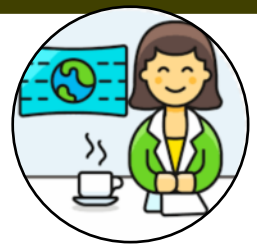




Your weekly guide to careers information, advice and news from Parklands High School

Here we are at the end of another busy week at Parklands. As always, there are lots of great opportunities featured in Career News.

Open Events galore at all the local colleges - check out the Careers Calendar for all the different dates. Try to get to as many open events as possible to really make an informed choice - and start to think about putting in applications to at least two colleges.



Year 11 had an assembly from Runshaw College earlier this week - and there will be further assemblies from Wigan & Leigh and Newman Colleges later this month. There will also be lunchtime drop in sessions from all the colleges and from Training 2000, Alliance Learning and Preston College Centre of Sporting Excellence - so look out for those and make sure you chat to the staff about the courses and qualifications you could undertake.

Springpod have an amazing selection of virtual work experience placements available - if you want to stand out from the crowd in future college, university or job interviews, these are well worth getting involved in. Year 10 will of course have a week of in-person work experience next summer (12-16 July 2027) but this is an ideal chance to try out various industries before you commit to a particular one.

Specsavers are launching the Bright Stars Scholarship, aimed at encouraging students to consider optometry as a career. It includes money towards university fees, paid work experience and support from experienced mentors. Well worth a closer look!

T Level week is fast approaching (19-23 October). There is an information sheet on T Levels in this issue - so if you are not sure whether a T Level is the right option for you - check out the facts. Don't forget that when you apply to college, you are reserving a place, you do not have to make a final decision on the course until next year. So explore all the options: T Levels, A Levels and Vocational courses - all can lead to university or good jobs in the future.

Don't forget the great conferences and virtual work experience offers from Mentorverse - absolutely vital for anyone considering a career in the medical field. Access to medical school is not just dependent on good GCSE and A Level grades - they want to see that you have had some work experience, and these virtual experiences are perfectly acceptable and prove that you have taken initiative, tried new things and gained new skills.



21st - 25th September 2026

All employers need

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

How many do you have?

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CREATIVITY



LEADERSHIP



LISTENING



PRESENTING



PROBLEM SOLVING



STAYING POSITIVE



TEAM-WORKING



LITERACY / NUMERACY



COMMUNICATION





We wish to extend a warm invitation to attend our first Open Event of the academic year.

Monday 5 October, 4.30pm - 7.00pm

Wigan Campuses – Parsons Walk, Centre for Advanced Technical Studies and Pagefield

Our open events provide an excellent opportunity for students and parents/carers to explore our campuses, discover our outstanding facilities, and speak with our expert tutors about their future study options.

Visitors will be able to find out more about our full range of post-16 opportunities, including:

A Levels, T Levels, Vocational Courses, Apprenticeships...

...and the new V Level offer, new for 2027

Booking is recommended and can be done by following this link and selecting the correct event:

[Events - Wigan & Leigh College](#)

*Please note: When booking, students only need to select one ticket for their group.
Parents/Guardians do not need to book additional tickets.*

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)



RUNSHAW COLLEGE

You are invited to our

Open Event

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



runshaw.ac.uk/openevent

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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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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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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



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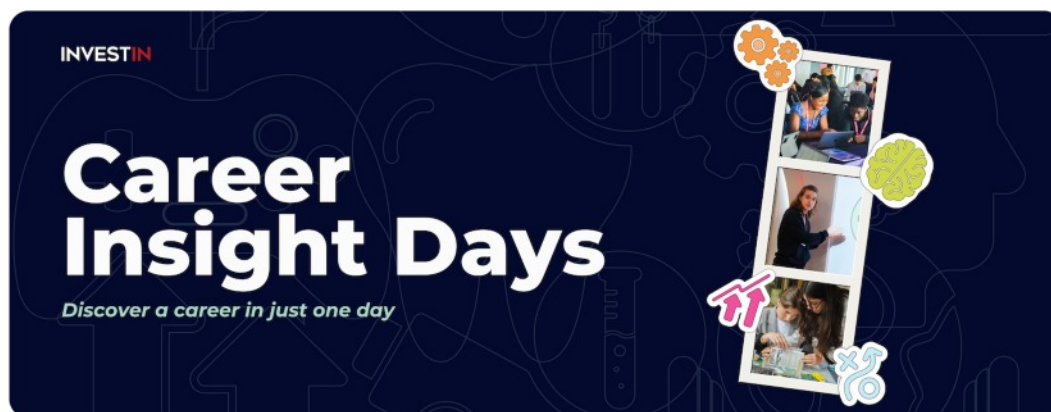


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www.ucs-bolton.org.uk





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

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.



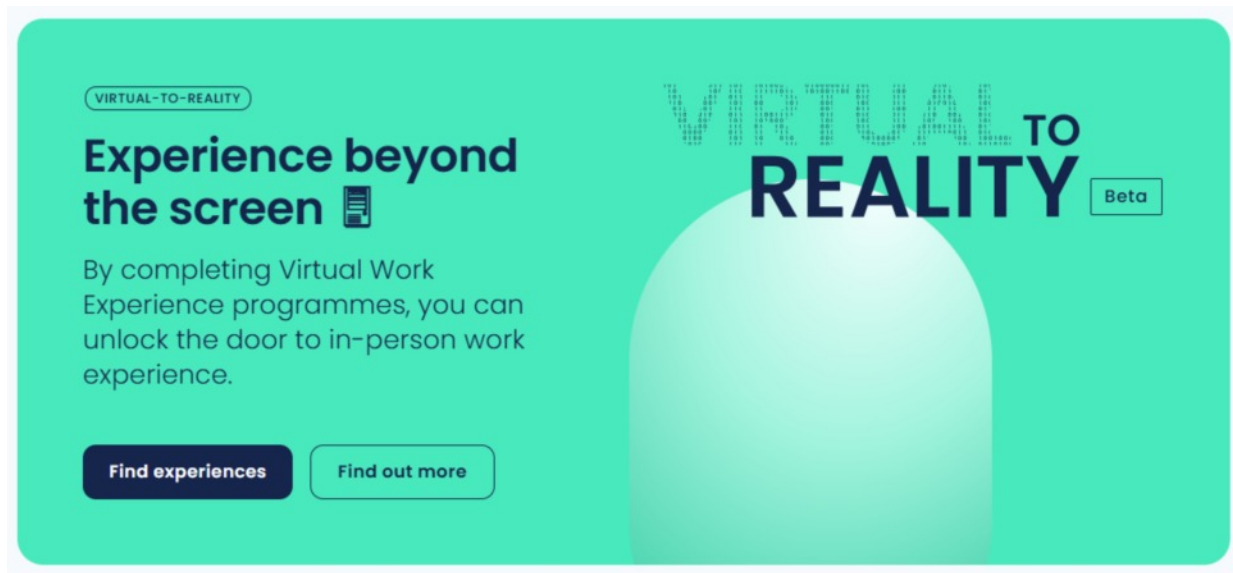
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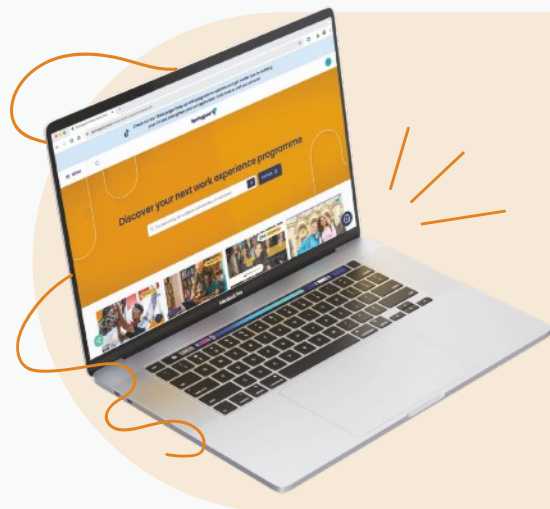
Springpod is a platform that offers virtual work experience, career exploration programmes, and university insight courses for students and young people. The main benefits are:

- 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>



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

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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

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is now open and will close on

Sep 30th 16:00

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Mental Health Work Experience Application 18+

The Work Experience window
is now open and will close on

Sep 30th 16:00

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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.

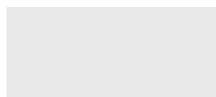
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Abbie - Y12 Student



**"The teachers are all
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Caitlin - Y12 Student



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caring environment."**

Max - Y12 Student



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

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



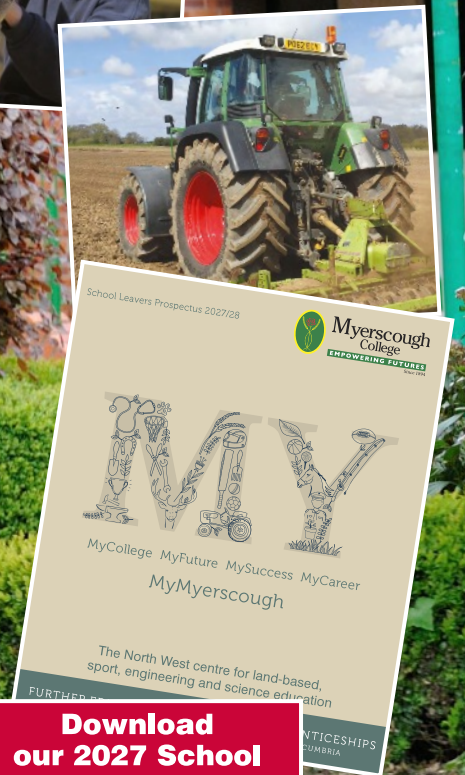
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Saturday 3rd October 2026
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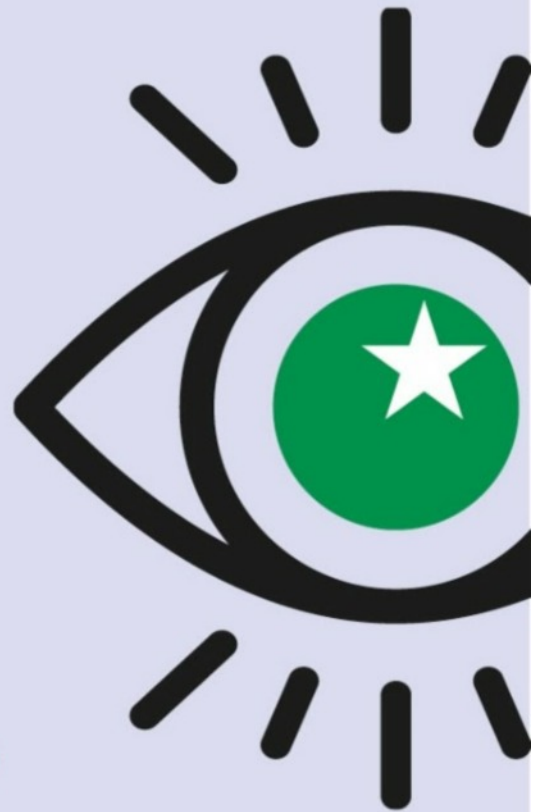
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**Bright Stars
Scholarship**

Support their future in optometry

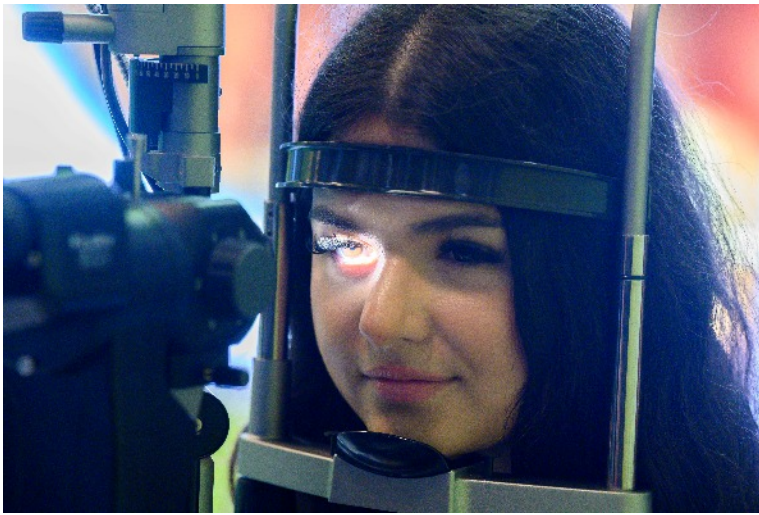
As your child starts thinking about university and their future career, finding opportunities that provide both financial support and real-world experience can make all the difference.

The Specsavers Bright Stars Scholarship helps exceptional STEM students pursue a career in optometry; a financially rewarding profession that combines science, technology and patient care. Alongside financial support throughout university, scholars gain valuable practical experience and ongoing guidance from experienced professionals.

Students selected for the scholarship will receive:

- £10,000 towards university costs spread across four years (five years in Scotland)
- Paid work experience in a Specsavers practice
- Ongoing mentorship from experienced colleagues
- Protected learning opportunities
- Access to a community of like-minded students

Learn more about the Bright Stars Scholarship



A brighter future starts here

With only 40 places available, the Bright Stars Scholarship offers talented students a unique opportunity to develop the skills, confidence and experience needed for a successful career in eye care.

If your child has a passion for science, enjoys helping others and is considering their next steps after school or college, this could be the opportunity they're looking for.

Applications are now open, so encourage them to explore what a future in optometry could look like.

**Help them turn their potential
into a profession.**

**Learn more about the
Bright Stars Scholarship**



REGISTER NOW



CAREERS CALENDAR

College Open Events 2026-27



Blackburn
College

Tuesday 22 September	4.30pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday 14 October	4.30pm - 7.30pm
Saturday 14 November	10.00am - 1.00pm

Extra dates to be confirmed after Christmas,
including Year 10 events

www.blackburn.ac.uk



Wednesday 14 October	5.00pm - 7.00pm
Tuesday 17 November	5.00pm - 7.00pm

Monday 11 January 2027	5.00pm - 7.00pm
Monday 8 February	5.00pm - 7.00pm
Thursday 11 March	5.00pm - 7.00pm
Tuesday 11 May	

www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/register-open-events



Saturday 10 October	10.00am - 1.30pm
Saturday 21 November	10.00am - 1.30pm

Quiet Time: The first 30 mins are reserved for students with
special educational needs, sensory or social challenges.

www.bolton-sfc.ac.uk



Saturday 10 October	10.00am - 1.00pm
Saturday 14 November	10.00am - 1.00pm

Saturday 6 February 2027	10.00am - 1.00pm
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www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/about-us/college-open-events



Myerscough
College
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Saturday 3 October	10.00am - 1.00pm
Saturday 21 November	10.00am - 1.00pm

Saturday 6 February 2027	10.00am - 1.00pm
Saturday 17 April	10.00am - 1.00pm

www.myerscough.ac.uk/

Dates are subject to change - please check college websites before travelling



Wednesday 30 September 4.00pm - 7.00pm
Saturday 7 November 10.00am - 1.00pm
Thursday 4 March 2027 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Register for events and updates at: www.preston.ac.uk



Sixth Form Open evening
Thursday 19 November 4.30pm - 7.00pm
Closing date for applications is 21 February 2027
www.qegsblackburn.com



Saturday 26 September 10.00am - 2.00pm
Saturday 14 November 10.00am - 2.00pm
Wednesday 3 March 2027 4.00pm - 8.00pm

Register at: www.runshaw.ac.uk/openevent



Monday 5 October 4.30pm - 7.00pm
Monday 9 November 4.30pm - 7.00pm
Monday 26 April 2027 4.30pm - 7.00pm

www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk

- School for the Arts
- Centre of Excellence in Construction & Engineering
- Centre for Advanced Technical Studies

Thursday 12 November 5.00pm - 8.00pm
Wednesday 13 January 2027 5.00pm - 8.00pm
Thursday 24 June 5.00pm - 8.00pm (Year 10)

Application deadline: Friday 5 February 2027

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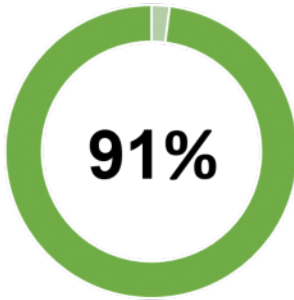


Hutton Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 22nd October 2026, 6.00pm - 8.00pm
UCS Bolton Open Evening Thursday 15th October 2026, 4.30pm - 7.30pm
UCS Bolton Open Morning Saturday 14th November 2026, 10.00am - 1.00pm
Westholme School Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 17th September 2026, 5.00pm - 8.00pm

You are advised to attend as many open events as possible in order to make an informed choice once you leave Parklands. Don't assume you will like a college just because your friend/cousin/neighbour did!

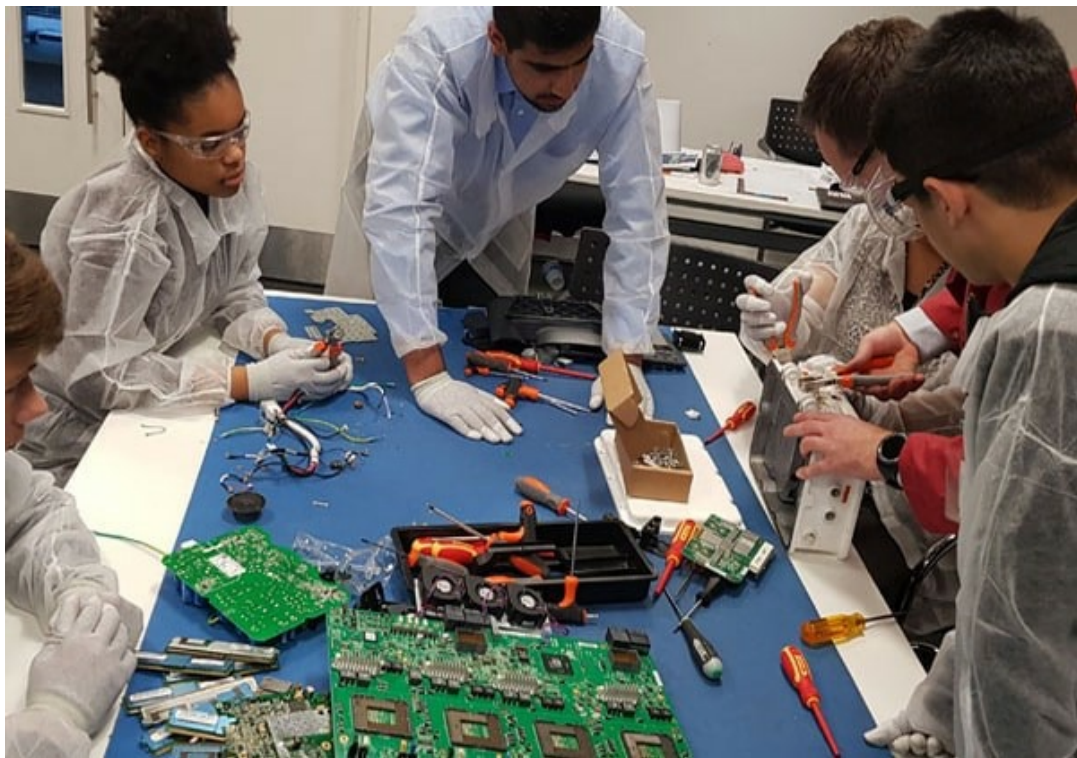
For those who are intending to take up an apprenticeship position, or a place in the uniformed services - you must have a full-time college course in place as a back up option. You do not want to be stuck at home when everyone else is at college because you didn't apply.

You can apply to as many colleges as you want - have your interviews and **accept all your places**. You only decide which one you are enrolling at on the day you receive your GCSE results in August 2027.



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.

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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 T LEVELS?

Post-16 technical education

What are T Levels?

T Levels are qualifications combining classroom learning, alongside an industry placement. They are designed for young people as an option following GCSEs (post-16) and are taught in schools and colleges.

KEY FACTS



- They last for 2 years.
- They are equivalent to three A-levels.
- They attract UCAS points.
- They have been created alongside employers.
- They include an 'industry placement' of at least 45 days.
- For anyone not quite ready, there is a pre-T Level foundation year.
- Students will receive a nationally recognised qualification.

How is a T Level structured?

80% of the qualification is classroom-based and 20% is spent undertaking an industry placement with an employer in the workplace. Your training provider will be responsible for finding the employer(s) that will provide your 45-day industry placement.

Which T Levels are available?

There are currently 20 T Level subjects available.

Digital:

- Digital Software Development
- Digital Data Analytics
- Digital Support and Security

Education and Early Years:

- Education and Early Years

Construction and the Built Environment:

- Building Services Engineering for Construction
- Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction

Health and Science:

- Health
- Science

Business and Administration:

- Management and Administration

Legal, Finance and Accounting:

- Accounting
- Finance
- Legal Services

Engineering and Manufacturing:

- Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing
- Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control
- Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing

Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care:

- Agriculture, Land Management and Production
- Animal Care and Management

Creative and Design:

- Craft and Design
- Media, Broadcast and Production

Sales, Marketing and Procurement:

- Marketing

WHAT ARE T LEVELS?

Post-16 technical education

How can I find out which providers offer T Levels?

The government has created a really useful website where you can enter your postcode and search for T Level providers that are local to you.

Here's what you can do:

-  Visit the website:
tlevels.gov.uk/students/find
-  Enter your postcode.
-  Look through the list of providers in your local area.
-  Visit provider websites to find out more about their T Level courses and any upcoming open days.

What is the difference between T Levels and apprenticeships?

Apprenticeships are real, paid jobs, suitable for students who know which job role they want to pursue. T Levels are largely classroom-based (80%) and contain a substantive industry placement (approximately 20%).

How are T Levels graded?

Students who complete their T Level receive a nationally recognised certificate which shows their overall grade and a breakdown of what they have achieved. Students who meet all of the requirements of their T Level are awarded an overall grade of either Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*. Students who do not pass all elements of their T Level receive a T Level statement of achievement, which will show the elements they have completed.

What is the T Level Foundation Year?

The T Level Foundation Year is a one-year, level 2 study programme intended for students who have the 'potential to progress' onto a T Level programme. This is a great option for someone who would benefit from additional study time and preparation before doing a T Level. It provides relevant knowledge, practical and study skills along with English, maths and digital skills. Check with the T Level provider if they offer this.

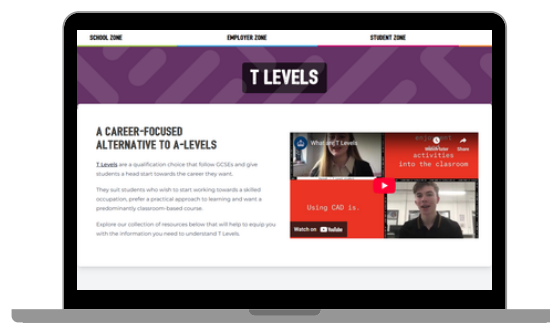


Linked resource

Find out more about the differences between T Levels and apprenticeships in this guide (see link below).



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



[Find out more about T Levels](#)



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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 john.lee@pne.com

**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.

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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/shrGJUAAtigzZzDwTN>

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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Get Into Dentistry.

CONFERENCE

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

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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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Allied Healthcare Work Experience

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
community team.



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CAREER *of the* WEEK

Special effects technician

Special effects technicians help create movie magic by adding visual, physical or explosive effects to films, TV shows and theatre productions, wowing audiences with spectacular sights.

As a special effects technician - sometimes referred to as an SFX technician - you'll be behind the physical, pyrotechnic and visual effects seen in TV, film and some live performances.

Making realistic-looking snow, explosions, detailed models and fantastical creatures, the ability to wow often comes down to the skill of the technicians working tirelessly to create a visual feast for audiences.

SFX is a relatively small and specialised area of the UK entertainment industry, despite the many special effects used in visual media.

Types of special effects work

The work of a special effects technician is split into three main areas:

- physical special effects, which happen in front of the camera
- pyrotechnic special effects, which is anything that involves explosions, smoke or fire
- visual special effects, or VFX, which are not live but added in later during post-production.

Physical special effects - involves making realistic weather, mechanical tricks (perhaps using hydraulics, pneumatics, electrical or electronic elements), working with water (from creating tidal waves to burst pipes), creating models (such as monsters for a horror film), wire work (including the use of hidden wires to make props or characters move) and prosthetics or special effects make-up.

Pyrotechnic special effects - examples include the effect of a bullet hitting a wall or using high explosives to blow up a building on camera. Even smaller elements using fire, such as a character holding a burning torch, require SFX technical support to make sure the effect is safe but still has visual impact.

Both physical and pyrotechnic effects - these are known as practical effects.

Visual special effects (also called VFX) - these are added after filming. This can include some practical effects, such as making real model miniatures, but most of this work is now done digitally, which includes animation, CGI, digital image capture and digital compositing. For more information about working in VFX, see the VFX artist or animator job profiles. These roles are increasingly separate areas from special effects technical work.

Responsibilities

As a special effects technician, you'll need to:

- work as part of a team, under the direction of the senior technician or supervisor, towards the execution of the effect
- use a computer to model or set off an effect
- ensure you work safely, particularly when practical effects, such as fire, are involved
- build new equipment or other elements for use in the film, using woodwork, metalwork or other workshop skills
- assemble or check equipment
- deploy what the team has made to create the effect in front of the camera
- safely remove and store equipment after use



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