It might not be something you've considered, but a BAE Systems engineering apprenticeship gives you the opportunity to build valuable skills, gain new experiences, and work while you continue to learn – a solid foundation to help launch your future career.



Still not sure?

Then make sure you apply for our Women in Engineering Insight Experience. Taking place over four days early next year, you'll get a sneak-peak into what an engineering apprenticeship is all about, and get to visit our sites. And if you like what you see, you could be offered a full-time position on one of our engineering apprenticeships, starting in Autumn 2025. Gain new experiences, and work while you continue to learn – a solid foundation to help launch your future career.

“The best thing about the experience was going on site, learning lots of new skills and meeting loads of people that knew a lot about apprenticeships and BAE Systems, it really helped to get a better understanding.”

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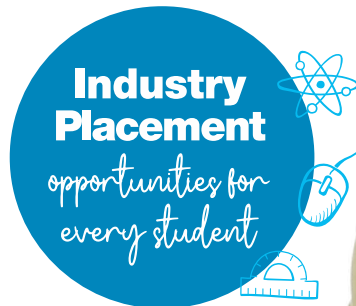
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Further details can be found on our registration page:
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Wishing you all the very best,

Gillian Cahill
Senior Admissions Tutor



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Who can apply?

Candidates aged 16 or 17 can apply. They need to submit their application in Year 12 (Secondary 5 in Scotland, Lower Sixth in Northern Ireland).

How can I apply?

They need to apply online before March of Year 12. They will then attend the Army Scholarship board in June or July before they turn 18 which qualifies them for a commission in the Army and allows them to apply for additional bursaries.

British Army Scholarship



Alternatives to Medicine at university

A related degree may not be what you have in mind but it can open doors and potentially suit you better than a standard Medicine degree.

Why look at alternatives to a Medicine degree?

If your heart is set on becoming a doctor, you might not consider what to study instead of medicine. You may dream of becoming a surgeon or GP and think no other career will do. Even so, you should consider an alternative to a medicine degree for your 5th UCAS choice because you can only apply to four medical schools.

Or maybe you don't want to go to medical school. You might not want to study for five or more years – or owe five years-worth of student loans. Maybe you know you won't meet the entry requirements. Instead, you might be looking for a degree similar to medicine but shorter, or the best healthcare degrees beside medicine.

In either case, you probably know that getting a place on a medical course is tough:

Medical schools have a limited number of places because these are capped by the government.

Medicine is a popular subject with a huge number of applicants. In 2024, over 24,000 students applied for around 10,000 places.

You must meet high entry requirements (usually at least AAA–A*AA at A Level) – but so will many of the students who apply.

So you need a back-up plan if you don't get into medical school. Or you might be looking for medical degree alternatives because you want to find a related career. And we've got a list of subjects and healthcare careers for you to consider.

Six subjects related to Medicine

These six sciences are all good alternatives to a medicine degree, and worthy contenders as a UCAS 5th choice for medical students. Each explores an area adjacent to medicine – whether biological systems, treatments or technology. Plus they offer knowledge that could be invaluable if you pursue a graduate-entry medical course.

If you're looking for the best UCAS 5th choice because you want to study medicine, some courses may offer the option of transferring onto a medicine degree. Others may offer guaranteed interviews to study graduate medicine. To be considered for this, you'll need to achieve top grades in your studies. You'll also face stiff competition.

Biological Sciences

A biological sciences degree may cover cell biology, genetics, microbiology, physiology and pathology, among other topics. As an alternative to a medicine degree, it's more generalist than biomedical science. But it can still lead to a career close to medicine, whether in clinical trials or vaccine development, or **as a physician associate or anaesthesia associate (with further training)**.

Biomedical Science

Often seen as the best non-medicine degree choice for UCAS, biomedical science combines medicine with health science and biology to explore the internal body. Medical science focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of medical conditions. Depending on the course, you could cover anatomy, physiology, genetics and microbiology among other areas. Take a degree accredited by the Institute of Biomedical Sciences, and you could work for the NHS as a biomedical scientist.



Chemistry

If your UCAS 5th choice for medicine is chemistry or biochemistry, it can help you learn how medicines affect biological systems. Some degrees specifically focus on medicinal chemistry, giving you a head start on understanding drug interactions. It could lead to a career as a clinical biochemist, helping to manage disease through blood tests or analysis of tissue samples.

Medical Technology & Bioengineering

This subject area fuses science and technology to aid the diagnosis, monitoring and treatment of diseases. Careers include medical imaging and radiography, prosthetics and orthotics (see our list of 15 alternative careers to medicine, below).

Neuroscience

A neuroscience degree combines biology, chemistry and sometimes psychology. It'll teach you about the human brain and nervous system, and brain dysfunctions such as epilepsy, strokes, Alzheimer's and more. If you're looking for a UCAS 5th choice for medicine, some neuroscience degrees can be a pathway into a graduate medical degree.

Pharmacology & Pharmacy

Perhaps you're wondering about pharmacy vs a medicine degree. Pharmacy focuses on developing, dispensing and monitoring medications, while pharmacology explores how drugs and toxins interact with the body. Pharmacy is a useful 5th UCAS choice for medical students. We know of pharmacists who've gone on to train as doctors, and their knowledge of treatments and medicines has been invaluable in their new career. In the NHS, pharmacists can now also assess and treat minor clinical ailments.



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CAREERS INFORMATION

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Name: Emma
T Level: Education and Early Years
Current position: Studying Sociology at university

Did your T Level open up opportunities you didn't think you'd be able to pursue?
In completing part of my placement in a nursery, I was offered the opportunity to be employed as bank staff over the summer period.

What inspired you to take a T Level instead of another option or work?
The industry placement was the main inspiration for my decision to take T Level Education and Children. It was an amazing opportunity to gain a large amount of work experience alongside my education, which employers would see as valuable. I also felt it would make it easier to transition directly into work now or in the future. In addition, the opportunity to focus solely on the sector I want to work in appealed to me as I felt I could explore my passion fully and give it my undivided attention.

What has been your favourite moment of the course so far?
On my placement I felt so grateful to be working with the children and the days with breakthroughs with a child's learning or skills that brought me days when a child would say how much they appreciated me, which made me proud of what I have accomplished. Other favourite moments included ones on the course when as a group we tips or had a group task in our lessons that allowed us to have fun and be our learning.

What would you say to someone considering a T Level? Would you need it if you know you want to work in this sector. It is the best course to do as an invaluable experience and knowledge you can take directly into work afterwards with you into higher education.

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OUTREACH SCHEMES SPECIALIST, EARLY CAREERS, BBC ACADEMY

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Who can work at the BBC?
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Which apprenticeships do you offer?
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• Production

What is the application process?
The steps of our application process are customized by role and you'll be given more information when you apply. You might expect the following:
• Online application
• Online tests
• Video interview
• Assessment Centres

When do you advertise?
Our next recruitment round is due to open at the end of October, ready for apprentices to start in September 2025. Follow us on Instagram and X @BBCGetIn to get the latest updates.

How can I find out more?
Amazing Apprenticeships will be hosting an exclusive webinar with the BBC on Tuesday 22nd October at 15.30.

Sign up to hear directly from the BBC Early Careers team about the forthcoming apprenticeship recruitment round and what to expect from the application process.
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Find out more about Early Careers with the BBC by visiting careers.bbc.co.uk

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	British Army	16 October 6PM
	Coca-Cola	12 November 3.30PM
	Dunelm	3 December 4PM

Parents and carers are invited to discover apprenticeship opportunities in various fields like engineering, HR and more. Hear directly from Army apprentices and staff about the support available for new recruits.

Coca-Cola Euroasific: Partners create drinks brands that are loved all across the globe. Join this webinar to hear about the fantastic Engineering apprenticeship opportunities recruiting this November to start in September 2025.

DF's Early Careers team to learn about their apprenticeship opportunities (vacancies open in their) ranging from Nuclear Engineering to Security. Students, teachers, and parents are to learn how EDF programs can help build a career and contribute to a sustainable energy.

Join this exclusive webinar to hear from the Early Careers team at Dunelm, and learn more about their amazing apprenticeship opportunities and the exciting range of vacancies opening for applications in January 2025. With apprenticeships available across the business, hear more about the exciting career opportunities available.

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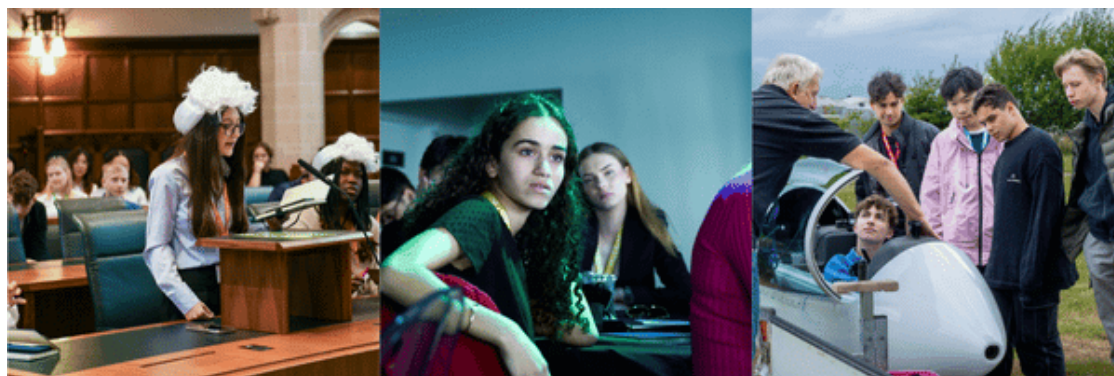


Supporting UCAS applications

Whilst Year 12 start to explore their options, it's decision-making time for most Year 13s, with the UCAS deadline fast approaching. To support your sixth formers through this crucial time, we recently hosted a webinar featuring a panel of career experts to guide students through the UCAS process.

The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we wanted to ensure your students have access to all the valuable insights!

That's why we've created a comprehensive resource sheet, full of key takeaways and expert advice from the session. It's the perfect tool to help students craft an outstanding application and an ideal resource for them to explore over the half-term break (see next page).



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Key takeaways for students:

1. Immerse yourself in your subject of choice

Make sure you are certain about your course choices. Use the UCAS Hub to explore your options, and use this time to do your wider reading and exploration!

2. Familiarise yourself with UCAS

Make sure you know how the UCAS system actually works. Do some research into the application process for your year of entry (bearing in mind the latest changes to personal statements)!

3. Apply early

Make sure you know the deadlines for UCAS and admissions tests. Ensure you are prepared well in advance and try to get your applications in early!

4. Find ways to stand out

Think about how you can make your application more impressive. Take a look at recommended reading lists for your chosen courses and make sure to demonstrate your interest in your course in your personal statement through examples.

Recommended resources:

We've compiled a list of essential resources to help prepare you for your next steps in your career journey!

Follow the links to our blog series:

- "[Choosing a University: The Ultimate Guide](#)"
- "[Your Guide to Acing Your Exams](#)"
- "[Your Guide to Degree Apprenticeships](#)"
- "[Is Oxbridge Right for me](#)" - [Oxbridge Applications](#)

Plus check out our partner organisations at Dukes Plus for further application support!

Not sure which career is right for you? [Take our Career Quiz here!](#)



Top tips from our experts:



"Look for a course you love, and **find what makes learning fun for you!** Focus on course breakdowns and look for specific modules that take your interest."



"Try where possible to **go to open days**. Don't just rely on league tables and online research. Visit the university as each campus feels different!"



"Talk to your friends and family about your course choice. This will help you **feel more confident explaining your passion for your subject**, which would will need to do for your personal statement!"

"If you're applying to multiple different courses with the same personal statement, try to **identify skills and experiences in your application that fit all the courses you're applying for!**" ([Click here for handy resource](#))

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The benefits of volunteering

Whatever career you aspire to, volunteering can be a great way to start building the skills you'll need in the workplace and it offers a range of benefits to your professional and personal life. Below, we look at eight key benefits of volunteering and how you can find a role you'll enjoy.

1. Enhances your CV

Volunteering is a great way to display your character on your CV. Employers want candidates who are passionate, hardworking, reliable and enthusiastic. Volunteering displays these traits by showing dedication to skill development in your free time.

2. Experience with less commitment

Something you will often hear is that you need experience. Unlike paid roles, volunteering often requires less commitment. This means you can gain valuable experience whilst still managing your studies and other responsibilities like childcare, with ease.

3. Exposure to a work environment

You can volunteer in roles directly related to your career aspirations or in similar environments. This allows you to demonstrate first-hand knowledge of industry practices. Unlike other candidates, you can show employers that you will be a lot easier to transition into the real-world responsibilities of the role.

4. Better understand yourself

Stepping outside of your day-to-day routine and diving into something different can teach you a lot about yourself. You'll discover your likes and dislikes, which can help guide your career choices.

The experience doesn't have to be directly related to your future career. You may be an aspiring lawyer who volunteers at a charity shop. Interacting with customers at the storefront, you may discover that socialising is not your strong suit, leading you to prefer a solicitor role that focuses on background work rather than a barrister role that requires a crowd performance.

Volunteering can also help overcome challenges. If socialising is difficult for you but you want to improve, regular exposure can make it seem less daunting and as the say goes, practice makes perfect.

5. Build your network

You will meet many different people, all with their own skills and experiences. Being surrounded by so many diverse backgrounds, you are bound to learn valuable lessons. Build a relationship with those around you, you may end up finding a mentor, a reference on your CV, someone who can help you find a job or even a lifelong friend.

6. Feel accomplished

Giving back to the community gives a sense of accomplishment, especially as you recognise the great difference you make in someone's life.

Volunteering also connects you with like-minded individuals who share your drive to make a positive difference. These meaningful connections can help fuel your passion and ambition, foster a sense of

belonging and create a stronger bond with your community.

7. Develop your skills

Volunteering of course helps to develop your skills. No matter your career aspirations, employees will always look for real-world soft skills like teamwork, communication skills, leadership skills and working with confidential information. Volunteering opportunities can showcase these abilities.

8. Can lead to a job

Volunteering can potentially lead to a paid job. By demonstrating your hard work, you can show the organisation that you are an ideal candidate. Since you've learned how the organisation operates, your transition to a paid position will also be smoother and require less training, compared to hiring a new candidate.

Volunteering doesn't always mean the role has to directly relate to your future career. Taking part in work outside the academia can help build soft skills and showcase your passion and hard work. Here are a few ideas:

- Working in a charity shop
- Sports coaching
- Going abroad to help with international aid
- Spending time in an animal shelter
- Helping the elderly in a care home
- Handing out supplies to the homeless
- Events marshal
- Skills trading

Here are a few places you can search for external volunteering roles:

- REACH volunteering - a charity that supports other charities, you can volunteer based on your specific skills.
- Do-it - the UK's national volunteering database, you can choose based on your interest and how much time you want to commit.
- GIV - a gap year volunteer organisation that runs programs internationally.
- gapFORCE - organises international volunteer projects run by UK-trained leaders.
- Local council websites



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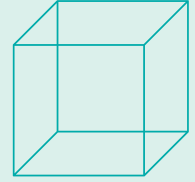
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- Assistant Recording Technician
- Assistant Puppet Maker
- Media Make-up Artist
- Creative Industries Production Manager
- Hair, Wigs, Make-up Prosthetics Technician
- Costume Performance Technician
- Creative Venue Technician

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- A Level - Drama
- A Level - Performing Arts
- A Level - Dance
- T Level - Media, Broadcast and Production
- T Level - Digital Business Services
- T Level - Digital Production, Design and Development
- BTEC - Performing Arts
- BTEC - Media Make-up and Special FX
- BTEC - Theatre Studies

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- BA (Hons) in Performing Arts
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- BA (Hons) in Costume Performance
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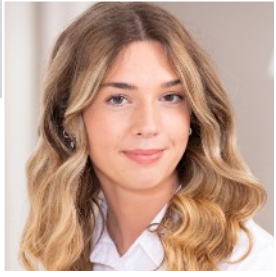
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Mastering an interview: tips and tricks

by Gracie Barham - NGTU Ambassador

Entering the world of apprenticeships and early careers is an exciting time filled with opportunities for growth and learning. However, one crucial aspect of this process is the interview. Interviews can be nerve-wracking, but with the right preparation you can stand out and secure the offer. In this blog, I will explore some of the key interview tips that helped me gain my apprenticeship at Farrer & Co.

Before any interview, it is essential to thoroughly research the company and what they stand for. For example, if you were applying to a law firm like Farrer & Co, take time to understand their values, history, and the legal sectors they specialise in. Companies appreciate candidates who show a genuine interest in their work and your knowledge will not only impress the interviewer, but allow you to decide if the company aligns with your career goals. Similarly, have a clear understanding of the apprenticeship or position you are applying for. Familiarise yourself with the job description and responsibilities, then reflect on how your skills and interests align for the role. Being able to articulate why you're a suitable candidate will help you make a strong impression throughout the interview. I researched multiple companies that I would want to work for, before narrowing down the list and specialising my application. I believe this helped make my responses memorable. Even if you haven't had relevant work experience, you likely possess transferable skills such as problem solving or communication skills. The interviewer wants to get to know you as a person and there is no such thing as a right or wrong hobby. I googled and prepared answers to common interview questions to gain confidence and refine my answers. Concrete examples, e.g., demonstrating when you have shown leadership skills, helps the interviewer understand your abilities and shows that you have relevant experience.

First impressions matter. Dress professionally for the interview (even if it is on zoom) and if in doubt it is better to be slightly overdressed than underdressed. I made sure that I was dressed smartly and punctual to my interviews to show my professionalism. Arriving late for an interview can create a negative impression and so always plan your route prior and arrive at least ten minutes early. This buffer time will allow you to relax and collect your thoughts before the interview starts. Once it starts, remember to smile, maintain eye contact, and engage in the conversation throughout. Expressing genuine enthusiasm for both the role and the company can set you apart from your competition. At the end of the interview, you'll likely be asked if you have any questions. Prepare a few thoughtful questions that demonstrate your interests, whether this is about the culture, expectations of the role etc. This will all actively demonstrate your eagerness to contribute to the workplace.

The interview process is a crucial step in securing apprenticeships and early career opportunities. But remember, they know you have only just left school and do not expect you to have the same experiences and knowledge that someone who has been working for years might have. As a student, you have the potential to shine by researching the company, understanding the role, and practicing your responses. Practice really does make perfect. By applying these tips, you will be well prepared for that interview. Good luck!

We're here to support your students on their journey to a career in medicine or dentistry, equipping them with the necessary tools and resources to succeed. We're thrilled to offer them FREE access to:

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- **Participation in the Wider Reading Society's debate and presentation sessions**

How can they get started? It's simple. By attending a free virtual "Get into" conference, they can learn all about the application process and gain access to all the mentoring support mentioned above. Let's guide your students toward a bright future together!

Our upcoming Get Into Medicine conferences are:

- **Saturday 26th October from 9:30am - 3:30pm**
- **Sunday 27th October from 9:30am - 3:30pm**

Register here: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Our upcoming Get Into Dentistry conference is:

- **Sunday 10th November from 9:30am - 3:30pm**

Register here: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

The Get into Medicine or Get Into Dentistry Conference is a complete guide to the medical or dental application journey. Students get essential insights into the medical/dental UCAS application process, connect with professionals, fellow students, and gain a deeper understanding of a future career in medicine or dentistry.

During this conference, Dr Kennedy, Dr Safiyyah and I will guide students through essential topics such as:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Medical/Dental Schools
- CV Building
- Personal Statements - New format from 2026
- Medical/Dental School Interviews
- UCAT - Entrance Exams to Medical/Dental School
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- Accessing Scholarships

Students and parents can register for free here:

Medicine: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Dentistry: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

Students will need to ensure they have a functioning camera and microphone for the session. It's also important that they have a parent or guardian present at these conferences, not only for safeguarding, but also to gain insight and guidance to support them effectively.

Our doctors, dentists and medical/dental students look forward to welcoming your students at the conference and they will join our network of successful students who attended these programmes over the last ten years: <https://medicmentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/>



Follow multiple patients over a 6-month period, as they go from their initial injury to recovery. It is amazing how many different healthcare professionals are involved in a patient's care. This incredible opportunity showcases a variety of professionals in one day. It gives students a chance to see them in action in various settings from the ward to the community. It is also a fantastic opportunity to see them work together in a multidisciplinary team.

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. Students will observe the healthcare professionals as they interact with the patients and also each other. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge through teaching. This will help students to make an informed career decision as well as learn about how healthcare professionals work together as part of a multidisciplinary team. Each work experience day is completely different and students will be able to build on their knowledge of NHS careers as they see different patient cases and their healthcare professionals work in a variety of settings, such as hospital and community. For this reason we recommend that students attend one work experience a month for 6 months to not only gain a deeper knowledge of multidisciplinary teams in general but also their chosen careers.

Register here: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

The NHS Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience offers a unique opportunity for aspiring healthcare professionals. It's a rare occasion for students to hear from an exceptional guest speaker with a wealth of knowledge and insights to share to better the understanding of the allied healthcare field.

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The NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience is the largest programme for aspiring healthcare professionals, having successfully invited over 12,000 students to participate in its programme last academic year - many of which have gone on to study:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy

Registration Link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Once registered, students will receive access to their virtual work experience portals. Better yet, every complete session comes with a Work Experience Certificate, and for those who complete the full 6-month programme, there's a Highly Commended Reference – a golden ticket for their apprenticeship and UCAS applications.

Registration will start at 8:30am, with our guest speaker's talk happening from 9-10am, then the live work experience session starts at 10am, with an end at 5pm. Plenty of breaks are scheduled throughout.

Students can register at any time throughout the 6-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible.

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Early years teacher

Early years teachers work in settings including nurseries and preschools and play an important role in the early development of young children.

As an early years teacher (EYT), you'll work with children aged 0-5 years, nurturing and supporting their learning and development.

Your aim will be to provide a safe and secure environment for them where you'll use resources to plan activities and help them to meet early learning goals within knowledge, skills and understanding. You'll need to record observations and summarise achievements and liaise with parents, staff and other educational professionals.

You can find work as an early years teacher in settings such as day nurseries, preschools and playgroups. You could also work within the reception year/early years foundation stage (EYFS) of an independent school, academy or free school.

It's worth noting that to work in a local authority maintained school you'll need a separate qualification which gives you qualified teacher status (QTS). Find out more about being a primary school teacher.

Responsibilities

As an early years teacher, you'll need to:

- motivate and stimulate a child's learning abilities, often encouraging learning through experience
- provide pastoral care and support to children within a secure learning environment
- aid the development of a child's personal, social, language and physical coordination abilities
- develop and produce visual aids and teaching resources
- encourage mathematical and creative development through stories, songs, games, drawing and imaginative play
- help children develop curiosity and knowledge
- work with others, including teaching assistants and nursery nurses as well as volunteer helpers, to plan and coordinate work both indoors and outdoors
- share knowledge gained with other practitioners and build and maintain relationships with parents
- observe, assess and record each child's progress
- ensure the health and safety of children and staff is maintained during all activities, both inside and outside the setting
- attend staff meetings and staff training days
- keep up to date with changes in the curriculum and developments in best practice

You'll need to make sure the activities you plan and carry out in any setting meet the requirements of the relevant educational framework:

- Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) in England
- The Early Years Framework in Scotland
- Education and Skills in Wales
- Early Years Education in Northern Ireland



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