



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

Hope you've all had a good week - and are ready for a new issue of Career News, packed full of useful information about all kinds of career paths!



- Lots of open events at various colleges over the next few weeks - students have access to the Careers Calendar on Google Classroom and on the website, so you won't miss any dates.
- Young Professionals have a great virtual event with PwC for aspiring financial wizards
- InvestIN are showcasing their weekend STEM experiences for all ages, available in person or virtually
- Pathway CTM are highlighting the property industry in their virtual event coming up soon
- The Apprenticeship Guide this week are focusing on the IT industry and the amazing apprenticeship opportunities in this rapidly growing area
- Allied Health Mentor are launching virtual work experience programme for all aspiring healthcare professionals - find out where you might fit in the NHS
- Both the Army and the RAF have virtual events planned - if you are considering a career in the Armed Forces, make sure you listen in

Plus lots more - so make a cup of tea, put your feet up and have a read!

Enjoy your weekend

25th - 29th September 2023



QEGS SIXTH
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Open Evening

Tuesday 26th September 2023 | 5-7pm

Singleton House, West Park Road, Blackburn, BB2 6DF

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Get the Edge: The Future of Everything

What will the future look like? The Wall Street Journal's 'Future of Everything' podcast offers a kaleidoscopic view of the up-and-coming trends shaping the world we live in. Each 20-30 minute episode takes you on a journey of discovery to answer the pioneering – and sometimes bizarre! – questions of the 21st century.

Can flying taxis get off the ground? Are personal pigs the future of human medicine? What's next for Amazon's Alexa? 'The Future of Everything' is a hub for the scientific and technological breakthroughs that could one day transform the way we live and work!

[Listen here](#)

Engineering: The Engineers Collective

Civil engineering is all around us; it ensures everything from roads and railways to water and electricity supplies run smoothly. The modern-day civil engineer faces many challenges: resource scarcity, supply chain failures, overpopulation and climate change, to name just a few. Could these problems actually be opportunities to push the industry towards new, innovative solutions?

If you're curious about the future and how engineers will adapt to keep our towns and cities running, then 'The Engineers Collective' will be a valuable resource. Choose an episode or two that particularly appeal, and consider how the engineering profession can contribute to solving emerging global challenges like limited healthcare access and clean water availability.

[Listen here](#)



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Have you ever wondered how PwC manages billions of pounds on a global scale? Are you eager to explore diverse career paths within the dynamic corporate world? Do you want to gain a unique insight into the secrets of PwC's success and the workings of a Big Four firm?

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 flyingstart degree programs offer you the best of both worlds. A university experience like no other, a salary and university fees paid for, as well as guaranteed summer paid internships.

This incredible event opportunity will feature engaging panel discussions with senior individuals who will take you behind the scenes of PwC's operations, sharing their experiences, challenges, and vision for the future, and how you can be part of this.

Discover Your Path to Success:

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

Ready for an unforgettable experience with PwC?

Mark your calendars for **Monday 2nd October 5pm - 6pm.**

Secure Your Spot: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PwcFlyingStart>

Remember, this is your chance to unlock the secrets of PwC's success and get your career off to a flying start.



Hutton Sixth Form Open Evening



100% pass rate
for A levels
(2022)

Best school
sixth form in
Lancashire*

88% of students
achieved a grade B
or higher (2022)

**Thursday 19th October
6pm-8pm**

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*The Times Parent Power Guide 2023



Find your Force The Podcast

How can you take the first step in your career with confidence?

Find Your Force is brought to you by the Royal Air Force: We share the stories and advice that will help you find your force - your career potential.

[Discover Find Your Force The Podcast >](#)

The Cook Along

In this brand new series, you get to cook along with an RAF chef and discover what it is really like to be a Chef in The Royal Air Force. You can even cook along at home and make some delicious recipes to enjoy!



[Discover The Cook Along >](#)

The Royal Air Force performs a wide range of duties to serve and protect the UK's interests abroad. They provide all personnel with a varied range of training and activities to make sure you're ready for anything.

An apprenticeship in the Royal Air Force is a unique experience where you will be given hands on training with some of the most experienced and highly trained personnel in the world. Not only will you gain a professional qualification that's recognised in the civilian world, you'll also have a guaranteed job in your chosen field once you've completed it.

[Find out more about being an apprentice in the RAF >](#)



BOLTON COLLEGE YOUNG PEOPLE'S

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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



INVESTIN

Weekend Programmes in STEM Careers

Taking place this November for students aged 12-18



We are running programmes in **10 STEM and medical science careers** this term, available in-person in London or live online.

Students can expect to participate in interactive simulations and masterclasses led by industry professionals working in the field, with highlights including:

Medicine: Practise stitching up a wound

Engineering: Design the mission to take humans to Mars

Psychology: Carry out a clinical psychology assessment

Computer Science: Design your own web application

Weekend Programme Dates

Ages 15-18

[Architecture](#) - 5th November 2023

[Medicine](#) - 5th November 2023

[Entrepreneurship](#) - 5th November 2023

[Dentistry](#) - 12th November 2023

[Engineering](#) - 12th November 2023

[Computer Science](#) - 12th November 2023

[Investment Banking](#) - 19th November 2023

[Psychology](#) - 19th November 2023

[Veterinary Science](#) - 26th November 2023

[Forensic Science](#) - 26th November 2023

VIEW STEM PROGRAMMES | AGES 15-18

Ages 12-14

[Engineering](#) - 21st January 2024

[Medicine](#) - 21st January 2024

[Computer Science](#) - 28th January 2024

[Investment Banking](#) - 28th January 2024

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PROPERTY NEEDS YOU

TASTER DAY

TAKE A LOOK



Are you a parent of a young individual with a keen interest in the bustling world of real estate and property?

We're thrilled to invite students to our special online event on **Tuesday 24th October** designed to ignite and guide your child's passion for a flourishing career in the property industry.

Property Needs You is a collaboration between **12 of the UK's largest real estate consultancies**, and we have partnered up with them to bring young people an exclusive event to network with some of the best in the industry!

So, what is *actually* going to happen during the event?

- Meet agencies that are part of Property Needs You and find out how they can help kickstart their career in property!
- Hear from industry professionals including current apprentices during the quick fire Speed Meet session.
- Take part in exciting interactive tasks and a Q&A session.

By attending the full day they will receive a certificate to use for their CV, LinkedIn, apprenticeship applications, and UCAS personal statement.

Property Needs You Virtual Taster Day

Tuesday 24th October | 10am - 3pm

Online

[Register Now](#)



A photograph of two students, a young woman with long red hair and a young man with dark curly hair, both wearing white lab coats and yellow lanyards. They are looking at a laptop screen. The background is a blurred laboratory setting with various charts and equipment.

See it

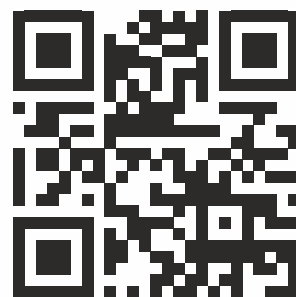
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WED 4 OCT 23

4:30 - 8:00

Sign up



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ARMY OFFICER.**

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Army Officer Scholarship Scheme

The Army Officer Scholarship Scheme guarantees your child up to £10,000 in financial support, starting in Academic Year 13. It also guarantees your child a place at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and a career as an Army Officer when your child finishes education.

Your child will receive £3,000 while they are in Year 13, then a Standard Bursary of £6,000 while they're studying at university (£7,000 for a 4-year degree).

Army Scholars can apply to join any Corps for which they are eligible. Your child does not have to make a final decision about which Regiment or Corps they want to join until they're at Sandhurst, unless they're thinking about joining as a Professionally Qualified Officer, such as a Doctor, Dentist or Lawyer.

If your child is aged 16 or 17 they will 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. This qualifies your child for a commission in the Army and allows your child to apply for additional bursaries.

FIND OUT MORE



It has been a very exciting summer and we're thrilled to welcome our new cohort of students, known as Set 47, to begin their amazing journey to become Norland Nannies.

Set 47 will be our first year group to study our new and exciting BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education and Care degree alongside the Norland diploma.

The feedback we received from the degree and diploma validation panel was outstanding and confirmed that our students will be receiving exceptional training over their three years of campus-based study, as well as the fully supported and paid Newly Qualified Nanny (NQN) year and lifelong career as a Norlander.

[Learn more about our new course](#)

[Watch our degree and diploma Norland Unwrapped](#)



Our next open day is on Saturday 7 October 2023.

Places are limited and we are filling up fast so please book your space now. We'd love for you join us on campus for a wonderful day of meeting staff and students and finding more out about everything we have to offer.

[Book for our open day](#)





Winstanley College

EXCELLENCE SUPPORT INSPIRATION



OPEN EVENINGS

- Thursday 5th October 2023 (5pm – 8pm)
- Wednesday 18th October 2023 (5pm – 8pm)
- Wednesday 1st November 2023 (5pm – 8pm)

Booking link:



See our website for more details - www.winstanley.ac.uk

Any queries please email admissions@winstanley.ac.uk or call 01695 628610



ALLIED HEALTHCARE MENTOR

We're excited to continue our journey of supporting students' aspirations in the healthcare field. Today, we have an incredible opportunity for your students that will empower them to explore the world of healthcare like never before.

Introducing the NHS Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience!
Sunday 1st October, 9am - 5pm:

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

This immersive experience is suitable for students of all year groups, designed to help them make informed decisions about their future healthcare careers. Whether they dream of becoming a nurse, paramedic, or any other healthcare professional, this is their golden ticket.

What to Expect:

- Session Focus: "Communication and Fractures"
- Patient Journey: Students will follow two patients from presentation to recovery.
- Interactions: They will engage with a variety of NHS healthcare professionals, including nursing, paramedicine, physiotherapy, and more.

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

*Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

Encourage your students to book early to make the most of this unique opportunity. Upon registration, they will receive access links to their virtual work experience portals.

What's more, every session completed earns them a valuable Work Experience certificate. Those who complete the full 5-month programme will receive a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor - a significant asset for their CVs.

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We're here to support you every step of the way.

Warm regards,

Nikki Abbott

Head of Education
Allied Healthcare Mentor



Are your students ready to embark on an exciting journey exploring the world of healthcare? Join us for the NHS Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience on Sunday 1st October, 9am - 5pm and get ready to be amazed!

This opportunity is for students of all year groups! Whether your student dreams of becoming a nurse, a paramedic, or any other healthcare professional, this work experience is their ticket to gaining valuable insight and making an informed decision about their future career.

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

Our next session on Sunday 1st October, 9am - 5pm is focused on "Communication and Fractures," presenting students with a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of Allied Healthcare Professionals.

During the work experience day, they will follow two patients from their initial presentation to recovery, gaining a unique and unforgettable insight into the world of healthcare. They will interact with a variety of NHS healthcare professionals, including:

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

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout the day, empowering them to make informed career decisions and demonstrating their passion for healthcare in their UCAS application.

Once they've registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals.

Students are awarded a Work Experience Certificate for every session they complete. Those who complete the full 5-month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor. These are fantastic additions to their CVs!

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 5-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

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

Thank you for highlighting this opportunity to the next generation of NHS workers.

Kindest Regards,

Nikki Abbott

Head of Education

the apprenticeship guide

Apprenticeships you might like if you're into tech

Are you passionate about all things tech? Do you find yourself tinkering with gadgets, writing code, or simply fascinated by the latest innovations? If so, pursuing a tech apprenticeship could be your ideal pathway to a rewarding career.

Here are some apprenticeships you might find enticing if you have a knack for technology:



Software development apprenticeships

If you have a flair for coding and enjoy creating software applications, a [software development apprenticeship](#) might be right up your alley. You'll have the opportunity to work with experienced developers, learn various programming languages, and contribute to the development of cutting-edge software.

Also see the [software development technician apprenticeship](#) and the [software tester apprenticeship](#).



IT support and networking apprenticeships

Are you the go-to person in your family or circle of friends for tech troubleshooting? Consider an [IT solutions apprenticeship](#) or an [information communications technician apprenticeship](#). These roles are crucial for maintaining the technology infrastructure of businesses, ensuring everything runs smoothly.

Cybersecurity apprenticeships

With the increasing importance of cybersecurity in today's digital landscape, apprenticeships in this field are in high demand. If you're interested in protecting

data and systems from cyber threats, this apprenticeship can provide you with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in the cybersecurity industry.

See the [cyber security technician](#) or [cyber security technical professional apprenticeships](#).

Digital marketing apprenticeships

Didn't think you'd see marketing on this list, did you? But technology and marketing often go hand in hand in the digital age. These days, everyone – from your school to your favourite clothing designer – is on Twitter, TikTok, and Instagram. A digital marketing apprenticeship can help you understand how technology is used to promote products and services online, from social media management to search engine optimization (SEO).

See the [digital marketing manager](#), [digital marketer](#), or even [content creator apprenticeships](#).

Data analysis apprenticeships

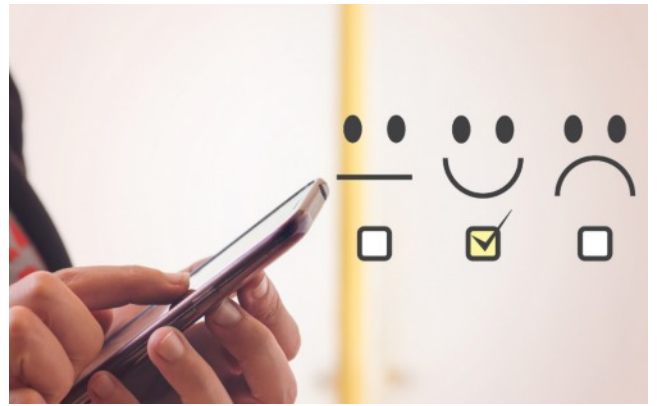
If you have a knack for working with data and enjoy uncovering insights from numbers, a [data analyst apprenticeship](#) could be your ticket to a data-driven career. You'll learn how to collect, analyse, and interpret data to make informed business decisions.



UX apprenticeships

For those with a creative side and an interest in how technology interfaces with users, UX (user experience)/UI (user interface) design apprenticeships are a fantastic choice. You'll learn to create user-friendly and visually appealing interfaces for websites and applications.

Take a look at the [digital user experience professional apprenticeship](#) for more information.



Gaming and animation apprenticeships

Are you a gaming enthusiast or fascinated by the world of animation? Apprenticeships in this field can lead to exciting opportunities in game development, 3D modelling, and animation production.

See the [game programmer](#), [junior animator](#), or even a [junior VFX artist apprenticeship](#).

In the UK, tech apprenticeships are a valuable way to gain hands-on experience, earn while you learn, and kickstart your career in the technology sector. Whether you're into coding, IT support, cybersecurity, marketing, data analysis, design, or gaming, there's likely a tech apprenticeship program tailored to your interests.

So, if technology is your passion, why not explore these apprenticeships and take the first step towards a fulfilling and dynamic career in the ever-evolving world of tech?



McDonald's Apprenticeships

When I first went full time, I thought it would make sense to utilise my time at McDonald's and develop myself through an apprenticeship. I wanted to build my skills, whether it was, communicating with customers and team or increasing my knowledge and awareness of the industry.

It's made me more knowledgeable about procedures and more aware of my own skills. I started in June and within 6 months of being on programme it's made me much more confident. I've been able to use the skills I've learned from the apprenticeship on the floor, which has helped so much.

The more I've gone through the programme, the more I've seen the impact, but the most noticeable thing is my confidence has grown.

Lucas Lonergan

Crew Member, McDonald's 1274 Stockport Hazelgrove
Level 2 Hospitality Team Member



Go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> - create an account to apply for vacancies.
You will probably need a CV - see Miss Berry for help with this.



CAREER *of the* WEEK

Game artist

Game artists use software packages to create the visual elements of a game in either 3D or 2D for one or more platforms, such as mobile, PC, arcade or console.

You'll typically work as part of a team with designers, developers, animators and quality assurance testers, as well as those involved in the management and marketing of the game.

Job titles vary and may include 3D artist, games artist, environment artist, character artist, texture artist or lighting artist.

Types of work

In larger game companies, you may specialise and work on a specific area of art, such as:

- character
- texture
- environment
- lighting
- specific assets, such as vehicles or weapons

Roles may not have such clear boundaries in smaller (independent, or 'indie') companies, and you may get involved in other elements of the game creation process such as design or development (programming).

2D artists are sometimes known as concept artists and their sketches can help 3D artists to picture what the game could look like.

Responsibilities

Specific duties and responsibilities will depend upon the size of the company and the nature of your role. These may be broader and less clearly defined in a smaller company.

As a game artist, you'll need to:

- create high-quality artwork for a game, such as the texture, characters, environment or certain assets
- ensure artwork follows the agreed project style
- work collaboratively with other game artists, as well as members of the wider team, such as designers, developers, animators, quality assurance testers, and those involved in management and marketing
- take on board and implement feedback from the art lead by making appropriate changes to the artwork you've produced
- report progress to your manager or the lead artist on a regular basis
- work to deadlines to help the team to produce the game efficiently and in line with the required schedule
- keep your skill set up to date and learn about new software as and when required



[Find out more here](#)