



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

Welcome to the first issue of Career News for the autumn term. I hope everyone had a lovely summer break.

For anyone new to Parklands, each week Career News brings together all the open events, webinars, conferences, articles, information, blogs, work experience offers, apprenticeship vacancies and any other opportunities on offer to students and parents/carers. All the links will take you straight to the relevant offers.



- This week, there are open events at QEGs, Preston College and Bolton Sixth Form coming up - a must for Year 11s but recommended for Year 10s as well. Book early to secure your place.
- For anyone who is interested in a career in Radiotherapy, the NHS Trust is offering an open day at Royal Preston Hospital in October - register now to avoid missing out.
- Training 2000 have a series of open events - put the dates in your diary.
- Success at School are offering a great free Guide to University, sponsored by Liverpool John Moores University - download the guide now.
- InvestIn have a series of weekend career experiences that you don't want to miss. Aimed at ages 12-18, these are live, interactive sessions delivered by professionals - register now. They are not cheap, but there are bursaries available, so have a look.
- Medic Mentor are inviting students to a free virtual Get into Medicine conference (there are three over the next few weekends). These are vital for any aspiring medics in Year 10 or 11. There will be events for aspiring vets, dentists and allied health professionals coming up, so keep an eye on Career News.
- No apprenticeship vacancies this week, but the apprenticeship page highlights Superdrug's 'Rise Up to Level Up' campaign that may be rolled out nationwide.
- Finally, we have Career of the Week - the full article is on the school website if you want to know more about this career!

If you have an interesting or inspiring career and would like to get involved in our careers programme, whether it's delivering an assembly or class talk, attending our mock interview day or careers fair, please get in touch. We'd love to hear from you - email: pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Have a great weekend!

11th - 15th September 2023



QEGS SIXTH
FORM

Open Evening

Tuesday 26th September 2023 | 5-7pm

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

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Jobs of the future

The world around us is rapidly evolving. Amid economic and global instability, and technology such as artificial intelligence (AI) now becoming part of our everyday lives, the future is uncertain.

Based on analysis by Jisc's graduate labour market specialist, Charlie Ball, [this report](#) sheds light on what the future of work may look like, areas of high employment growth, and the skills likely to be needed by employers over the next decade or so.

It follows our [report on the value of going to university](#), which showcased the current benefits of getting a degree.

Data at a glance

- By 2035, [more than 11 million extra graduates](#), in addition to the 15.3 million graduates currently in the UK workforce, will be needed to fill jobs in the UK by 2035 in industries such as computing and engineering, teaching and education, and health.
- [88% of new jobs](#) by 2035 will be at graduate level.
- [The UK will need over 1.9 million STEM professionals](#), including in areas such as computing and engineering, by 2035.
- [The UK will need over 1.2 million health and social care associate professionals](#), including opticians, medical technicians, housing officers and youth and community workers, by 2035.
- [The UK will need over 1 million health professionals](#) (such as doctors and nurses) by 2035.
- [The UK will need 1 million teaching and educational professionals](#), such as university and higher education teachers, by 2035.
- In the UK, due to AI, there will be a [10% net increase in jobs that require a degree over the next 20 years](#).

Five areas in need of graduates

Health

The UK will need over 1.2 million health and social care associate professionals, including opticians, medical technicians, housing officers and youth and community workers, by 2035.

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Education

The UK will need 1 million teaching and educational professionals, such as university and higher education teachers, by 2035.

Globally, there will be 3 million more jobs for vocational education teachers and university and higher education teachers by 2027.

Digital

In the UK, due to AI, there will be a 10% net increase in jobs that require a degree over the next 20 years.

Globally, there will be 4 million more digitally-enabled roles by 2027.

Creative skills

A university degree teaches transferable skills, such as the creative and critical thinking needed for problem-solving.

The UK will need over 1.2 million business services associate professionals, including professionals in advertising and marketing, by 2035.





OPEN EVENTS 2023/24

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**SATURDAY
7 OCTOBER 2023**

Open Day
10.30am - 1.30pm

**WEDNESDAY
22 NOVEMBER 2023**

Open Evening
5.30pm - 7.30pm

**TUESDAY
23 JANUARY 2024**

Open Evening
5.30pm - 7.30pm



BOOK HERE

Scan the QR code or visit:
www.bolton-sfc.ac.uk

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DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2024

APPLICATION TIMELINE

STEP 1:



Applications open:

Friday 6th October 2023,
12 noon

STEP 2:



Open Events:

Saturday 7 October 2023
10:30am - 1:30pm

Wednesday 22 November 2023
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Tuesday 23 January 2024
5:30pm - 7:30pm

STEP 3:



Application deadline:

Wednesday 31 January
2024, 12 noon

STEP 6:



Late Applications:

Late applications will be placed on a waiting list. Late applicants are not guaranteed an interview and applications will only be processed subject to availability of places.

STEP 5:



Offers:

Offers will be made at interview.

STEP 4:



Interviews:

Interviews are held from November - March.

STEP 7:



New Student Day:

Thursday 11 July 2024

STEP 8:



GCSE Results Day:

Thursday 22 August 2024

STEP 9:



Enrolment:

Enrolment is from Thursday 22 August 2024. It is essential that you attend your enrolment appointment in order to secure your place.

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YEAR 10 & 11 OPEN EVENT
WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER, 4-7PM

www.preston.ac.uk/oct23

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FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 18 November 2023, 10am-2pm
Thursday 7 March 2024, 4-7pm

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YEAR 10 & 11 OPEN EVENTS

Wednesday 4 October 2023, 4-7pm

Saturday 18 November 2023, 10am-2pm

Wednesday 7 March 2024, 4-7pm



VISIT
www.preston.ac.uk

- > Register for events
- > Apply online
- > Get college updates



RADIOTHERAPY STUDENT OPEN DAY

Saturday 28th Oct
2023



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 28th of Oct. 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

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

**Law Work Experience & Events - Join us for the largest law event ever to take place
Work Experience Opportunities & Solicitor Apprenticeships - 20th September, 5pm - 6:30pm**

Law Work Experience & Insight Events - Students in Y10 and 11

This is the first of many new and exciting opportunities we are sharing with you this year. We are really proud to announce that as of now we have on boarded 40 new law firms as clients which we will be directly offering their opportunities to students for the rest of the academic year. We have our first legal event of the year taking place on the 20th September, 5pm - 6:30pm with 20 of these law firms. All students that attend this virtual kick-off event will also secure a spot to an in-person opportunity in the October half term.

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

Never before has the legal industry seen such huge amounts of firms coming together to help thousands of students around the UK to hear more about how to secure their dream jobs within a City law firm. This is your chance this year, to get in front of many law firms all in one go to network, learn and ultimately help you secure your dream job with the help of some invaluable work experience leading to a solicitor apprenticeship when you leave school or college.

To kick things off, we are holding a virtual event on Wednesday 20th September, 5pm - 6:30pm to tell you all about this brand-new initiative where you'll be able to hear from over 20 of City Century's law firms about the opportunities they have on offer. Some of the firms include:

- Linklaters
- Allen & Overy
- Dentons
- Eversheds Sutherland
- Bird & Bird
- DLA Piper
- Ashurst
- Pinsent Masons and many more!

Following this we will be holding two in-person work experience days in the October half-term where you'll then get the chance to come face to face with the firms, experience panel discussions, hear some inspiring keynote presenters as well as having plenty of opportunity for networking and building up your personal legal connections in helping you build a bright future.

The in-person events will be in London on 25th of October, 9:30am - 1pm and then 2pm - 5:30pm; and Manchester on the 26th of October, 1:30pm - 5:30pm. On the application form, please express your interest for which in-person session you'd like to join us at.

Application Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q3Q5WM3>

We look forward to seeing you on the 20th September, 5pm - 6:30pm and we will be in touch shortly with your Zoom link and additional details on what to expect.





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Training 2000

Apprenticeship open evenings

Join us at our state-of-the-art training centre in Blackburn and speak to our team about all your options once you finish school or college. We'll have our specialist tutors on hand to answer any questions you have and help you take control of your future. Plus, as we are part of the University of Central Lancashire, our apprentices will have progression routes to Degree Level Apprenticeships.

**Wednesday 31st January &
Thursday 1st February 2024**
between 4.30 - 7.30pm

Where: Furthergate Business Park, Harwood Street, Blackburn, BB1 3BD

Let us know you are coming:
www.training2000.co.uk/events

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Training 2000

Training 2000 and UCLan Burnley Open day

Join us at UCLan's Burnley campus for an open day. Discover available courses and Degree Apprenticeship opportunities with UCLan and meet Training 2000's Apprenticeship teams. You'll also have the chance to explore the Burnley campus and its state-of-the-art facilities on our student led tours and visit the student accommodation.

Saturday 4th November 2023

From 10am - 2pm

Where: Victoria Mill, Trafalgar Street, Burnley, Lancashire, BB11 1RA

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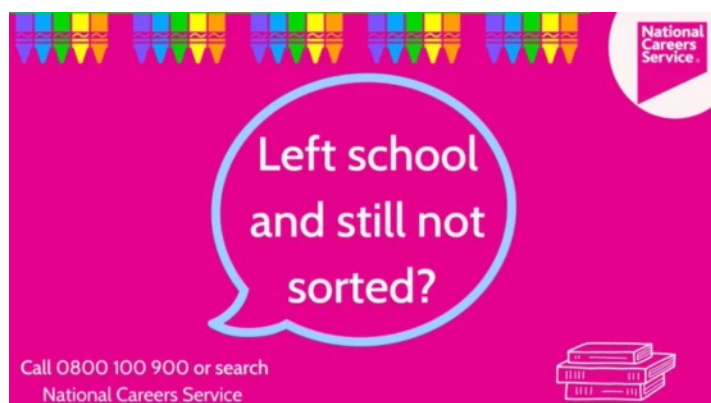
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If you left school this summer and you still don't have a next step sorted, don't worry. Follow our tips below to help you take your next step.

Think about your skills and interests

Understanding what you are good at and what you enjoy can be a good first step when thinking about a career plan.

You can [take a skills assessment](#) to help you:

- find out what interests and motivates you
- identify your skills
- find out what you can do with the skills you have

Research your options

Once you have an idea of your interests, you can [start to explore careers](#). You can find out more about what a job involves and see if it's right for you.

You might want to think about:

- what skills you have
- what qualifications you might need to do
- whether you could [do any volunteering](#) to find out more about a job and get experience

You can find out more about [education and training routes](#) through Get the jump.

Take action

Once you have worked out what you would like to do, you can start putting a plan in place.

You could:

- find a course related to the job you want to do
- prepare to do an application form
- develop your skills through learning, work experience or volunteering

Speak to an adviser

A careers adviser can help you work out which choice is best for you. If you'd like to chat or get advice about your future, there are many different ways to [speak to an adviser](#).

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Helping you take
the next step

Our University Guide 2023-2024 is here

Sponsored by Liverpool John Moores University



Is your child thinking about applying to university but not quite sure where to start? Perhaps you're wondering if university is the right route for them, but need more information to work it out? Our Success at School University Guide, sponsored by Liverpool John Moores University, is here to help.

Our **free digital guide** will help you and your child make informed decisions about their next steps after school and is designed to provide you with all the information you need to make a successful application to uni.

Articles include:

- Is university right for my child?
- How to choose a university
- Applying through UCAS
- Writing a personal statement
- Student finance
- Summer Schools (Sutton Trust)
- Accommodation

...and lots more!

Get expert advice from a wide range of universities including **Exeter, Cambridge, Cardiff, UWE Bristol, Sunderland, Plymouth, Manchester Metropolitan** and **Greenwich**.

Also hear from top employers about career opportunities including **ACCA** and **IBM**.

Click the link below to download your free copy now:

[Download your free guide](#)

Know that university isn't right for your child, but not sure what else they could do? Look out for our Apprenticeships Guide launching in January 2024 for everything you need to know.

INVESTIN

Weekend Career Experience Opportunities For Ages 12-18

Live & interactive career masterclasses this term



[Medicine](#) / [Engineering](#) / [Investment Banking](#) / [Law](#) / [Psychology](#) /
[Computer Science](#) / [Entrepreneurship](#) / [8 more careers](#)

We are delighted to share with you our autumn term career opportunities, which are available in 15 cutting-edge industries. **Students will learn directly from some of the world's best professionals** through a series of live, interactive simulations which provide tailor-made professional experience to ages 12-18.

All programmes take place on Sundays, with dates available from November to January. Students can choose to attend in-person at UCL in London or Live Online.

We expect to be fully-booked soon so we would recommend that students register as soon as possible.

VIEW & REGISTER NOW

Unsure which career to choose?

Students who register for any of our weekend programmes gain a free year long membership to AmbitionX, our exclusive online careers platform. With AmbitionX, you can attend any of our online weekend and evening career masterclasses free of charge, empowering you to explore various career paths and navigate your career journey with confidence.

Summer Experiences In London

A promotional banner for InvestIN Summer Career Experiences. The background is a dark blue and purple gradient with abstract wavy patterns. In the center, a group of diverse young people are shown in various poses, some wearing lanyards and badges. The text 'INVESTIN' is in the top left in white, with 'IMMERSIVE CAREER EXPERIENCES' in smaller text below it. In the top right, there are logos for 'Dukes EDUCATION', 'BAC' (with three stars), and 'Trustpilot' (with five stars). The main title 'SUMMER CAREER EXPERIENCES' is in large, bold, white capital letters. Below it, the text 'Life-changing, immersive career experiences in London for ages 12-18' is written in a smaller white font.

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SUMMER CAREER EXPERIENCES

Life-changing, immersive career experiences
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93% of students on this summer's programmes said they'd recommend an InvestIN Summer Experience to a friend. Our 2024 Summer Experiences in London are available to register for now. Be first to guarantee your place on the career experience of a lifetime!

EXPLORE OUR SUMMER EXPERIENCES

INVESTIN



Your aspiring medical students in years 10-11 are eligible to attend a FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get into Medicine Conference on:

- Sunday 17th September 10am - 3pm
- Sunday 24th September 10am - 3pm
- Saturday 30th September 10am - 3pm

Once students have attended, they will be awarded with a certificate from the Presidents at Medic Mentor to acknowledge that they are a student who has gone one step further than others.

The Get into Medicine conference is a significant turning point for Medic Mentor students. It will unlock exclusive opportunities such as scholarships and prizes, as well as help them to make a highly competitive application.

Students can register using this link: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Please note that all students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for safeguarding purposes.

The Get into Medicine Conference is a comprehensive guide to the medical application process. Dr Dion and I will cover:

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

We strongly encourage all students to make the most out of this free opportunity.

Spaces are competitive and limited, so students should register as soon as they can using the link below. For this reason, we kindly request that students only book one conference.

Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Here's how the day will run:

- 9:30-10.00 Registration
- 10.00-11:00 Quick introduction to Medic Mentor, overview of the day, competition ratios, application timeline, Awards and Scholarships
- 11:00-11:15 Break
- 11.15-11.45 Introduction to the UCAS application form and entry requirements
- 11.45-12.15 Interactive CV building exercise and exclusive access to leadership, research, presentation, publication, prizes and scholarship opportunities
- 12.15-12.30 Top tips from a successful applicant (medical student)
- 12:30-12:45 Break
- 12.45-13.30 How to write the perfect personal statement
- 13.30-13.45 Break
- 13.45-14.10 Entrance exams - how to do ace the UCAT
- 14.10-14.30 How to prepare for Medical School interviews
- 14.30-15.00 Top tips from a successful applicant (medical student) and next steps

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

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

Dr Siva

Chief Mentor

Your Medic Family

The banner features a blue background with white and green geometric shapes. On the left, a white box contains the text 'LIVE VIRTUAL' in black, 'Get Into Medicine.' in large blue font, and 'CONFERENCE' in white on a black background. To the right of this box is a green circle with the word 'FREE' in white. Below the main text, a dark blue bar displays 'Sunday 17th September' in white. In the bottom left corner, a green circle indicates the time '9:30am-3:30pm (BST)'. On the right side, there are two portraits: a woman with long brown hair wearing a white turtleneck, and a man with a beard wearing a blue shirt and a stethoscope. The 'MEDIC MENTOR YOUR MEDIC FAMILY' logo is in the top right corner. A dark blue bar at the bottom right says 'with a Chief Mentor' in white.

LIVE VIRTUAL

Get Into Medicine.

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9:30am-3:30pm (BST)

Sunday 17th September

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YEAR 9-13 STUDENTS



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it gave me an insight
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providing me with lots
of opportunities!"*

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Attend FREE employer events including
work experience days.

Apply for apprenticeship and work
experience opportunities directly
from our website.

1-2-1 mentoring support sessions
available for book every Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday during term time.

Access to written and video resources.

Just a few of the 50+ employers we work with!



HSBC



the apprenticeship guide



Prominent UK high-street brand Superdrug has committed to create apprenticeship employment opportunities through its newly launched 'Rise Up to Level Up' campaign.

The ambitious campaign aims to boost apprenticeship employment across the UK by hiring 500 apprentices.

In partnership with the British Retail Consortium, the initiative will double apprenticeship roles in high-unemployment areas over the next three years, targeting regions where 859,000 young people are currently without work or education.

The initiative will target five key areas characterized by high rates of youth unemployment, with the goal of providing tangible solutions to mitigate this issue.

Superdrug launched its apprenticeship program in 2007, leading to more than 4,500 individuals entering and successfully attaining qualifications.

The recently launched campaign will focus on London, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, and the south coast. Surprisingly, despite the brand's extensive store presence, the adoption of apprenticeships in these areas remains low.

Amy Davies, the People Director for Superdrug and Savers, expressed enthusiasm about the initiative's potential impact, stating, "Our apprenticeship programmes are specifically designed to help, support and train every apprentice whilst they earn, to rapidly get where they want to in their careers and to cultivate and nurture the next generation of leaders in retail."

"Apprenticeships are such a great choice for young people as they leave school and statistics show they are needed now more than ever - so as a business that stands for equality and accessibility, we remain committed to doing what we can to increase our intake and improve our scheme." Helen Dickinson OBE, CEO of the British Retail Consortium, said: "Retailers have a wealth of exciting apprenticeships on offer. We are proud to support this ambitious scheme, which will showcase the wide range of career options within retail and grow the number of apprenticeship places, giving hundreds more young people and applicants from disadvantaged backgrounds a rewarding start to their careers."

[Find out more about apprenticeships in retail and customer service](#)

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

Retail buyer

Retail buyers are essential to the success of a retail business as they ensure appropriate products are sourced at the right price.

Working as a retail buyer, you'll plan and select a range of products to sell in retail outlets. You'll need to consider several factors when making purchasing decisions including customer demand, including price, quality, and availability. Market trends, store policy and financial budgets are other considerations and restraints.

You'll also source new merchandise and review existing items to ensure products remain competitive. By fully understanding customer needs, you will maximise profits and provide a commercially viable range of merchandise at competitive prices.

Responsibilities

As a retail buyer you'll need to:

- analyse consumer buying patterns and predict future trends
- regularly review performance indicators, such as sales and discount levels
- manage plans for stock levels
- keep up to date with market trends and react to changes in demand and logistics
- meet suppliers and negotiate terms of contract
- maintain relationships with existing suppliers and source new suppliers for future products
- understand the basic rules of vendor management, allocation and price negotiation
- liaise with other departments within the organisation to ensure projects are completed
- attend trade fairs, in the UK and overseas, to select and assemble a new collection of products
- participate in promotional activities
- write reports and forecast sales levels
- present new ranges to senior retail managers
- liaise with shop personnel to ensure supply meets demand
- obtain feedback from customers
- train and mentor junior staff



➡ [Find out more here](#)