



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

As always, lots of great opportunities inside.

There are more open events coming up from local colleges - check out the Careers Calendar on the school website for all the dates.

Young Professionals have a series of virtual workshops: in law and finance, so if you would like to work for one of the biggest names in the industry, these events are unmissable. They are free to attend and you get a certificate of attendance, as well as the chance to network with business leaders and ask questions.



DigData, alongside the Department for Transport are offering a number of great challenges for pupils in all year groups, from 7-13. These are virtual work experience opportunities which take place outside of school hours on Zoom and are completely free. You will receive a certificate and build your knowledge of different industries - stand out from the crowd when it comes to interviews for college, university or jobs in the future.

The British Army has a free webinar for parents/carers - if your child is considering a career in the Army, you may have questions about the opportunities available, the application process and what support is available along the way. The team will be on hand throughout the webinar to answer your questions and help you feel informed and confident about your child's next steps.

Mentorverse have a number of events: medical and dental conferences, and virtual work experience in medical, dental and allied health settings. These are an ideal way to gain experience in healthcare and are approved by UCAS when applying to universities.

You can also apply for non-clinical work experience directly with the NHS (if under 16) - but there are limited numbers of places, so once the application window opens, get your application in! The next window will open in January, for Easter and Summer opportunities.

College applications will open shortly, once the rush of enrolments is over. Year 11 will have various assemblies over the next few weeks from different colleges, explaining what is on offer, how to apply and what the next steps will be once an application is submitted.



14th - 18th September 2026

RUNSHAW COLLEGE

You are invited to our

Open Event

Saturday **26 September** 10am-2pm



runshaw.ac.uk/openevent

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Get Into Business, Accounting & Finance – a free virtual insight evening

Friday 18 September · 5:00–7:00pm · Virtual

The Big Four, global banking and the profession's own body – in one evening.

Save my place Free to attend · Takes under a minute

Accounting and finance is one of the widest doors into business – and almost nobody explains what's actually behind it.

We're bringing together PwC, UBS, BDO, CIMA and S&W – with more to be announced – to talk about what the work really involves: audit, advisory, tax, investment banking, wealth management, corporate finance and consulting. Whether you're at school, college or university, this is a direct line to the people who decide who gets in.

The lineup

The Big Four, banking and beyond

From a Big Four giant to a global investment bank and the chartered body that qualifies management accountants – full lineup below:

- PwC
- UBS
- BDO
- CIMA
- S&W (Evelyn Partners)

+ more to be announced

Employers operating across the world – with school leaver, apprenticeship and graduate routes open to you.

What you'll walk away with

- 01 An honest picture of what accountants, bankers and finance professionals actually do all day – from people doing it.
- 02 The routes in explained properly – school leaver programmes, degree apprenticeships, ACA/CIMA qualifications and graduate schemes, including the ones that don't need a finance degree.
- 03 Hands-on breakout rooms: smaller, interactive workshops with individual firms – commercial awareness, application and interview practice, and real case-study exercises.
- 04 Live Q&A – bring every question you have to our panel of industry experts.
- 05 A certificate of attendance to add straight to your CV.

Come if you're chasing any of these

School leaver programmes · Degree apprenticeships · Spring weeks ·
Internships · Graduate schemes

Places are limited – sign up now.

Register for the event

YEAR 10 & 11

PRESTON
COLLEGE

OPEN EVENTS



Wednesday 30 September 2026 4pm - 7pm

Saturday 7 November 2026 10am - 1pm

Thursday 4 March 2027 4pm - 7pm

www.preston.ac.uk/fe-open-events

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First established in 1966, Training 2000 is a training provider offering business solutions, commercial courses and Apprenticeship programmes. Training 2000 recently merged with Blackburn College, offering learners access to even more opportunities, specialist expertise, and a wider range of progression pathways to support their future careers.

What is an Apprenticeship?

An Apprenticeship is a real job where you learn, gain experience and get paid. You're an employee with a contract of employment and holiday leave. By the end of an Apprenticeship, you'll have the skills and knowledge needed for your chosen career.

It can take between one and four years to complete an Apprenticeship with Training 2000 depending on which sector you choose, what level it is and your previous experience. It's funded from contributions made by the Government and your employer.

How do you apply?

It's easy to apply, just fill out our [short application form](#) and our recruitment team will get in touch with you to discuss your options. It will be an informal chat and they will help you find the perfect Apprenticeship (or Traineeship) for you.



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Supporting Young People from
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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENTS



UNIVERSITY
Collegiate Sixth Form



REGISTER FOR TICKETS BELOW

Open Morning Open Evening



Date

Saturday November
14th



Time

10:00am - 1:00pm



Location

The UCS Sixth Form



Date



Thursday October
15th

Time



4:30pm - 7:30pm

Location



The UCS Sixth Form



University Collegiate School
The Stoller Building
85 Deane Road
Bolton
BL3 5AG



01204 928 700



sixthformenquiries@quest-trust.org.uk



www.ucs-bolton.org.uk





Get into Law Virtual Event

Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 5pm - 7pm

This may be the biggest and best careers event in the law space for students – and it kicks off our academic season.

We're bringing together 12 huge international law firms to talk about the full spread of practice areas – from corporate and criminal to family and real estate, plus everything in between. Whether you're at school or university, this is a direct line to the people who decide who gets in.

THE LINEUP – ALL FIVE MAGIC CIRCLE FIRMS

Every one of the Magic Circle in the room, full lineup below:

- A&O Shearman
- Clifford Chance
- Freshfields
- Linklaters
- Slaughter and May
- Browne Jacobson
- Farrer & Co
- Charles Russell Speechlys
- Mishcon de Reya
- The University of Law – what studying law at a top university is really like

Firms turning over huge revenues and operating across the world with opportunities for you.

WHAT YOU'LL WALK AWAY WITH

- An honest insight into the life of a legal professional, from some of the most experienced lawyers and solicitors in the profession.
- What it actually takes to thrive – plus application tips and tricks you can use this season.
- Hands-on breakout rooms: smaller, interactive workshops with individual firms – commercial awareness, application and interview practice, and case-study exercises run by the lawyers themselves.
- Live Q&A – bring every question you have to our panel of industry experts.
- A certificate of attendance to add straight to your CV.

COME IF YOU'RE CHASING ANY OF THESE

Work experience · Solicitor apprenticeships · Training contracts · Vacation schemes

Places are limited – [sign up here now](#)

FIRST STEP - Year Groups 7-9

Bus Route Detective Choose the Smartest Route

Wednesday 7th October - 4.30 pm



www.digdata.online

NEXT STEP - Year Groups 10-13+FE

Can Rail Get You There - On Time, On Budget, On Track?

Thursday 8th October - 5.00 pm



FIRST STEP

For students in Year Groups 7-9

Wednesday 7th October at 4.30 pm (virtual session hosted on Zoom)

Bus Route Detective: Choose the Smartest Route

Become a detective for Project ROUTE's transport planning team and use data to help choose the smartest bus route for a journey. Students will:

- Join a **45-minute briefing** with the Project ROUTE team
- Complete the career challenge at their own pace
- Receive a **certificate on completion**
- [Register now!](#) (student link)

NEXT STEP

For students in Year Groups 10-13

Thursday 10th October at 5pm (virtual session hosted on Zoom)

The Journey to Your Future: Can Rail Get You There – On Time, On Budget, On Track?

Explore how data can help the rail industry make better decisions and keep journeys on time, on budget and on track. Students will:

- Join a **45-minute virtual briefing** with the Project ROUTE team
- Complete the career challenge at their own pace
- Receive a **certificate on completion**
- [Register now!](#) (student link)

**Project
ROUTE**
Powering the future of transport with data skills

MEET LOAN

DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT FOR ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING T-LEVEL STUDENT

“

My industry placement gave me hands-on engineering experience and helped me secure my apprenticeship. It was the best start I could've asked for.

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OPEN EVENTS 2026

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

Open Day - 10.00am - 1.30pm

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER

Open Day - 10.00am - 1.30pm

Both events will include a 30-minute
quiet session 10:00am-10.30am*

*Reduced number session - places will be reserved for visitors
with special educational needs and disabilities, including those
with social or sensory challenges.



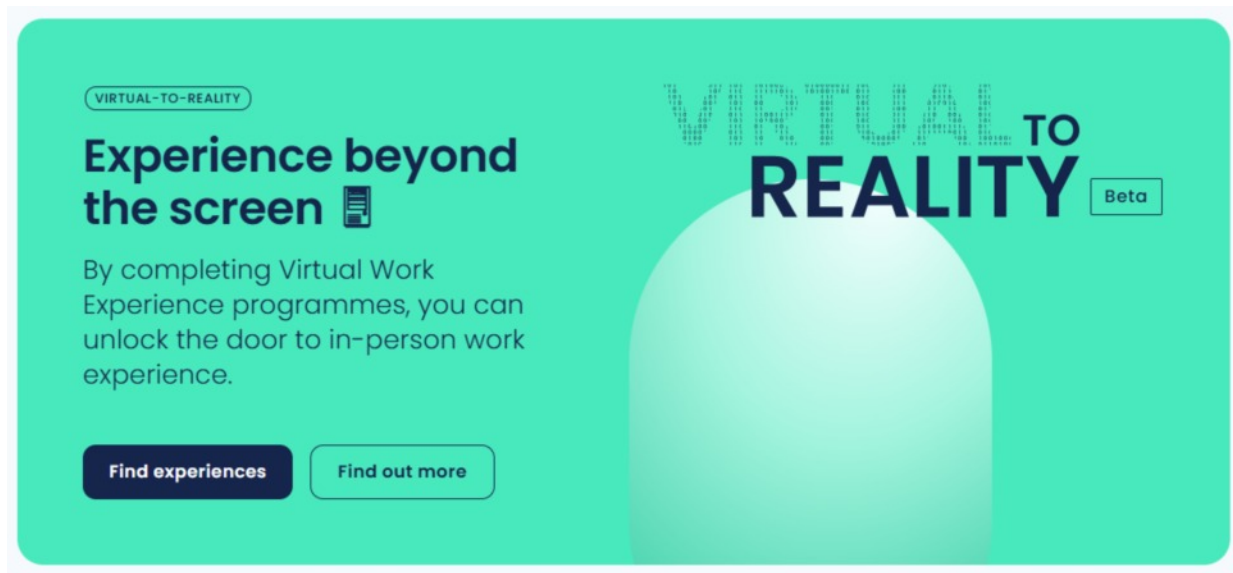
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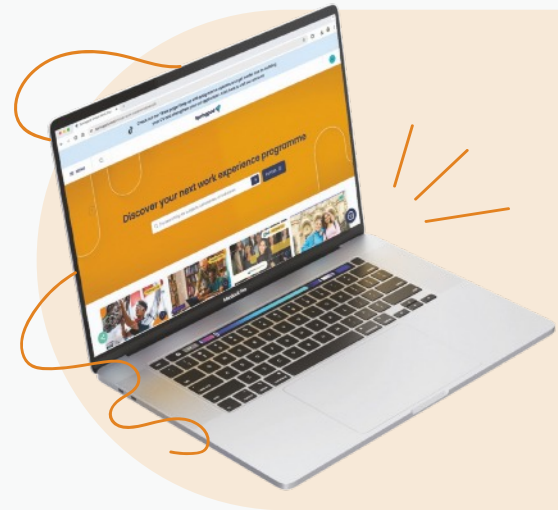
Springpod is a platform that offers virtual work experience, career exploration programmes, and university insight courses for students and young people. The main benefits are:

- Builds your CV and personal statement
- Completing programmes gives you certificates and practical experience you can mention in CVs, UCAS applications, apprenticeship applications, and interviews
- Let's you explore careers before committing
- You can try areas like tech, engineering, fashion, healthcare, business, media, and finance to see what actually interests you.
- Flexible and online
- Most programmes are self-paced, so you can complete them around school, college, or other commitments. Talks are usually recorded if you miss them live
- Gives access to major employers
- Springpod partners with organisations such as BBC, Barclays, Oracle, NHS, and Rolls-Royce, so students can learn directly from industry professionals
- Helps develop employability skills
- The programmes include workplace tasks, projects, quizzes, and simulations that improve skills like communication, problem-solving, teamwork, and resilience
- Good for students without local opportunities
- Because it's virtual, you can access experiences that may not exist near where you live or that would normally require connections or travel
- Can lead to in-person opportunities
- Some "Virtual-to-Reality" programmes can progress into real-life work experience placements if you complete the online programme successfully



FIND OUT MORE HERE

Quick get started guide



1. Go to [Springpod.com](https://springpod.com)
 - ★ Click 'Create Account' in the top right corner
 - ★ Add an email and create a password
2. Complete personal details
 - ★ You don't need to provide a phone number – IGNORE
 - ★ Confirm your communication preferences
3. Enter your verification code (check your junk/spam folders)
4. Confirm your year group
5. Select your school or college
6. Complete information about your background.
 - ★ *You can prefer not to say.*
7. Enter your postcode
 - ★ *You can use your school or college postcode if you prefer*
8. Answer the questions about your interests
9. Search experiences and click start –
<https://www.springpod.com/search>
10. Click on My Virtual Experiences to continue your experience
 - ★ Click on My Achievements to find your certificates

Quick links!



<https://space.springpod.com/sign-up>



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DISCOVER CAREERS IN THE

NHS



Discover the wide range of health and science jobs – including lots of exciting roles in the NHS!

Use these digital resources to explore careers, learn what it's really like, and take your first steps towards making a difference in healthcare.



NHS, Health & Science Careers Guides



Explore Careers in the NHS Online Course





Work Experience Application

The Work Experience window
is now open and will close on

Sep 30th 16:00

[Learn More](#)



14-16 year old non- clinical Work Experience at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

The Work Experience window
is now open and will close on

Sep 30th 16:00

[Learn More](#)



Mental Health Work Experience Application 18+

The Work Experience window
is now open and will close on

Sep 30th 16:00

[Learn More](#)



**Lancashire Teaching
Hospitals**
NHS Foundation Trust

Please log in or create an account to apply.

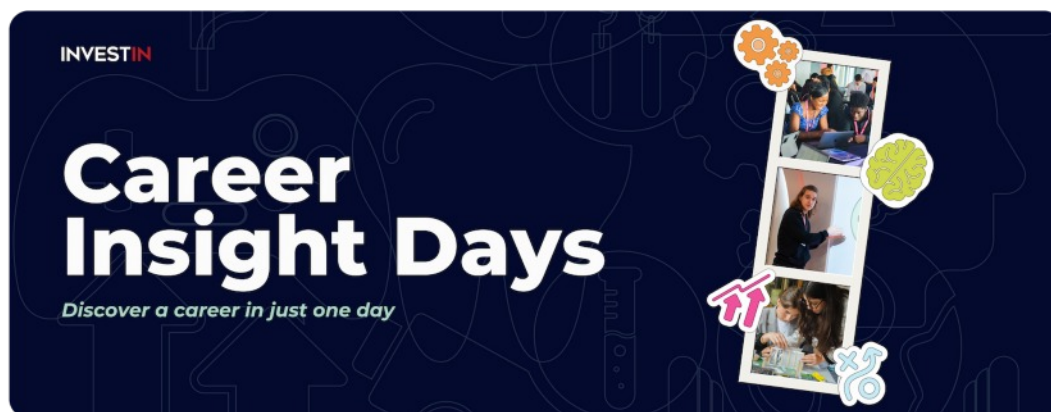
<https://nhscareersnw.co.uk/placement/14-16-year-old-non-clinical-work-experience-at-lancashire-teaching-hospitals-nhs-foundation-trust/>

This particular Work Experience window is now open and will close on Wednesday 30th September 2026 at 4.00pm. This will allow you to apply for up to 5 days work experience in the half term holidays.

However, there will be another application window opening in January 2027 and this is the only way you can apply for a work experience position with the NHS - even if you have relatives working in the NHS already.

Year 10s will be applying for work experience during the week 12-16 July 2027 - so pop that in your diaries!

You need to create an account and undertake a series of e-learning modules before you can undertake any work experience.



Introducing Career Insight Days

We're excited to introduce our next wave of one-day career experiences!

Our Insight Days give you the chance to explore what a career is really like, get hands-on industry experience and meet professionals working in the field.

You'll have something useful to add to future applications and, most importantly, get a better idea of whether it's the right career for you.

Insight Days are taking place on Sundays throughout November, either at University College London (UCL) or online.

EXPLORE INSIGHT DAYS



Meet Industry Professionals

Hear about their experiences and ask them your questions.



Gain Hands-On Experience

Take part in practical activities and get a taste of the career.



Receive a Certificate

Get a certificate to recognise your participation and add to your CV or university applications.

Key Information

Age: 15-18

Price: £195 in-person | £165 online

When: Sundays throughout November

Where: UCL, London or online

Available Careers:

Medicine | Law | Investment Banking | Engineering | Entrepreneurship | Psychology | Architecture
| Art & Design | AI & Software | Dentistry | Forensic Science | International Politics | TV & Film
| Digital Media | Veterinary Science



St John Rigby
College

OPEN EVENTS



**"It's FUN! I think it's the best!
It's easy to make friends here."**

Abbie - Y12 Student



**"The teachers are all
very lovely!"**

Caitlin - Y12 Student



**"I'm feeling more confident
and it feels like a really
caring environment."**

Max - Y12 Student



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“If you’re thinking of joining the Army, embrace the challenges as well as the opportunities. Build your **resilience**, seek out **mentorships**, and remember the importance of **friendship**.”



MEET STAFF SERGEANT TANYA PARRY

Royal Artillery

Growing up with her father in the Army, Staff Sergeant Tanya Parry dreamed of signing up herself. So she took her first steps at 15 by joining the Queen’s Royal Hussars cadets, and at 17 she joined the Army Reserves. Today, she’s our first female Watchkeeper Pilot, and on her way to Captaincy.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO DISCOVER OUR OPPORTUNITIES
AND LEARN ABOUT LIFE IN THE ARMY





Parent to Parent: Real Stories, Honest Answers, Trusted Support

Thursday 01 October 17:30 - 18:15 Be Live Webinar

Dear Parents & Guardians,

If your child is considering a career in the Army, you may have questions about the opportunities available, the application process and what support is available along the way.

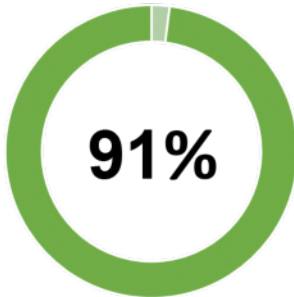
Join us on Thursday 01 October, 17:30 - 18:15 for a free webinar created specifically for parents and guardians. Hear from two parents as they share their experiences of supporting their children through their Army career journey, from initial conversations through to joining.

During the session, we'll discuss:

- Safety concerns and the realities of deployments
- How parents can support their child through the application process
- Support and resources available to parents and guardians
- Real experiences and testimonials from parents and carers
- Answers to your questions from our Army Careers team

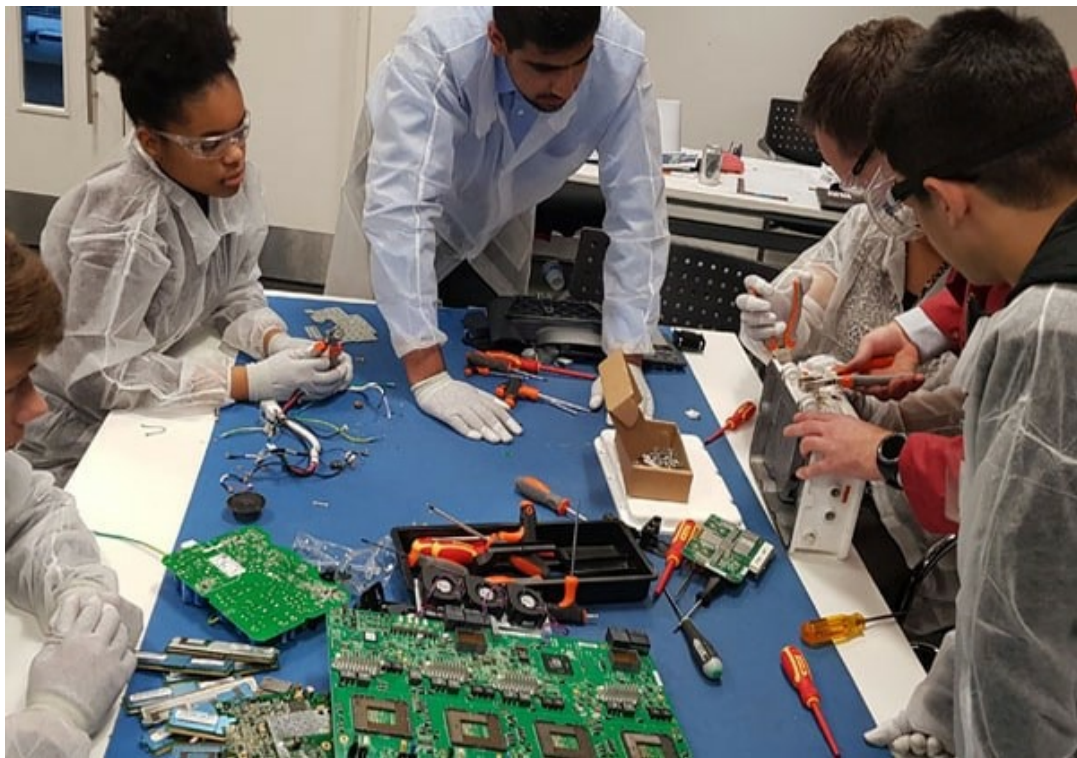
Our team will be on hand throughout the webinar to answer your questions and help you feel informed and confident about your child's next steps.

Reserve Your Space



stated that Cisco work experience made them aware of different career opportunities in the IT industry and helped them feel better prepared for the world of work.

Sound good? Well check out this programme then ...



Year 11 & 12

Open to students in years 11 & 12

Join us for the hybrid or virtual programme with sessions on marketing, sales, engineering, sustainability, IT, cyber security, customer experience and more there is plenty to choose from. Or attend them all and hear about the wide range of roles in a global IT company. There'll be presentations, mock interviews, practical workshops and tours. And on top of all that you'll work in groups to design and pitch your very own tech-inspired business idea to our panel of judges? Time to get your innovation caps on.

July 2027

Applications open Spring 2027



Apprenticeships

We know university isn't for everyone, and securing a graduate role can be pretty tricky without decent work experience. Luckily for you, our Degree Apprenticeship is a great way to kick-start your career.

Over a four-year programme you'll explore a huge variety of roles within Cisco. Giving you the knowledge and on-the-job experience to specialise in working directly with technology or supporting the people that make it happen. You'll define your career path, complete a major project and deliver real results to the business. You will study for a BSc in Digital and Technology Solutions or a BSc in Professional Management; you'll earn the same qualifications as a university graduate.

To top it all off you'll have a strong base of support, thanks to a brilliant group of current apprentices, mentors, managers and more, all ready to guide and advise you.

[Learn more](#)



Girls in IT

We believe in digital opportunity for everyone. For individuals, communities and organisations across the UK. Which is why we run programmes to help everyone in the UK develop their digital skills. Learn more about our digital skills programmes and routes into Cisco in the [Kickstart Your Future](#) brochure.

WHAT ARE V LEVELS?

New post-16 vocational qualifications

What are V Levels?

V Levels are new level 3 vocational qualifications designed as an option for young people aged 16-19 following GCSEs and will be taught in schools and colleges.

KEY FACTS



- They last for 2 years.
- They are similar in size to one A-level.
- Students will be able to take V Levels in multiple subjects and in combination with other qualifications such as A-levels or level 2 English or maths.
- Learning is designed around real jobs and the skills employers need.
- Students will receive a nationally recognised qualification.
- They attract UCAS points.

Who are V Levels for?

V Levels are aimed at students who would like to explore sectors without specialising. They will provide the opportunity to pursue their interests further through a range of progression outcomes, whether that is higher education or work with training, including apprenticeships.

What is the difference between A-levels and V Levels?

A-levels are primarily an academic pathway which focus on theory and deep subject

knowledge. V Levels are designed as a vocational pathway and are closely linked to industry needs and practical application.

What will a V Level include?

The content of a V Level will be linked to the occupational standards that are set by Skills England (working with employers) to support workplace-relevant transferable skills. V Levels will focus on applied learning and aim to cover the core knowledge and skills related to an employment sector. In addition, they will prioritise attainment of skills such as problem solving and critical thinking to support progression to higher education.

How are V Levels assessed and graded?

V Levels will blend applied learning with practical assessment and a significant proportion of a V Level will include non-exam assessment. The Government are working with Ofqual (the organisation that regulates qualifications, examinations and assessments in England) who will be consulting on assessment and grading arrangements for V Levels.

Which V Levels are available?

V Levels will be available to students from September 2027 in the following subjects:

- Education and Early Years
- Finance and Accounting
- Digital

More subjects will be rolled out each year until 2030/31.

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What if I'm not ready for V Levels?

Alongside announcing V Levels, the Government has also announced two new post-16 level 2 pathways, available from September 2027:

- Occupational pathway - a two-year programme for students who want to enter a particular level 2 occupation and need to develop their technical knowledge and skills.
- Further Study pathway - for students who aren't quite ready to progress onto V Levels, T Levels or A-levels yet. This one-year, classroom-based, level 2 pathway gets students ready for level 3 qualifications and includes English and/or maths, applied and practical learning and enrichment activity.

So for anyone who wants to do V Levels, a T Level or A-levels, but isn't quite ready, the Further Study pathway will be available from 2027.

What can a V Level lead on to?

There are lots of options available after a V Level. Students will be able to progress onto level 4+ study whether they take A-levels or V Levels. Options will include:

➤ Skilled employment

V Levels are designed to equip students with the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to access entry-level employment.

➤ Apprenticeships

V Levels will prepare learners for apprenticeships by building the practical skills and workplace behaviours employers expect.

➤ Higher Education (HE)

V Levels carry UCAS points in the same way as A-levels and T Levels do, to allow you to progress to Higher Education and study a relevant Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) or degree.



Understanding the changes to post-16 pathways



Watch this short film to [find out about changes to post-16 pathways](#)



Linked resource

Find out more about the existing post-16 technical options in this guide (see link below).



[Click here](#) to view or scan the QR code



Why choose the Preston Centre of Sporting Excellence?

- Three different vocational levels for 16 to 19 year olds
- Lessons are delivered at Preston College; sports hall, 3G pitch, fitness suites and classrooms
- High level of competition in football with the opportunity to represent Preston College and Preston North End Community and Education Trust (PNECET)
- Work experience opportunities with PNECET
- Assessed through the completion of a portfolio, formal assignments, presentations, in class tests and practical assessments
- A progression pathway into higher education with the University of South Wales, scholarships or employment
- Dedicated recruitment team to support any application or interest



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**Applications for entry September 2026
open on October 1st 2025**

MENTORVERSE

Welcome back! I hope you've had a fantastic summer break and you're all set for the new academic year. With a new year comes new opportunities to explore and challenges to conquer! We're here to support you, and your students interested in medicine, dentistry, or allied healthcare.

As it's the new academic year, let me reintroduce myself. I'm Dr. Siva, a Chief Mentor at Mentorverse. Our goal at Mentorverse (also known as Medic Mentor, Dental Mentor, and Allied Healthcare Mentor) is to help students secure a spot in medical or dental school and provide ongoing support through university through a merit-based scholarship.

Our range of programmes and events are designed to help you and your students successfully navigate through the medical or dental UCAS application process and build those key skills that admission committees love. We offer a variety of free programmes to assist you, your students and their parents, whilst widening access to medical and dental careers in the UK.

The first step is to send your students in Years 10 - 12 who may have an interest in medicine or dentistry, to sign up for a Get Into Conference.

Students can register for the upcoming Get into conference here:

Medicine: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Dentistry: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

Our upcoming Get Into Medicine conferences are:

Saturday 19th September from 9am - 1:30pm

Sunday 20th September from 9am - 1:30pm

Our upcoming Get Into Dentistry conference is:

Saturday 26th September from 9am - 1:30pm

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

Our conferences will provide tailored advice, covering essential topics such as:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Medical/Dental Schools
- Personal Statement
- Medical/Dental School Interviews
- UCAT Entrance Exam to Medical/Dental School
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- Accessing Scholarships

Students will be awarded a certificate of attendance which can be listed on their UCAS applications for 'activities that support higher education'.

Students and parents can register for free here:

Medicine: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Dentistry: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

Please ensure you have a functioning camera and microphone for the session. It's also important that you have a parent or guardian present at these conferences to gain insight and guidance to support students effectively.

MENTORVERSE

For students in the 10-11 year groups, we present the following avenues:

- Free NHS Virtual Work Experience
- Free Volunteering Placements with the 'You Okay Doc?'
- Free National Study Skills E-learning
- Free Virtual Medical/Dental Society Webinars
- Free Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion E-learning Course for Healthcare Professionals

Your students can access these extracurricular opportunities by signing up for a free student portal:

Medical: <https://medicmentor.org/the-medic-mentor-portal-2/>

Dental: <https://dental-mentor.org/the-medic-mentor-portal-2/>



Enrolling as a bronze pathway student, you can

- Access free work experience each month
- Get access to zoom links for all of our free conferences and meetings
- Access the Wider Reading and Virtual Medical Societies
- Participate in Fundraising
- Download all of your Medic Mentor certificates
- Access Study Skills E-learning
- Access how to advance to other Pathways

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Get Into Medicine.

CONFERENCE

One of our doctors (Chief Mentors) will take you step-by-step through your application to medical school.

This includes:

- Application Timelines
- Interview Training
- Personal Statements
 - CV Building
 - UCAT Exams
 - Extracurriculars
- Accessing Medical Leadership Programmes, Awards Programmes and Scholarships to University

You'll also hear from a recently successful applicant on what it takes to make your candidacy to medical school stand out!

Understanding the pivotal role that work experience plays in shaping a student's perspective on their future career, we're delighted to extend an invitation to your students to participate in our FREE 6-month medical or 4-month dental virtual work experience programme.

Aiming to provide students with insights into the medical and dental fields, this free virtual work experience empowers students to make informed decisions about their future.

Students aged 14 and above are eligible to apply for a placement for FREE through these links:

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

Dentistry: <https://dental-mentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

Virtual work experience has been recognised by the Medical Schools and Dental Schools Council as a valuable substitute for in-person shadowing. This endorsement is underpinned by the Health Education England Discovery report, which highlights the positive impact of virtual work placements.

This virtual experience not only serves as a dependable alternative to traditional shadowing but also plays a pivotal role in equipping students with the necessary skills for their in-person work placements. In 2024, these 6-month medical and 4-month dental work experience programmes facilitated over 30,000 secondary school students in accessing complimentary work experience opportunities. Through structured instruction and direct engagement with healthcare professionals, students are well-prepared for their future endeavours.

Crafted in collaboration with Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust and built with the flexibility of an E-learning format, participants can navigate their placements at their own pace, exploring vital topics like ethics, procedures, and broader team roles. This virtual experience not only enhances students' UCAS applications, but also strategically prepares them for the practical challenges and opportunities ahead.

Taking part in the Virtual Work Experience will provide:

- **Comprehensive Insights:** The programme covers a range of specialities, providing a deep 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 sessions, students will receive a certificate from Medic Mentor and UHB, validating their active participation which they can include in their UCAS and apprenticeships applications.

***The new speciality on General Practice or
Public Health & Oral Pathology is available now.***

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

Aspiring Medics: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shrGJUAtigzZzDwTN>

Aspiring Dentists: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lw6/shr1YAbWctfkXarfQ>

Previously successful Medical students:

<https://medicmentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/>

Previously successful Dental students:

<https://dental-mentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/>

From Secondary School Student to Medical Scholarship Student: a step-by-step guide on getting into medical school successfully: <https://medicmentor.org/become-a-medic-mentor-student-2/>



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One of our dentists (Chief Mentors) will take you step-by-step through your application to dental school.

This includes:

- Application Timelines
- Interview Training
- Personal Statements
 - CV Building
- Entrance Exam: UCAT
 - Extracurriculars
- Accessing Medical Leadership Programmes,
- Awards Programmes and Scholarships to University

You'll also hear from a recently successful applicant on what it takes to make your candidacy to dental school stand out!



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

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

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

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

Please ask students to check their spam folders and mark their attendance on the day in order to receive their Work Experience Certificates.

This programme is suitable for students in year groups 10/11 who are interested in the following careers:

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

The sooner students begin work experience, the better. During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. They will gain a unique insight into how patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals and what it's like to work in an NHS multidisciplinary team.

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day. This will empower students to make an informed career decision and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications.

Students will receive certificates as evidence of having participated in the work experience programme. Those that complete the full 5-month programme will also be awarded Highly Commended References.

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/>

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Take your first steps into the world of healthcare careers
in our Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience.

Meet this month's AHP professional **guest speaker**, from **9 - 10am**, and
then dive into live work experience sessions.

After a compelling talk from our guest speaker about their career and
what they do day to day, you will **dive into live work experience sessions**
from the safety of your home.

Witness the journey of two patients from injury to recovery over 6
months, and experience how many different healthcare professionals
are involved in a patient's care, from hospital all the way through to a
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CAREER *of the* WEEK

Anaesthetist

Anaesthetists are the largest group of specialist doctors in hospitals and provide anaesthesia and pain management to patients undergoing surgical, medical or diagnostic procedures.

As an anaesthetist, you'll assess patients' health and discuss appropriate anaesthetic options (general, local or regional), administer anaesthetics before surgery, monitor patients during surgery and provide post-operative care. You'll also respond to emergencies both in theatre and across the hospital.

Patients range from newborns to the elderly and include those having surgery, giving birth or living with chronic pain.

While much of your work takes place in operating theatres, you may also work in other parts of the hospital such as intensive care units, labour wards, pain clinics or emergency departments. Some anaesthetists also work in pre-hospital care or specialise in areas such as critical care or pain medicine.

Responsibilities

As an anaesthetist you'll need to:

- conduct a pre-operative assessment to check the patient's fitness for surgery
- develop and agree on an individualised anaesthetic plan with the patient and surgical team
- reassure patients about what to expect during and after the procedure
- prepare patients for anaesthesia and surgery, including administering pre-medication where appropriate
- initiate anaesthesia, providing safe induction and pre-operative pain relief
- maintain anaesthesia and closely monitor patients throughout surgery
- monitor patients under anaesthesia to ensure they remain stable, checking their vital signs such as blood pressure, heart rate, oxygen and carbon dioxide levels, breathing and temperature
- resuscitate and stabilise patients in emergency situations, both in and outside of theatre
- safely reverse anaesthesia and manage post-operative pain to support recovery
- contribute to the management of patients with chronic or complex pain, where relevant
- work collaboratively with other healthcare professionals, including surgeons, operating department practitioners, theatre nurses, radiographers and radiologists, to ensure patient safety and wellbeing
- complete accurate clinical documentation related to anaesthetic care
- attend and contribute to multidisciplinary team meetings both on and off-site
- participate in on-call rotas and share responsibility for providing emergency cover
- train, teach and supervise more junior medical staff and trainees in both anaesthesia and critical care



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