



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

Here we are again at the end of another busy week at Parklands! Lots of useful information in this issue of Career News, including:



- An insight into construction apprenticeships at Redrow.
- InvestIN showcase their latest opportunities.
- Have a look at all the great options from the NHS in their newsletter.
- More from The Apprenticeship Guide - this time looking at reviving traditional craft apprenticeships with English Heritage.
- Open events galore from Bolton College, Runshaw, Wigan and Leigh and many more over the next few weeks - the Careers Calendar will be on the school website this weekend.
- Law Mentor, part of the Medic Mentor family, are hosting a conference for aspiring lawyers - don't miss it!
- Check out the latest video from Oxford Scholastica Academy - if you are interested in Bioengineering or Biomedical Science, this is the video for you.
- Young Professionals are highlighting two of their latest events - why not get involved? You get a certificate for your CV, plus a ton of great advice!
- Plus of course, Career of the Week to finish - read the full details on the website [here](#).

Have a great weekend



18th - 22nd 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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Apprenticeships

Top 100 Employers 2023

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Engineering: 4 Ways CRISPR Is More Than Just Gene Editing

If we had the power to rid future generations of diseases such as schizophrenia, should we do so? The moral answer is yes, surely?

What if we could enhance healthy human beings by editing out imperfections? CRISPR – Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats – is a revolutionary gene-editing technology that allows scientists to modify DNA within living organisms. What do you think the future of humans could look like with tools like CRISPR?

Watch this video, and see if your answers to any of these questions change. If you're interested in Bioengineering and Biomedical sciences, you might like to join us at MedCon, where we'll be discussing the future of medicine and medtech with doctors, healthcare professionals and a panel of Medicine students from top UK universities.

[Watch here](#)



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Get into Science & Engineering

Tuesday 19th September, 5pm - 6:30pm

Meet with world leading organisations!

Calling all aspiring Science & Engineering hopefuls! Have you ever wondered how the Shard in London was built? Or perhaps how the London underground was constructed? Did you know Cadbury chocolate uses science to produce all of their product you buy off the shelves. This event is your chance to come face to face with all of the employers involved behind some of the worlds biggest constructions and brands products!

We want to invite you to our incredible Careers in Science & Engineering virtual event on **Tuesday 19th September 2023 at 5:00pm - 6:30pm.**

We will be joined by some huge FTSE 100 companies such as Mott MacDonald, Spectris, Berkeley Group, RAF and TFL, who each will present keynote sessions throughout the evening as well as running some fun and interactive workshops for you to take part in.

As well as this we will be hosting some informative panel discussions, providing you with key insights into their upcoming in-person work experience, insight events and apprenticeship opportunities this year.

This is going to be a fantastic opportunity to kick start the new academic year with lots of great learning from the industry as well as a chance for you to ask lots of questions to professionals.

Following the event, you will receive a certificate of completion within 7 working days. This can be used on your CVs or LinkedIn profile and will undoubtedly enhance your applications for upcoming opportunities and help your CV to really stand out!

This event is open to all students from across the UK and Ireland.

Our events are very popular so make sure you sign up below as soon as possible to confirm your place at this incredible event.

Application Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Careers-In-Science-And-Engineering-September-2023>



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to sign up!

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CAREERS IN
SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

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TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER | 5^{PM} - 6:30^{PM}



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





SUSTAINABILITY AT REDROW

When we are building our luxury homes, we need to ensure we build responsibly in our thriving communities. We have a dedicated sustainability team to ensure this is possible.

Hear what our Trainee Sustainability Coordinator has to say about her time in Sustainability, following joining us as a Sustainability Graduate in 2021.

1. WHAT INTERESTED YOU IN A CAREER IN SUSTAINABILITY?

I have always been passionate about protecting the environment and living more sustainably, which drove me to turn my passion into a career. I studied Environmental Geography at university and took any opportunity I could to complete work placements and internships. Upon completion of my degree, my dream job came up at Redrow as Graduate Trainee in Sustainability, I simply had to apply!

2. WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT YOUR ROLE?

I enjoy the creative, innovative and research side to my role. Sustainability is a constantly evolving topic and there are always new sustainable methods to be explored.

3. WHY DID YOU CHOOSE A CAREER IN CONSTRUCTION – WHAT EXCITED YOU ABOUT THE INDUSTRY?

I was drawn to construction because there is such a broad scope of environmental issues to consider here, whether it be waste management or carbon reduction. Alongside this, there are many new technologies to be explored which will help reduce the construction industries environmental impact.

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THAT OVER **15%**
OF OUR ENTIRE
WORKFORCE ARE
TRAINEES, AND
YOU COULD BE
ONE OF THEM!



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redrowcareers.co.uk and
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on the latest updates and events



INVESTIN

Free event for parents: **Making it into Medical School** *Supporting your child in applying to medical school*



We are delighted to announce our upcoming **free webinar for parents on breaking into medical school**. We will be joined by one of our expert doctors who will be introducing parents to the world of medicine and how their child can secure a place at a top medical school.

Join us to learn more about:

- What you can expect from a career in medicine, including a breakdown of the opportunities and roles available
- How students can get a head-start, by building the key skills required whilst still at school
- A breakdown of the medical school application process and expert advice on how students can stand out from the competition

This webinar will take place online on Wednesday 27th September 7.00pm - 8.00pm (UK time). It is free to attend.

SIGN UP HERE

Upcoming Weekend Programmes

"IT'S WORTH EVERY SINGLE SECOND OF YOUR TIME"

Sanya, Student ★★★★★



"I NOW KNOW WHAT I WANT TO DO WITH THE REST OF MY LIFE"

Melisa, Student ★★★★★



"I'VE GOT MORE OUT OF THIS EXPERIENCE THAN I EVER THOUGHT I WOULD!"


Ashleigh, Student ★★★★★



Choose from 15 different industries, and join us for an interactive masterclass in your dream career! Meet industry-leading professionals as they guide you through a series of authentic career simulations, interactive activities and career coaching sessions.

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

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




You are invited to our

OPEN EVENTS

Saturday **23rd** September, **10.00am – 2.00pm**
Thursday **12th** October, **4.00pm – 8.00pm**
Tuesday **21st** November, **4.00pm – 8.00pm**

RUNSHAW COLLEGE
runshaw.ac.uk/openevent



Open Events: <https://openday.runshaw.ac.uk/>



Calling all aspiring business & accounting professionals... This is an event that you do not want to miss!

Are you an ambitious business professional or an aspiring accountant who is looking to learn more about the industry and gain some advice to help you nail your dream role? If so, then this event is for you!

We are thrilled to invite you to a very exciting, very huge online business & accounting event on **Monday 18th September, from 5:00pm - 6:30pm.**

During this event, we are delighted to be hosting 3 of the big 4 accountancy firms - PwC, KPMG and Deloitte, alongside the incredibly prestigious CIMA, Mazars and Grant Thornton.

This multi-employer business & accounting event will include a keynote session from a senior member of staff from each of the above employers, as well as a rare opportunity for students to ask direct questions to senior leaders at these global firms throughout the evening. Students will gain a vast insight into the upcoming apprenticeship opportunities with the likes of PwC and benefit from the first hand advice and key tips from these hugely successful, power house companies, ensuring you are well equipped to excel in any recruitment process!

Following the event, you will receive a certificate of completion within 7 working days. This can be used on your CVs or LinkedIn profile and will undoubtedly enhance your applications for upcoming opportunities and help your CV to really stand out!

This event is open to all students in schools from across the UK & Ireland.

Our events are very popular so make sure you sign up below as soon as possible to confirm your place at this incredible event.

Application Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/73WZ9FH>

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mazars **CIMA** **Grant Thornton**

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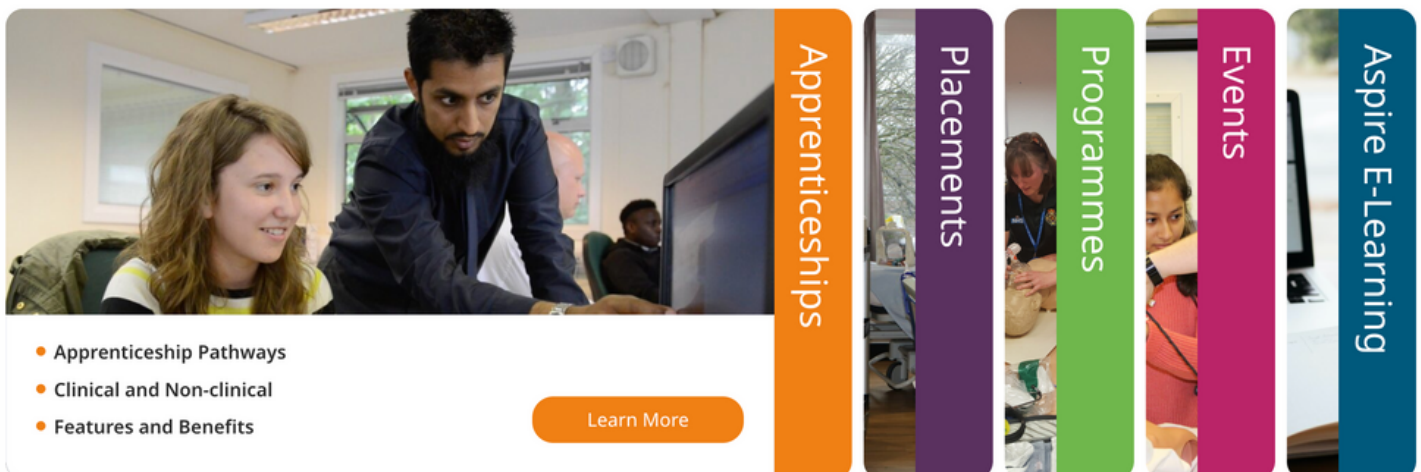
NHSCareersNW NEWSLETTER

Lancashire and South Cumbria Health and Care Partnership

The Careers & Engagement Team within the Lancashire and South Cumbria Health and Care Partnership, work collaboratively on offering a myriad of opportunities to those seeking a career within the Health and Social Care sector.

We do this by offering a range of opportunities, such as: Employability Programmes, Work Experience, Step into Work schemes, Industry Based Placements for Further Education, Summer Schools, Workshops, Mock Interviews, Mentoring Circles and much more.

NHS and Care Careers Platform



Apprenticeships

Placements

Programmes

Events

Aspire E-Learning

- Apprenticeship Pathways
- Clinical and Non-clinical
- Features and Benefits

[Learn More](#)

Our NHS Careers website is a valuable tool for all people, including Students, Parents and Careers Advisors to learn about the various experiences and opportunities relating to Health and Social Care Careers in Lancashire and South Cumbria.

We deliver and facilitate a range of Careers events and Programmes, whilst also offering Apprenticeships, Work Experience and Placement opportunities for Students. Our Careers and Engagement Team is continuously developing an engaging range of experiences and opportunities across Lancashire and South Cumbria.

You can visit our Platform at

www.nhscareersnw.co.uk

Work Experience Opportunities



Across Lancashire & South Cumbria we offer students aged 16+ the opportunity to complete short face to face work experience placements in a Health & Care setting within both a Clinical & Non-Clinical environment.

Please note, some Trusts have limited capacity and may not be able to place each applicant as per their request. To potentially avoid disappointment we recommend applying sooner rather than later.

Our next application window is open during September 2023 to apply visit our website.

www.nhscareersnw.co.uk

We have non-clinical opportunities available at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for students aged 14-16 years old and a variety of virtual programmes available for students to gain an insight into careers within Health & Care.

This window opens during September 2023. Please apply via [our website](#)

4-16 Year Old Virtual Work Experience

We are hosting a Virtual Careers Insights Programme during October half term which enables candidates aged 14-16 to gain a valuable insight into a variety of careers within Health & Care.

Sessions are typically 1 hour in duration and are hosted via Microsoft Teams.

As part of this programme, candidates are expected to attend each session to gain a certificate.

Once candidates register via our website, they will be emailed links to join each session and sent further information.

To register and see sessions available, please visit our website – [14-16 Year Old Virtual Work Experience – NHS Careers NW](#)

NHS Careers Event!



Have you considered a career in the NHS?

Come along to find out more information on apprenticeships, NHS careers, University paths and much more. Speak to NHS professionals from various department including both Clinical and Non-Clinical departments.

Location: Chorley And South Ribble Hospital, Education Centre 3, Preston Road, Chorley, PR7 1PP

Please see the below poster for more info!

NHS CAREERS EVENT!!!

NHS
Lancashire Teaching
Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

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**11TH
December
16:00-
19:00**

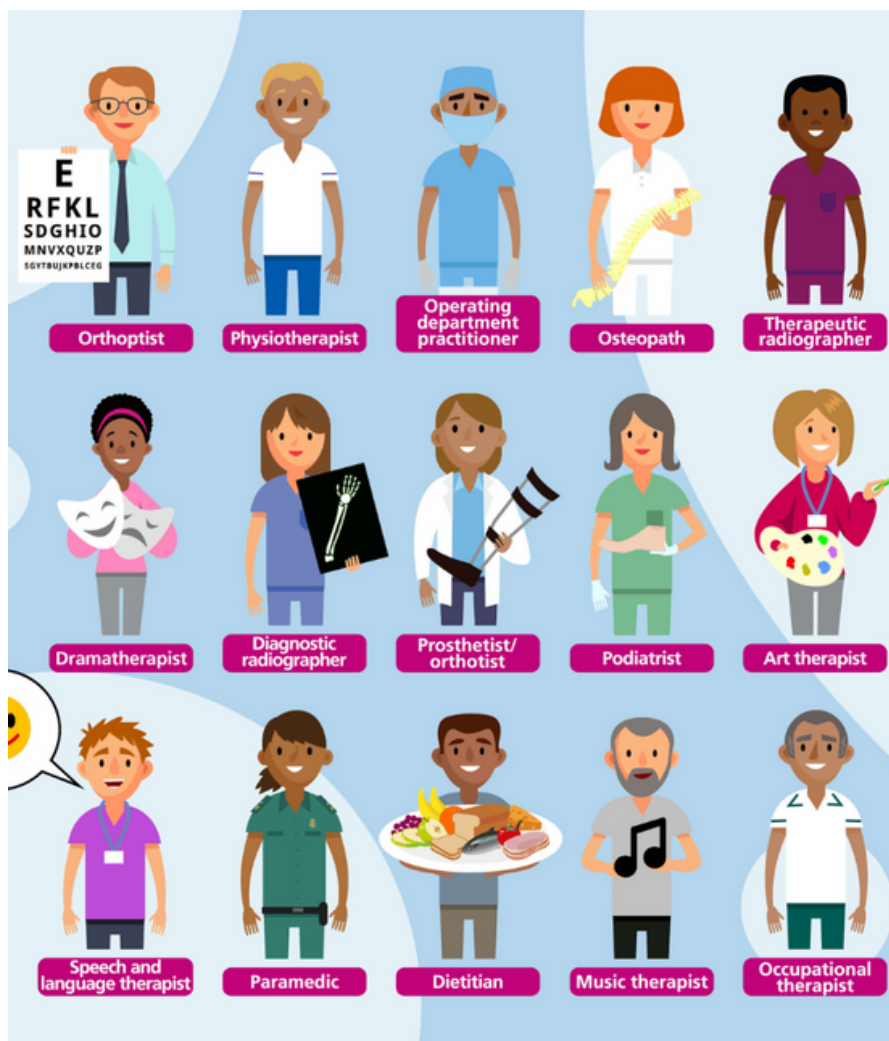
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PR7 1PP

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for more information please email us at:
WIDENING.PARTICIPATION@LTHTR.NHS.UK

Are you interested in a career within Allied Health Professionals?



We are hosting two events for students to attend and find out about all 14 AHP Careers.

Do you know what an AHP is?

Come along to find out!

19th October 2023 –

Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospitals –

Allied Health Professionals Open Event – NHS Careers NW

24th October 2023 –

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals –

Allied Health Professionals Open Day at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals – NHS Careers NW

Creating Careers: A Step Ahead



Creating Careers: A Step Ahead Health and Care Programme

Schools and College Offer

Creating Careers: A Step Ahead is for 14+ and the idea is that any young people interested in health and care can build a portfolio of evidence towards a future application, CV, interview and keep everything they do as a way of demonstrating what they have learnt from a webinar, activity, encounter with an employer, volunteering, work experience etc. We have over 500 young people signed up to date and trying to work with each school or college across the North West to encourage the students to undertake a blended learning programme and start to build a portfolio of evidence towards a future educational or career pathway.

We want all Schools and Colleges to sign up as a supporter.

[Click here](#)

Once you are a supporter we can arrange a follow up meeting and started to support you and your students to develop a portfolio of evidence which is recognised by our health and care employers.

If you want more information please email:

wideningparticipationnorth@hee.nhs.uk

Once students fully complete all programme elements they will have priority booking for any face to face events and virtual work experience opportunities.

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A Step Ahead

Build your skills, knowledge and experience in health and care with support from a team of experts, taking you a step ahead.

Students 14+ | Free

- Online learning modules combined with online and in-person experiences like mock interviews and healthcare visits.
- Build a Health Proof portfolio of work to show your commitment and experience on CVs, UCAS applications and personal statements.
- Bespoke support from information, advice and guidance specialists.
- Access opportunities locally in real health and care environments.
- Digital Certificate upon completion.
- Recognised by Health Education England and partners across the North West.



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New Aspire E-Learning Courses available!

My learning. My NHS and Care Career.

As part of our website we also offer our Aspire, E-Learning section which is our new online learning tool. Aspire offers a variety of interactive resources to support students in gaining knowledge surrounding Health & Care Careers. Upon completion, students will receive a certificate for each programme they complete, and this will be stored in their online Portfolio section of the website. We have a variety of courses available and these are suitable for all age ranges.

We upload new courses on a monthly basis.

Courses include: Understanding non-clinical roles in the NHS, Equality & Diversity, NHS Careers for school leavers, Apprenticeships, Journey to Nursing plus much more!

Register your interest today –

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Careers
in health and social care



LANCASHIRE AND SOUTH CUMBRIA INTEGRATED CARE BOARD



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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Are you aged 14 to 20?

Join our focus group to help us create content and work with us as advisors to develop our services.

DATE AND VENUE TBC

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WWW.NHSCAREERSNW.CO.UK



- Interactive content
- Explore different careers
- Access to resources

[Learn More](#)

We want to hear from you

We work in partnership with a variety of external organisations such as Education Providers, Job Centres, Princes Trust plus many more, to inspire people within our local community, provide support, information and guidance when considering an NHS career.

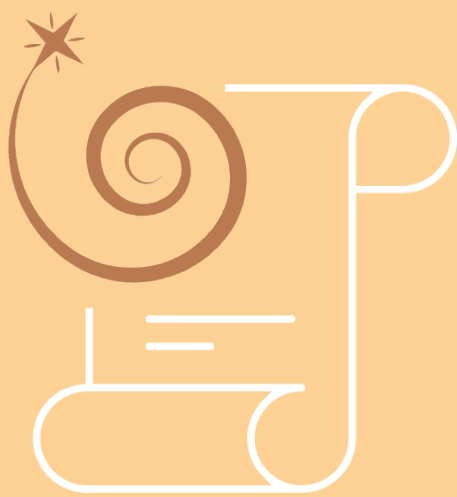
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LAW MENTOR

We're off to an exceptional start this year, with thousands of students registering for our Get Into Medicine conference. This allows us to provide valuable support and guidance to those exploring medicine as a career and navigating their way toward a successful application. However, we'd like to emphasise that our commitment extends beyond medicine, as understanding the path to a legal career can be equally complex.

If you have students with inquisitive minds and an interest in pursuing careers as solicitors, barristers, or judges, our virtual "Get Into Law" conference is the ideal opportunity for students Yr10 or Yr11 to learn about the legal profession. With insights from Judge Emma and a comprehensive agenda, students will gain valuable knowledge about the legal industry.

Virtual Get Into Law Conference - Sunday 1st October, 9:30am - 3:30pm:

<https://lawmentor.org.uk/product/get-into-law-conference/>

*The cost per entry is £15, which covers administrative and technological costs.

- Explore the world of law with a Judge and learn about:
- Realistic insights into law as a career
- Legal myth-busting and empowering you to achieve your dream!
- Application Timeline
- CV, extracurricular activities and transferable skills for law
- UCAS form – key components to be aware of
- Personal statement
- Academic Referencing
- Entrance exams: LNAT, Cambridge/Oxford Law Exam and their significance

The conference will give students insight into what a legal career entails and will provide the building blocks needed to be successful in their application to university. By sharing our expert knowledge about the UCAS application process for law, your students will be provided with all the resources and guidance they need to succeed in their law school applications.

Join us on Sunday 1st October, 9:30am - 3:30pm - £15 Entry:

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Nikki Abbott

Head of Education
Your Medic Family



Young apprentices to revive ancient craft with English Heritage's support

English Heritage plans to launch an apprenticeship scheme after receiving £11.2 million from the Hamish Ogston Foundation.

This is the largest donation English Heritage has ever received. The goal of the apprenticeship programme is to pass on the skill of flint-knapping, a type of stone masonry, to the next generation.

This initiative aims to “safeguard the future of 34 flint castles and abbeys in the East of England.” Over the next seven years, the scheme aims to train 48 young heritage skills apprentices and three professional apprentices. Most of these apprentices will be directly employed by English Heritage. They will also set up a heritage skills training centre in East Anglia and create an in-house heritage crafts team.

In addition to the formal apprenticeships being developed, the centre will work to raise awareness of heritage skills as a career choice. The goal is to show school children the opportunities of working on heritage buildings and offer practical experience to student trainees.

Flint-knapping is considered an endangered skill, and English Heritage plans to address this decline by offering apprenticeships in flint and stone masonry, as well as heritage brickwork. Numerous English Heritage properties are poised to benefit from this initiative, spanning regions like Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, and Suffolk.

Robert Bargery, Heritage Project Director of the Hamish Ogston Foundation, said: “Heritage skills like flint knapping are the timeless threads that weave our past with our future. The art of flintknapping is at a severe risk of extinction with only a handful of specialists left in the UK. This latest grant from the Hamish Ogston Foundation to English Heritage will help to secure a new generation of specialists, so that we can combat this skills shortage and ensure that historic buildings at-risk can be preserved for years to come.”

For more information, visit the [English Heritage website](#), or learn more about [apprenticeships in construction](#).

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

Also check out the vacancies at [Alliance Learning](#) and [Training 2000](#)



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](#)