



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

Welcome to a bumper edition of Career News, with lots of great opportunities for students of all ages.

- OxBright are offering a career planning guide with lots of useful hints and tips
- There are various work experience offers - both actual and virtual - from some top employers, in conjunction with Success at School and Young Professionals
- The BioArtAttack competition has just launched, so if you are a creative type, you might want to have a go at this. Closing date for entries is 16th January 2024 and there are lots of prizes on offer.
- Last few open events for this year - more to follow in the New Year from most of the local colleges.
- Find out more about apprenticeships - from the Apprenticeships Guide, Training 2000, PwC and more.
- Lots of great options from the Medic Mentor family, including conferences and virtual work experience with University Hospital Birmingham, as well as the work experience package from Allied Health Mentor.
- Check out the scholarships at Preston College - loads of great benefits available.
- Take part in the School of Expressive Arts at Bolton Sixth Form - ideal if you need to create a portfolio for college applications.



Year 11 need to be getting college applications in as soon as possible, as interviews will start just after Christmas. Preston, Wigan & Leigh and Runshaw Colleges will all interview students here in school (dates and times to follow). Don't forget, you can change the course you have chosen at any time - at this point, all you are really doing is reserving a place at a couple of colleges. So don't panic if you are not sure exactly which subject or course you want to do yet - just get your name down!

Have a great week and enjoy Career News!



27th November - 1st December 2023



The Ultimate Career Planning Guide for High School Students

Career planning is important for high school students.

It's never too early to start planning your career! Having an idea of your personal career goals can be a huge advantage for thriving at high school and university, helping you to stay motivated and make the most of the available opportunities.

Imagine you're lost in a forest. If you see four or five different paths, all leading in different directions, it might be difficult to decide on which path to take. If there's only one path - one which is clearly signposted! - you're able to follow it confident in the knowledge that you'll reach your destination in the best way possible.

Planning your career is much the same. Having a clear, defined path will get you to your desired destination far quicker and with far more confidence. Plus, it's much easier to enjoy the journey when you know you're on the right path!

We've put together an eight-step guide for career planning as a student to help you in forging your own path.



**Click here for the
Ultimate Career
Planning Guide**



*Pathways
Work
Experience*

Cisco Pathways Work Experience - February 2024

The applications for our February Pathways Work Experience programme for Years 11 & 12 are now open.

We have three options to attend. For students who live close enough to travel to our offices in West London or Manchester there is an option of a hybrid week with the Monday and Friday in the office at Bedfont Lakes, Feltham or Didsbury, Manchester. The third option is fully virtual option. We've decided on this approach to ensure we can continue to include students from right across the UK and Ireland. This programme is for Years 11 & 12 (or equivalent) and runs 12-16 February 2024.

This is a weeklong programme with the aim of showing students the range of jobs within a global IT company. Cisco is not a one size fits all organisation and we welcome applications from any year 11 & 12 students from anywhere in the UK & Ireland. We will also be developing presentation, teamwork and employability skills, and building confidence through online modules and interactive sessions.

The programme doesn't require students to choose between technical or business as in addition to the mandatory parts of the programme they will be allowed to select the sessions that are of interest to them.

Here is the information you need to apply for the February Pathways hybrid & virtual work experience.

Applications for Cisco's February Pathways Work Experience, for young people in Years 11 & 12, are now open. You can find more information and apply on the [Cisco website](#) - click on apply now or apply using the links below.

Programme dates: 12-16 February

We have three options to attend. For students who live close enough to travel to our offices in West London or Manchester there is an option of a hybrid week with the Monday and Friday in the office at Bedfont Lakes, Feltham or Didsbury, Manchester. The third option is fully virtual option.

Please note, the deadline for the applications is Thursday 04 January.

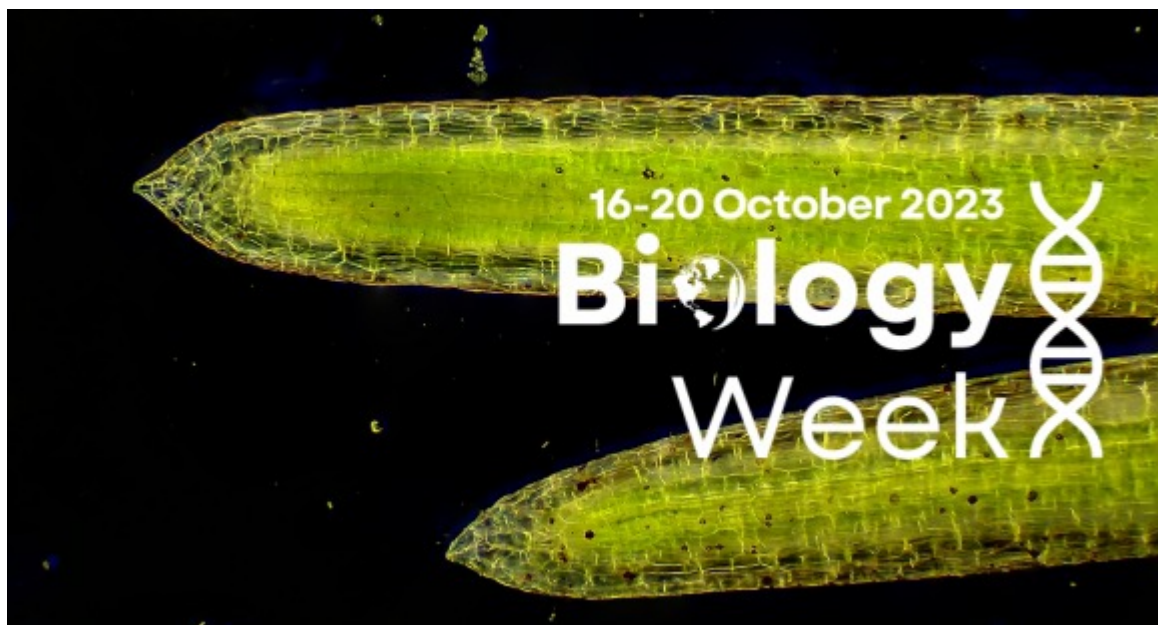
How to apply:

- Apply for [hybrid programme](#): Hybrid in Bedfont Lakes, West London office or Didsbury near Manchester office (2 days in office & 3 days virtual)
- Apply for [virtual programme](#) - Fully Virtual

Please be careful and make sure you apply for the programme you want to attend. If you intend to attend the hybrid programme you should research where the offices are and make sure that you can get there.

Last year we had over 200 applications so may close early this year if we exceed that number. So please apply early and don't leave it to the last minute.

The programme will provide opportunities to learn about Cisco and the IT industry. You'll hear from technical teams and business teams. There'll be a challenge that you work on as a group and then present to our Cisco judges and we'll be learning about and practising employability skills such as interviewing and CVs. Plus learn about routes into Cisco straight from school via the apprenticeships, as an intern once at university or as a graduate after university. This is a full five days of learning opportunities. You will need a device, preferably with a camera, to join the virtual meetings. A laptop is best, with a tablet and then a phone in the order of how to get the best experience.



BioArtAttack Competition

The BioArtAttack 3D competition is now open

The closing date for entries will be **16th January 2024** and we will announce the winners in March 2024. Please read the [terms and conditions](#) for BioArtAttack 3D 2023 before entering photographs of your 3D competition entry via our competition entry pages.

Single submissions: one piece of artwork, created by either a person or a group of people.

Multiple submissions: for multiple pieces of artwork, suitable for teachers, youth group leaders or anyone who has a large selection of pieces to submit from one large group of people.

Inspiration

From the very big to the very small: BioArtAttack 3D entries can take inspiration from the smallest parts of the natural world that only a microscope can see: think cell structures, bacterial colonies and microscopic organisms.

Entries could instead feature environments or ecosystems. Art could be based around great savannahs, wide-open plains, the deep oceans or immense rainforests and the huge range of diversity contained within them.

Hands-on science: Lab or field equipment could be the focus of your artwork, with fascinating tools and apparatus being used by scientists to provide ways to make wonderful discoveries.

Scientific concepts: Your BioArtAttack could help explain a biological concept, theory or area of biology that particularly interests you.

Art can be a great way to visualise something that may seem complex or difficult to understand.

How to enter BioArtAttack 3D

Please read the terms and conditions for BioArtAttack 3D 2023 before entering photographs of your 3D competition entry via our competition entry pages.

We accept entries on all aspects of the biosciences as usual. However we would like to encourage entries on the theme of climate and nature this year. And would like to ask people to consider using recycled materials where possible in their artworks.

The closing date for entries will be **16th January 2024** and we will announce the winners in March 2024.

Single submissions: one piece of artwork, created by either a person or a group of people.

Multiple submissions: for multiple pieces of artwork, suitable for teachers, youth group leaders or anyone who has a large selection of pieces to submit from one large group of people.

Only photos of creations can be submitted, and up to ten photos of the piece can be included in your submission.

We will not be accepting video entries.

You also need to tell us in writing a bit about your piece, including:

- The title of your piece
- Equipment and material used
- What your piece depicts
- The science behind your piece

For single submissions, you will be prompted to include this information in the submission form.

For multiple submissions, each submission should include annotations within the piece detailing the title, what exactly the BioArtAttack depicts, what materials were used and the science behind the piece.

Entries will be judged on:

- the variety of materials used
- the variety of creative skills used
- the aesthetic quality of the piece
- the originality of the piece
- how well the piece captures the biological basis of the subject matter

Choosing our winners

A judging panel of RSB staff will decide on a winner and runner up for both the individual category and group entry category.

The BioArtAttack winners in each category will receive a prize for their creation.





BOLTON COLLEGE YOUNG PEOPLE'S

Part of the University of Bolton Group



OPEN EVENTS 2023 / 24



We can't wait to tell you about the amazing opportunities here at Bolton College so visit us in person to discover what we're all about!

Tuesday 17th October 2023

5pm-8pm

Thursday 14th December 2023

5pm-8pm

Wednesday 15th November 2023

5pm-8pm

Tuesday 6th February 2024

5pm-8pm

Deane Road Campus, Bolton, BL3 5BG

Register via:
www.boltoncollege.ac.uk





Webinar: Technology & Consulting Degree Apprenticeships with Accenture!

Accenture are here for an interactive live webinar where you'll get to speak to the recruitment team and current apprentices about starting your career within consultancy or technology and how to make your application stand out.

On: 5th December 2023 at 6.30 - 7.30pm

For: Students and parents of those in years 10 to 13.

AND: Students who attend this webinar and stay for the duration of the webinar will be in the running to win a £50 Amazon Voucher!*

*Winner picked at random and offer only available for students.

[Sign up here!](#)



All About Apprenticeships at bp - 28 Nov 2023



Join us for a Miniseries Masterclass* with bp where you'll hear about all of the apprenticeships on offer, as well as tips for online assessments and assessment centres.

This first webinar is your golden ticket to an exclusive encounter with current apprentices, a journey through their exciting experiences, and a live Q&A with the early careers team.

Timings: 6.30 - 7.00pm

Who can attend: Students in years 10-13. Parents, teachers, and careers leaders are encouraged to join.

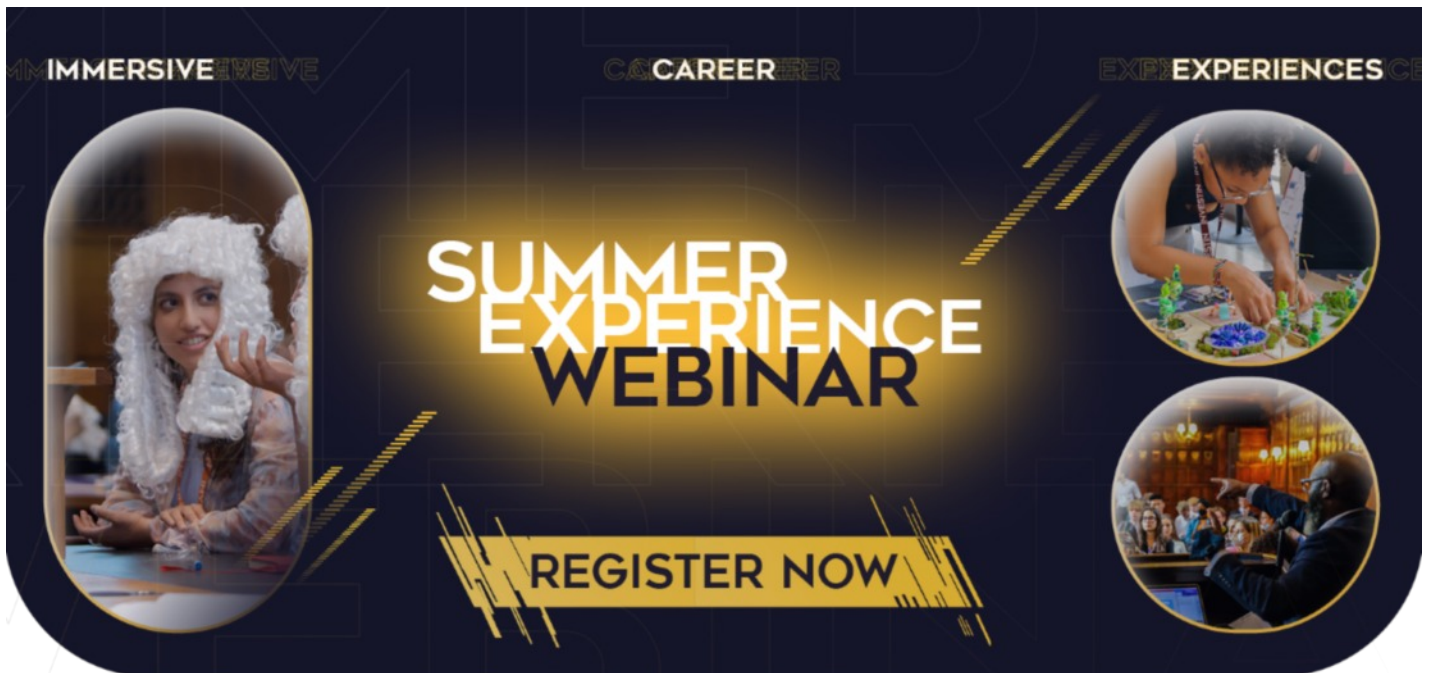
***You must sign up for all three webinars individually to secure your space!**

Sign up today!

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Why you should spend your summer with InvestIN

Hear from the team behind our flagship Summer Experiences



We are delighted to invite teachers, students and parents at Parklands High School to our upcoming Summer Experience webinar. Meet the expert team behind our flagship Summer Experiences in London, who will walk you through all the key components of our immersive work experience programmes taking place in July and August 2024.

Join us to hear all about:

- A day in the life of a Summer Experience student
 - Programme offering, structure & format
 - Residential package
 - Dates, fees & registration process
 - Live Q&A panel

We will be holding this webinar twice on Thursday 14th December.
Join us at either 11am - 12pm or 7pm - 8pm GMT.

[SIGN UP HERE - 11AM GMT](#)

[SIGN UP HERE - 7PM GMT](#)

This session will be recorded, so if you cannot attend live, please register to automatically receive the recording.

Summer Career Experiences in London

Our Summer Experiences offer the ultimate, 360-degree experience of professional life for students aged 12-18. They take place at top industry sites across London - including immersions in hospitals, courtrooms, skyscrapers, film sets and much more.

Students can register for these before December 31st at a 15% early-bird discount using the code **SUMMER15A** at checkout.

[View & Register: Ages 15-18](#)

[View & Register: Ages 12-14](#)



**CARDINAL
NEWMAN
COLLEGE**

APPLY NOW

FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Our Applications are now open and early offers are being sent to those students who have applied by the first week in December.

Application updates will start to be sent out in December.

RADIOTHERAPY STUDENT OPEN DAY

Saturday 6th Jan
2024



Are you in year 10 or above? or a mature student? Have you thought about a career in Radiotherapy? Would you like to know more about radiotherapy and this fantastic profession?

We are inviting prospective students to visit our radiotherapy open day on Sat 6th of Jan. Situated in the radiotherapy department at Royal Preston Hospital

If you would like to attend please book a 1 hour slot by contacting the email below .



To book please email-
education.radiotherapy@lthtr.nhs.uk



KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL

3-18 YEARS



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2023

7.00 PM

ACADEMIC, SPORT, MUSIC & DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

To book your place, please scan the QR code to the right or visit:
<https://kirkhamgrammar.simplybook.it/v2/#book>



01772 684264 email: info@kirkhamgrammar.co.uk

SCHOOL OF **EXPRESSIVE ARTS**

AT THE SIXTH FORM BOLTON



Take part in our fun and creative after-school club.

The Sixth Form Bolton is proud to offer an exciting after-school club for pupils with a passion for Art and Design, and for those interested in pursuing a career within the creative industries.

These sessions will support you to learn and develop a wide range of expressive art skills. In the final week there will be an opportunity to showcase the new skills you have learnt.

Venue: The Sixth Form Bolton

Course cost: £20 per course to be paid in full in advance

Duration: 6-week course

Dates: 11th January 2024 - 15th February 2024

Day: Thursday, 4.30pm-6.00pm

Age group: Year 10 - Year 11 pupils

To book your place please contact us on:

afterschoolclubs@bolton-sfc.ac.uk



SCHOOL OF **EXPRESSIVE ARTS**

AT THE SIXTH FORM BOLTON

WEEKS 1 AND 2: FINE ART

Giant, expressive, colourful, painting workshop: An introduction into working ambitiously. Learn how to enlarge images quickly and then have fun creating a very large-scale painting using expressive mark making and brush strokes.

WEEKS 3 AND 4: GRAPHIC DESIGN

From sketch to vector: An introduction to Adobe Illustrator's image making tools you will get to know the pen tool, shape, colour and gradient tools, as well as shape builder and pathfinder tools to create a vector illustration.

WEEKS 5 AND 6: ART, CRAFT & DESIGN

Create your own sculptural needle felted artwork: Using one simple needle, learn how to sculpt life-like or abstract, soft-sculptural pieces of work, from pieces of food, to animals or a vibrant patterned piece of art!



GIFTED & TALENTED SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of scholarships are available to Year 11 applicants on eligible T-Level/Level 3 courses.

BENEFITS:

£1,000

Over 2 years

FREE

Travel Pass

FREE

College Gym
Membership

Ambassador
HOODIE



Support from our
extensive range
of employer
links



Evidence to
support your
UCAS application

WHAT COURSES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GIFTED & TALENTED SCHOLARSHIP?

- > Accountancy
- > Aeronautical Engineering
- > Applied Science
- > Business Studies
- > Digital (IT) / Media (Film & Photography)
- > Early Years
- > Engineering
- > Health & Social Care
- > Performing Arts - Acting
- > Performing Arts - Musical Theatre
- > Professional Construction
- > Professional Dance
- > Public Services
- > Sport
- > Travel & Tourism with Event Management

CAN I APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

You should apply for a scholarship if:

- > You are currently in Year 11
- > You are applying for one of the T-Level/Level 3 courses listed
- > You meet the entry requirements
- > You have a skill or talent in your course choice

(For example, if you are applying for a sport course, you may volunteer at a local sports club or represent your school/county/country.)

Note: each subject may have additional entry requirements – see the online Scholarship Application Form for more details.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

You can apply for a Scholarship online at www.preston.ac.uk/scholarships

- > All sections of the form must be completed in **FULL**
- > A **Personal Statement** section is included within the form. It is essential that you clearly justify why you are suitable for a Preston College Scholarship - make sure you reach the 300 word count
- > Applications must be submitted before Friday 26 April 2024.

WHAT DO COLLEGE EXPECT IN RETURN?

If your application is successful, Preston College expects:

- > Excellent attendance and punctuality
- > Performance at or above your target grade
- > Support to promote your course to potential learners
- > Any additional requirements as outlined in your scholarship agreement

IF I DO NOT RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP, WILL THIS AFFECT MY APPLICATION TO STUDY AT PRESTON COLLEGE?

No. If you are unsuccessful in securing a scholarship, this will not affect your application to study on a full-time course.

APPLY NOW
www.preston.ac.uk/scholarships

PRESTON
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Derian's **ELF ARMY**

We're selling Festive Friends
for Derian House



Available from the Charity Prefects
during form time or from the
pavilion office at lunch

Just £3

all proceeds to Derian House Children's Hospice





University of Central Lancashire

Training 2000

What happens next...

for year 11 students

**Apply to
Training 2000**



From Nov 23
onwards

**Come to our
open evenings**



Wednesday 31st January
& Thursday 1st February

**Interviews with
companies**



**Confirm your
GCSE results**

August 2024

Prepare your CV



From Nov 23
onwards

We'll get in touch



Initial contact in
March 2024 to
book an interview
during the Easter
holidays. If you
apply after Easter
we will be in touch
within a week
to arrange an
interview

Start your Apprenticeship



My name is Dr Mo, I work as a NHS GP in Coventry.

We are trying to help students following the COVID-19 pandemic, considering the lockdowns and disruption to studies that have occurred.

Following the success of our previous free masterclasses, we are organising new FREE GCSE & A-level revision masterclasses for Y10/11/12/13 students once more in Nov/Dec 2023.

The free GCSE & A-levels online revision classes will be for biology, chemistry, maths and physics.

It will be an excellent opportunity for students to improve their grades for GCSE & A-levels, especially those applying for medical school.

We would be grateful if you could inform any students who may be interested. There are 2 links below, one is an Eventbrite page link and the other is a Link Tree, either can be used to enrol for free.

- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/i-medics-31792384695?aff=odeimcmailchimp>
- <https://linktr.ee/imedics>

If you could kindly share the links with any students who may be interested in improving their GCSE/A-level grades.

Kind regards

Dr Mo: NHS GP

MBBS, MRCGP

NHS England Clinical Entrepreneur 2022 (i-medics)



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Insight to PwC - Work Experience & Apprenticeship Opportunities with PwC

Tuesday 28th November, 5pm - 6pm

Calling all aspiring accountants, technologists and business professionals!

Don't miss our hugely anticipated event of the year with PwC taking place online, Tuesday 28th November, 5pm - 6pm. PwC are one of the biggest accounting and professional services firms in the world with over \$50 billion in revenue.

PwC audits billions of pounds of clients money a global scale for massive corporations, businesses and high net worth individuals. If you are eager to explore diverse career paths within the dynamic corporate world then PwC is your one stop shop. PwC are one of the big 4 and ranked number one as the UK's top student employers.

You're probably still considering what you want to do after school and many of you will be considering the degree apprenticeship route or heading off to university. PwC's flying-start degree programs and work experience offer you the best of both worlds.

This incredible event opportunity will feature engaging workshops and panel discussions with senior individuals who will take you behind the scenes of PwC's operations, sharing their experiences and unique insight to working for a big 4 firm.

Whether you're an aspiring accountant, consultant, or tech enthusiast, the PwC has something for everyone. Explore the multitude of career opportunities and work experience available at PwC and gain insights into world-class apprenticeship programs, degrees, and their hugely popular summer work experience!

Mark your calendars for the **Tuesday 28th of November 5pm - 6pm** and secure your spot today!

Application Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VSN6Y95>



Breaking Down Disability Barriers & Embracing Inclusive Recruitment Virtual Event via Zoom - Tuesday 5th December, from 5pm - 7pm!

In celebration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, we have an incredible upcoming Disability Awareness Virtual Event with some of the biggest companies in the world, including Amazon, KPMG, Direct Line Group and many more. This event will be held virtually via Zoom on **Tuesday 5th December** from 5pm - 7pm.

Dear Students,

Young Professionals are proud and excited to be celebrating **International Day of Persons with Disabilities** by hosting a **Breaking Down Disability Barriers & Embracing Inclusive Recruitment Virtual Event via Zoom** on **Tuesday 5th December 5.00pm - 7.00pm!**

Event Purpose:

- Embracing Disability and Raising Positive Awareness.
- Breaking Down Barriers: Embracing Inclusive Recruitment for Individuals with Disabilities, including physical, mental, and neurodivergent conditions.
- To give attendees confidence in the actions that employers are undertaking to support this diverse talent pool.

Disability does not define a person's value or limit their potential. Instead, it should be celebrated as an integral part of human diversity. We all have different abilities, strengths, and weaknesses. By openly discussing this topic we hope to take a step towards a more accessible environment for everyone that promotes the benefits of inclusivity.

Several global corporations including **KPMG, WTW, Amazon, AICPA & CIMA, Direct Line Group** and **Experian** will be joining us to share where they are on their journey of being a confident disability employer and what employers are doing to create the best environment during the recruitment process for everyone to succeed.

What to expect:

- Understand what employers are focussing on to ensure their attraction and recruitment process is inclusive and creates the best environment for every individual to be the best version of themselves throughout the recruitment experience.
- To understand how senior individuals have navigated the world of work through their own disability lens.
- We have employers joining us to share how they are navigating and evolving their approach to ensure they are inclusive employers for those with any form of disability and why every individual should feel comfortable sharing themselves, so adjustments can be made that enable individuals to be the best version of themselves when applying for a role.

Use the registration link below to sign up:

Registration Link:

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

SIGN UP NOW!



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

DISABILITY AWARENESS EVENT

BREAKING DOWN DISABILITY BARRIERS

📍 ZOOM, VIRTUAL



5TH DECEMBER | 5PM - 7PM

Registration Link:

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

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

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Upcoming Virtual Events

I wanted to share 4 exciting new opportunities that your students can get involved with over the next weeks/month. We have virtual insights with Lloyds Banking Group the UK's largest bank with 30+ million customers and over 877.8 billion GBP of total assets under management, AICPA & CIMA (Business, finance and accounting professional qualifications), Transport for London and the Royal Air Force.

Each link below will take students to a separate application form along with all the information they need on each of the events.

Insight into TFL (Transport for London) Virtual Event

- Tuesday 28th November 5.00pm - 6.30pm
- Open to all students in Y11
- Targeted to students looking to get into Engineering, Business and Technology
- Application link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/InsightIntoTFL>



AICPA CIMA Virtual Insight Event

- Wednesday 29th November 2023, 5.00pm - 6.30pm
- Open to all students Y11
- Targeted to students looking to get into Accounting, Finance & Investment Management, and Business
- Application link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/AICPACIMAVirtualEvent>



Insight to Lloyds Banking Group

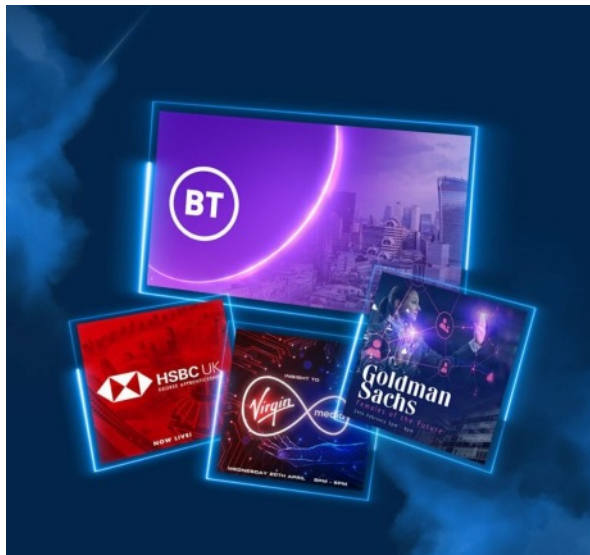
- Tuesday 5th December 2023, 5.00pm - 6.00pm
- Open to all students in Y11
- Targeted to students looking to get into Business, Finance, Accounting, Data Analytics, Technology, Risk, and HR
- Application link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LloydsBankingGroupCareersLive>



RAF Engineering Insight Event

- Tuesday 5th December 2023, 5.00pm - 6.30pm
- Open to all students in Y11
- Targeted to students looking to get into Engineering and STEM
- Application link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RAFVirtualEngineering>





Parklands High School

production of



SHREK

THE MUSICAL JR.

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture
and the Book by William Steig

Book and Lyrics by
David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by
Jeanine Tesori

Performed on
Thursday 30th November
and Friday 1st December 2023
from 7pm

**Tickets £5 adult, £3 concession,
£10 family (up to 4 people)**

Available from the Main Office at break times

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals
and Neal Street Productions

Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford.
"I'm a Believer" by Neil Diamond

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with
Music Theatre International

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk



NHS National Work Experience applications open now!

Applications for the free National NHS Virtual Work experience programme have now opened for 2023-2024! This programme has supported over 30,000 secondary school students obtain free work experiences last year. Virtual work experiences have been accepted by the Medical Schools and Dental Schools Council as valuable alternatives to in-person shadowing, backed by the Health Education England Discovery report on the impact of virtual work placements. This programme is brought to you by Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust in collaboration with Medic Mentor, and it is completely free. Not only is this a reliable alternative to in-person shadowing, but it also plays a significant role in preparing students for their in-person work placements with structured teaching and opportunities to speak directly with healthcare professionals. The opportunity is open to any student across the UK from 14 years old and above.

Students can apply for a placement, for free at this link:

<https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

Developed in collaboration with Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust, this carefully curated 6-month medical and 4-month dental programme offers a unique insight into the medical and dental profession. The E-learning format allows students to complete their placements in their own time, whilst being able to book 15 minute 1-2-1 appointments with a doctor or medical student to discuss what they have learnt on their virtual placement (also free). Covering ethics, procedures, wider team roles, and facilitating direct conversations with doctors and dentists, this virtual experience serves as an excellent foundation for your students' future careers. Not only does it enrich their UCAS applications, but it also strategically prepares them for in-person work experience placements.

Taking part in the Virtual Work Experience will provide:

- **Comprehensive Insights:** The programme covers a range of specialities, providing a holistic understanding of medical and dental practices. Each month, a new focus area is introduced, allowing participants to delve into different aspects of the field.
- **Flexible Participation:** Tailored for students from years 10-11, the programme accommodates various schedules by being virtual. Participants have one month to complete each specialty, ensuring flexibility and ease of participation.
- **Recognised Certification:** Upon successful completion of all specialities, students will receive a certificate from Medic Mentor and UHB, validating their active participation to include in their UCAS and apprenticeships applications.

This month's focus is on Surgery or Oral Surgery, offering a firsthand look into the life of a surgeon and the intricacies of procedures such as keyhole surgery in medicine or paediatric dentistry and oral surgery for those interested in dentistry.

Registering for these programmes is simple - students just need to complete the free online application form:

<https://airtable.com/appuQX2ouadvjQUSU/shrroljLczgdg9uLw>

We are eager to welcome your students to our exceptional free work experience programmes and support them in their journey toward a fulfilling career in medicine or dentistry.



NHS National Work Experience

If you haven't yet signed up for the NHS National Work Experience programme and you are in Year 10 or 11:

<https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

- This month, we're diving into the fascinating world of Surgery, providing your students with the opportunity to witness key-hole surgery, oral surgery, and the unique privilege of shadowing Mr. Challocome, a urology surgeon at Guy's and Thomas' NHS Trust.
- This virtual experience opens doors for your students to gain valuable insights and opportunities that may be otherwise difficult to access. Working hand in hand with Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust, our Virtual Work Experience has been a game-changer for thousands of secondary school students in the past year. It's not just an alternative to in-person shadowing; it's a crucial step in preparing students for their upcoming physical placements.
- We've crafted a 6-month medical and 4-month dental e-learning work experience programme that lets students set their own pace. From structured teaching to direct interaction with healthcare professionals, our programme ensures students don't just watch procedures but also understand the broader roles in the medical and dental fields.
- What makes our programme unique is the chance for students to schedule 15-minute one-on-one appointments with a doctor or medical student at no extra cost. This personal touch lets them dive deeper into their virtual experiences, ask questions, and really enhance their understanding.
- Covering everything from ethics to procedures and broader team roles, our virtual work experience gives a crucial overview of their desired career paths and the skills that medical and dental schools are looking for, enhancing their UCAS applications.

Signing up is easy - students just need to fill out the free online application form:

<https://airtable.com/appuQX2ouadvjQUSU/shrroljLczgdg9uLw>



Health Education England has recently completed a discovery report on virtual work experience programmes, which have concluded that these programmes are a valuable adjunct to in-person work experience, especially by preparing students for in-person placements and where in-person experiences are extremely limited. The NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience successfully invited 12,000 students to participate in the last academic year, making it the largest programme for students who are specifically interested in the following careers:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and language therapy
- and Pharmacy!

Applications for this programme are now open, and they will be open throughout this academic year. It is suitable for students in year groups 10-11.

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 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 healthcare professionals work in a variety of settings, such as hospital and community.

Students will also receive certificates as evidence of having participated in the work experience programme. Those that complete the entire 6-month programme will be awarded with Highly Commended References too. Students can register individually through the website link below. Places are £10 a day to cover administrative costs and run the tech on the day.

Students can register for the programme here:

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

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Work Experience Team

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the apprenticeship guide



5 apprenticeships you might like if the idea of a desk job fills you with dread

Are you the type of person who dreads the thought of spending your career confined to a desk? Do you crave hands-on experience and a dynamic work environment? If so, an apprenticeship might be the perfect path for you.

Apprenticeships offer a fantastic way to gain practical skills, earn a wage, and avoid the monotony of a traditional office job. Here are five apprenticeships that could be just what you're looking for:

1. Healthcare support worker apprenticeship

If you're a compassionate individual who enjoys helping others, a healthcare support worker apprenticeship could be a rewarding choice. You'll assist nurses and healthcare professionals in caring for patients, making a meaningful difference in people's lives.

2. Carpentry and joinery apprenticeship

If you have a knack for working with your hands and enjoy crafting things from wood, consider becoming a carpentry and joinery apprentice. You'll learn to create beautiful structures, furniture, and fittings, all while enjoying the satisfaction of seeing your projects come to life.

3. Plumbing and domestic heating technician apprenticeship

As a plumbing apprentice, you'll master the art of keeping homes, offices, and industrial settings warm and comfortable. Plus, you'll be at the forefront of installing new and exciting environmental technologies, such as heat pumps and solar thermal systems.

A community activator coach apprentices leads an exercise class

4. Community activator coach apprenticeship

Be a game-changer in your community! As a community activator coach, you'll lead cool activities for all kinds of people, even those who've never been into sports. No desks in sight.

5. Hospitality apprenticeships

If you have a passion for the culinary arts or a flair for providing exceptional customer service, consider a hospitality apprenticeship. You can learn the ins and outs of the restaurant, hotel, or event management industry while honing your people skills.

Remember that apprenticeships come in various shapes and sizes, catering to a wide range of interests and career goals. They offer a chance to learn, earn, and gain practical experience without the confinement of a desk job. So, if the thought of a traditional office setting fills you with dread, explore these hands-on apprenticeship options to kickstart a fulfilling career on your terms.



CAREER *of the* WEEK

Research scientist (medical)

Working as a medical research scientist means you'll be contributing to important developments in the world of medicine.

As a medical research scientist, you'll plan and conduct experiments to increase the body of scientific knowledge on topics related to medicine. You may also develop new, or improve existing, drugs, treatments or other medically-related products.

Medical research takes place in higher education institutions, research institutes, hospitals, industry and medical research charities. The level of research is wide ranging from investigating the underlying basis of health or disease, to conducting clinical research and investigating methods of prevention, diagnosis and treatment of human disorders.

Molecular level research may be carried out using appropriate cell and animal models, or human volunteers may be used to study the clinical effects of various factors.

Responsibilities

Roles vary depending on the setting, but much of the work is laboratory-based. In general you'll need to:

- plan and conduct experiments and analyse or interpret the results
- keep accurate records of work undertaken
- use specialist computer software to analyse data and to produce diagrammatic representation of results
- write and submit applications and progress reports to funding bodies that support medical research (outside industry)
- discuss research progress with other departments, e.g. production and marketing (in industry)
- constantly consider the profit/loss potential of research products (in industry)
- collaborate with industry, research institutes, hospitals and academia
- teach and supervise students (in some higher education roles)

You'll often need to disseminate the results of your work to others, which means you'll:

- carry out presentations or discussions at team meetings with colleagues
- prepare presentations and deliver these at national and international scientific conferences
- write original papers for publication in peer-reviewed medical or scientific journals. In industry, there is usually less pressure to publish

It's also important to stay in touch with developments and advances in your field and so you'll need to:

- read relevant scientific literature and journals
- attend scientific meetings and conferences in order to hear presentations from other researchers and participate in informal discussions with scientists from other parts of the world



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