



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

Here we are, at the end of term - and the end of another academic year. In terms of careers activities, it's been a very busy year with assemblies, drop-in sessions, STEM events, taster days, masterclasses, mock interviews, a careers fair and, of course, work experience.

In this issue of Career News, you will see some photos of the Year 10s out on work experience, along with just a small selection of lovely comments that we have received. Thank you to all the employers involved in this fantastic week for your help and support.



Special mentions must go to Sean Bowman, Carolyn Tasker and Ryan Freeston for putting together the MPCT WEX week; Cheryl Magowan for the Rise Up programme and Lisa Struthers for the NHS scheme - thank you!

Also in this issue:

- NHS newsletter with dates for work experience, both virtual and in-person.
- The launch of Tech Mentor, a new national no-code hackathon competition to inspire the next generation of tech leaders.
- Lots of great activities for young people over the summer holidays: cheer, football, performing arts and lots more - many of them are free, so don't miss out!
- Virtual work experience opportunities from Lloyds Banking Group, Forvis Mazars and the Medic Mentor group.
- Apprenticeship vacancies, enrolment advice, career of the week, open events and much more.

Have a wonderful summer break - see you in September!



Summer holiday edition





TQUK Endorsed Course

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We know many of your students are thinking ahead - whether it's a gap year, university, or a future in education. Why not offer them a head start with a TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) certification?

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Our online courses are designed with young learners in mind -self-paced, interactive, and fully supported by TEFL advisors.

Let's open a world of opportunity for your students!

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Cost and Duration

The course price is £90 per student. We do offer packages which include additional materials and certificates.

- Course & UK-TEFL E-Certificate: **£90**
- Course & TQUK Accredited Certificate (RRP £39) or Absolute TEFL Manual: **£110**
- Full package - includes TQUK Certificate & Absolute TEFL Manual: **£125**

Students have **180 days** to complete the course. We recommend that they spend 120 hours on the course, including the time spent on the assessments. The course is self-paced, which means students can study when it suits them. They can access the learning platform on computers, laptops, tablets and the mobile app.

What's included?

The course is made up of 9 Core Content Modules, a TEFL Exam, and 2 Graded Assignments. Throughout the course, students study using lots of interactive learning elements including: presenter-led videos, narrator-led videos, matching and sorting activities, galleries, flipbooks, tasks, and concept checking quizzes.

On successful completion of the course, students will receive an electronic certificate (unless they have purchased a TQUK package).

All students receive dedicated support from our TEFL advisors with finding work.

FIND OUT MORE



WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK 2025

“Elliott gave a presentation to our Directors and all I can say is that it was amazing – and significantly better than the majority of our people could manage! He is a credit to your school. He even had our head of HR and Engineering Director offer him a job after he’s finished his A levels. High praise indeed!”

“Lucy has been a great addition, she’s got stuck into all aspects of the business, painting the pit and helping in the workshop. Every single job I’ve given her she has just cracked on and not complained at all.”

“We have had Daniel, Daisy and Niamh with us this week. They have been fantastic – all ex pupils and it’s lovely to see them again. They have been punctual, polite and enthusiastic.”

“It was a pleasure to host Aiza this week. She approached the placement with a positive attitude and showed genuine interest in learning about our industry. It’s encouraging to see young people gaining real-world experience and beginning to explore their future career paths.”

“Amelia was very attentive and engaged with everything we showed her. She was on time every day and was really polite with all colleagues she met. It was lovely to support her.”

“Max has been working really well and been present on time throughout. Manners are impeccable and work ethic is strong.”

“Kingsley has been a great addition to the team here this week. He has been working very hard and has been exceptional with his time management and attention to detail. He is a very polite and well mannered young man, it has been our pleasure to have him here.”

“We have Max with us this week and he has been an absolute pleasure so far whilst he has been on site. He has been polite, enthusiastic and eager to learn the processes and procedures we have within our manufacturing business. He is a credit to the school and his family and we are thoroughly enjoying his time here.”

“I can confirm that Joe is with us and has settled in very well. He has been punctual, smart, prepared, and ready to learn. He has been working out in the field with the engineers and is showing initiative, great communication and organisational skills.”

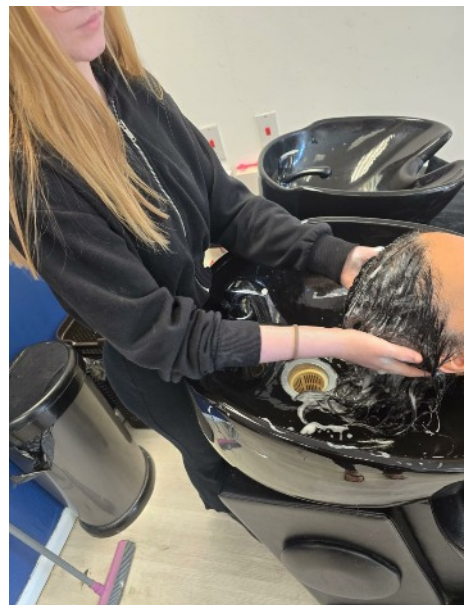
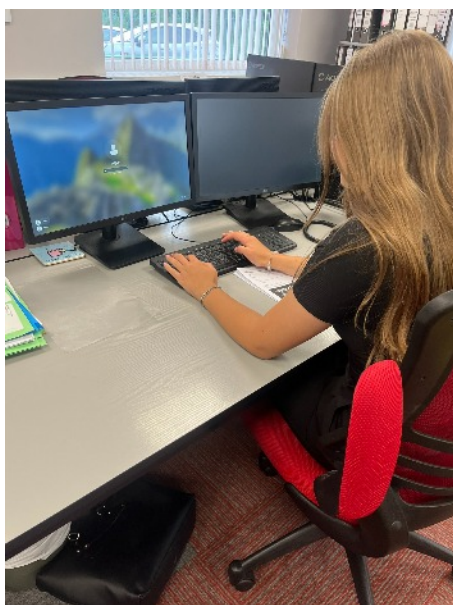
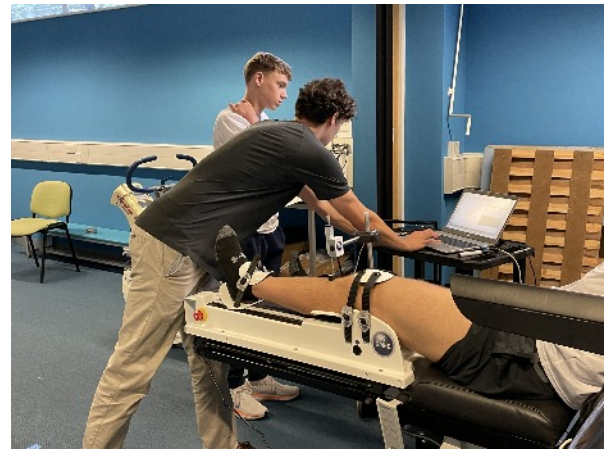
“Mia has been absolutely fantastic this week so far, helping out with cleaning in the salon and getting on with it without any issues. She seems very confident offering clients refreshments and is on the ball with cleaning / sweeping. I’ve really enjoyed having her these past couple of days, she has been by far the best helper. I have had girls in the past just standing around or on their phones, but Mia has been fantastic! I have even offered her a Saturday job in the future if she would like one. “

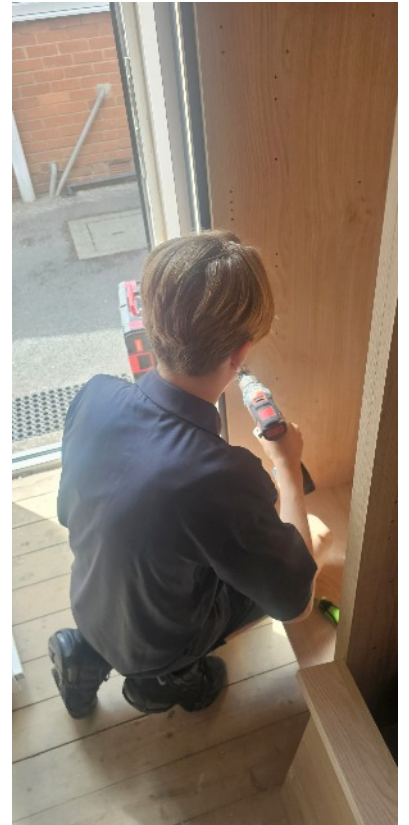
“I have heard nothing but good things about Emilia. She is showing great interest and is doing anything we ask of her, always with a smile on her face.”

Just a few of the many lovely comments we have had about the Year 10s – well done!



WORK
EXPERIENCE
WEEK
2025






NHSCareersNW NEWSLETTER

Lancashire and South Cumbria Health and Care Partnership

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

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

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- Clinical and Non-clinical
- Features and Benefits

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Apprenticeships

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Aspire E-Learning

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

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

You can visit our Platform at www.nhscareersnw.co.uk



Work Experience Opportunities



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

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

Our next application window is open during September 2025, to apply visit our website www.nhscareersnw.co.uk.

We have non-clinical opportunities available at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for students aged 14-16 years old and a variety of virtual programmes available for students to gain an insight into careers within Health & Care. This window is open during September 2025. Please apply via our website for further details and to apply.

14-16 Year Old Virtual Work Experience



Summer Programme – W/c 11th August & W/c 18th August 2025

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

Sessions are typically 1 hour in duration and are hosted via Microsoft Teams. As part of this programme, candidates are expected to attend each session to gain a certificate. There are typically 8-12, 1 hour sessions so there is still plenty of time to enjoy your time off.

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

To register and see sessions available, please visit our website – www.nhscareersnw.co.uk



Insight to Midwifery Day – NHS Careers NW



Are you interested in a Career in Midwifery?

Why not attend East Lancashire Hospital NHS Trust insight to Midwifery Day?

What can you expect to see:

- Presentation on different routes in Midwifery
- A birth simulation
- Q&A session
- Plus much more

Friday 8th August 09:00–14:00

Location: Ward 18 Victoria Wing – Burnley General Hospital

To register your attendance, visit – [Insight to Midwifery Day – NHS Careers NW](#)

Spaces are limited so book now to avoid disappointment

You must be at least 16 years old to apply for this opportunity

New Aspire E-Learning Courses available!

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Lancashire and
South Cumbria
Health and Care Partnership

Careers
in health and social care



Did you know that there are over 350 different career options across NHS Health and Care?

Work Experience

Employment Opportunities

Events

Apprenticeship Information

Careers Insights

Programmes

Discover our interactive Aspire E-Learning opportunities, whether you are in Primary School right the way through to looking for a Career change, we have engaging courses for you!

Kickstart the search for your dream career within the NHS Health and Care today by heading over to our website.

www.nhscareersnw.co.uk



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

We upload new Aspire programmes monthly – our latest programme is 'Applying with Confidence' – aimed at supporting people with Applications, CV writing, interview techniques plus much more.

Visit www.nhscareersnw.co.uk to browse all Aspire E-Learning opportunities!

MENTORVERSE

We're excited to invite your students to take part in the launch of Tech Mentor - a new national no-code Hackathon competition designed to inspire the next generation of tech leaders. This competition aligns with the government's drive to upskill young people in tech, and gives students a practical, exciting and career-relevant experience, while also helping your school shine on the national stage.

On **Sunday 14th September 2025**, we kick off with a high-energy online Tech Mentor event, giving students the chance to build their own app, solve real-world challenges. The winning team will secure a place in the national finals.

You can enrol individually online to participate if you are interested.

Please note that places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. [Find out more here](#)

What is the National No-code Hackathon Competition?

Tech Mentor (part of Mentorverse) is running a National No-code Hackathon Competition for students to develop IT skills and learn about career opportunities in technology. Students will work in teams to create an app in response to a surprise challenge revealed on the day. Any student aged 14 -18 can participate by registering online.

No coding experience needed - just enthusiasm, creativity and access to a computer. You will develop technical skills through experiential learning on the day, using no-code app building platforms. Our experienced tech teams will explain how to use these at the start of the day.

- Open to students aged 14 - 18
- Fully online (Zoom) 10am - 5pm UKGMT
- Team-based format
- You will learn how to create apps for various real world applications, from health to education and much more!
- Learn different careers in tech on the day
- Develop your team-working and interpersonal skills
- You will gain a certificate of participation and a chance to go through to the finals!
- £15 registration per student (this helps us cover the cost of the platforms and administration for hosting the competition)
- Pre-event video briefing provided

This is a National Technology Competition for Students, so there are some great awards to be won for both students and schools!

Awards

- 1st Place: £1,000 for the winning team and £100 to each winning team member's school
- 2nd & 3rd Place: £1,000 too, for each team
- Qualifying teams at the 14th September Hackathon will progress to the in-person National Final on 11th July 2026 for a chance to win the awards above!

We will make every effort to group students from the same schools into the same teams whenever possible. The more students who join the competition, the greater your school's chances of winning!

How to Register

Spaces are limited, so we recommend early registration, and we will close registration once the event is full. Please ask your students to register at the link below if they are interested. This is ideal for students in Y10-11.

[Register here](#)

We hope to see your students at The National No-code Tech Hackathon Competition in September!

Pop-up Summer Youth Club

with Mighty Meals. For ages 11 to 16 years.



The Mighty Meals mobile youth club will be in your community, for young people aged 11 to 16 to chat, join in activities and grab a snack.

Monday 7 July until 2 September 2025.

Mondays 6pm - Penwortham Community Centre, Kingsfold

Mondays 7pm - Hope Terrace Rec and Car Park, Lostock Hall

Tuesdays 6pm - St Mary's Community Centre, Broadfield Walk, Leyland

Tuesdays 7pm - Walton-le-Dale High School, Bamber Bridge

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SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL PARENT/CARER CONSULTATION APPOINTMENT

Who Are Compass Bloom?

We offer a free & confidential service supporting children & young people, aged 5-18, with mild to moderate emotional health & wellbeing needs. We work in 85 schools & colleges throughout Chorley, South Ribble, Preston & West Lancs.

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Struggling to
sleep



Withdrawal from
family, friends and/or
usual activities



Struggling to
concentrate



Tearful

If any of the above sounds like your child/young person we can help!

Please note: Consultations are just for students at our partner schools. - Check our [website](#) to see if yours is on the list!

How to Book

We've got 30-minute telephone appointments available.
Monday 28th July, 4th August, 11th August, 18th August &
Wednesday 27th August | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Book via the link below or scan our QR code:

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Pick your place, pick your date! - search for your chosen venue and select a date to see what times are available.

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OPEN EVENTS 2025

WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER

Open Evening - 5.00pm - 8.00pm

to include a 30-minute quiet session 5.00pm-5.30pm*

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Open Day - 10.00am - 1.30pm

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Summer Work Experience with the University of Law! Thursday 31st July and Friday 1st August

Young Professionals are teaming up with the University of Law to bring a fantastic Careers in Law Work Experience event on Thursday 31st July and Friday 1st August!

We anticipate a very high sign-up for this event, so places will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Any students that are interested must register via the link in the email below. Confirmation emails will be sent directly to the students once their space is confirmed.

Do you see yourself as a future legal professional? Perhaps you'd like to become a partner at a huge international law firm?

On Thursday 31st July and Friday 1st of August from 10:00am - 3:00pm, we'll be hosting a Careers in Law Work Experience with the University of Law, the UK's leading institution for legal degrees and solicitor apprenticeships.

You will take part in mock legal lectures, work on projects and exciting legal tasks, and have the opportunity to ask questions and network with professionals.

Day 1 will be a virtual event, allowing you to participate from anywhere. Day 2 will be in person at one of their campuses in Nottingham, London, Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, or Bristol. You can choose which campus you'd like to attend. Please note that spaces at the venues are very limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

The University of Law is the UK's largest provider of legal education. They deliver legal training to over 90 of the top 100 law firms and will be running several lecture-style sessions designed to give you a taste of what it's like to study law at university or through a solicitor apprenticeship.

Join us for what's set to be a thoroughly engaging insight into the legal world this summer and hear from a range of elite solicitors and barristers from some of the world's most prominent organisations. Kick off this summer with an excellent addition to your CV/Personal Statement.

Click the following link to sign up:

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Law Summer Virtual Work Experience

Tuesday 29th – Wednesday 30th July 2025 | 10am – 2pm

We have just recently partnered up with Lloyds Banking Group and their in house legal team to put on a 2-day virtual law work experience in the summer holidays.

We have sent many law opportunities in the past with you but this time and for the first time ever this is a law programme with the in house legal team at one of the worlds largest banking corporations.

Are you considering a career in law or finance? Want to understand what lawyers do inside some of the world's top businesses?

Join us for this virtual two-day insight programme with Lloyds Banking Group (LBG) to gain an exclusive look into the world of in-house legal teams, take part in workshops, develop your skills, and hear real-life career stories from legal professionals working in a leading FTSE 100 company.

What You'll Gain:

- Insight into the legal profession and how law works in large businesses.
- An understanding of career pathways and entry routes into law.
- The chance to meet and hear from lawyers working in teams such as Finance, Legal, Business and HR
- Practical advice on CVs, interviews, and applications.
- Skills sessions on negotiation, communication, and problem-solving.
- Discussions on AI, ethics, and the future of law.

Event Details:

- Event: Explore Law – Lloyds Banking Group Legal Virtual Work Experience
- Dates: Tuesday 29th – Wednesday 30th July 2025
- Time: 10am – 2pm each day
- Location: Online (Virtual)
- Who Can Attend: All students

Why Attend?

Lloyds Banking Group's Legal Division plays a crucial role in the bank's work with individuals, small businesses, and major corporations across the UK. This is your opportunity to understand what it's really like to be a lawyer working in-house—and discover a rewarding career path you may not have considered before.

Spaces Are Limited – Register Today!

Register here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBG_Legal_WEX

We look forward to welcoming you to this inspirational legal careers event!

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Explore Forvis Mazars Work Experience

An Insight to Forvis Mazars

Access Accountancy Work Experience

Thursday 31st July – 5pm -5:45pm

This is a great opportunity happening for your current Y11 and Y12 cohorts to hear about the paid business and accounting work experience in the school holidays next academic term.

Join our info session: Grow with Forvis Mazars: Access Accountancy Work Experience!

Are you heading into Year 12 or 13 this September and curious about a career in accountancy or professional services? Don't miss our upcoming webinar info session, where you'll get to know Forvis Mazars and learn all about our work experience programmes running in October (Year 13) and April (Year 12). This is your chance to explore a paid work experience opportunity designed to give you real insight into the world of professional services. You'll hear from our team, discover what it's like to join the programme and gain tips on how to stand out in our recruitment process. Plus, you'll find out how to be the first to hear when applications open.

Key Details:

- **Webinar date and time:** Thursday 31st July – 17:00-17:45
- **Who should attend?** Year 12 and 13 students interested in exploring their future career options
- **Bonus:** Be the first to hear when applications go live!

Spaces are limited - register now and take the first step toward your future with Forvis Mazars.

Registration Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Grow-Forvis-Mazars>

BUILD STUDENT CAREER READINESS WITH BELLWAY HOMES

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Set Yourself Up for Success over Summer!

We're excited to share an amazing opportunity available now on your Shortlist.Me platform - a fully loaded, career readiness programme developed in partnership with **Bellway Homes**, one of the UK's leading housebuilders.

This online hub takes students through the **Bellway recruitment process**, giving them a unique insight into how a real employer hires. It's designed not just for those interested in construction – but for anyone who wants to build confidence, sharpen their employability skills, and prepare for their next step. **These skills are invaluable for whatever their futures hold!**

SHARE NOW

What's Included in The Hub?

Discover

Access to realistic, immersive assessments that will, not only, help students to understand a day in the life of an apprenticeship, but also to build their general confidence.

Develop

Quizzes and workshops at their finger tips to help them gain a insights into the recruitment processes and their personal potential.

Succeed

Practice interviews and presentations to prepare your students for success no matter their future.

Why it Matters?

- Real-world insights and experience
- Guided coaching and personalised feedback
- Boosts confidence and job-readiness
- Fully online - accessible to all students, wherever they are
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Summer can be a challenging time to keep students engaged - especially those who are harder to reach. This activity is meaningful, engaging, practical, and packed with real-world value ... AND IT'S FREE!

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WEEK 2 – MON 11TH AUG – WED 13TH AUG
WEEK 3 – MON 18TH AUG – WED 20TH AUG
WEEK 4 – TUES 26TH AUG – WED 27TH AUG

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10:00am – 12:00am

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**Week 1: 28th – 31st July
Week 2: 18th – 21st August**



12:00pm – 3.00pm



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Age 11 – 16



**St Michael's High School
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**Week 1: 4th – 7th August
Week 2: 11th – 14th August**



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HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME 2025

SUMMER IN LANCASHIRE: EAT, PLAY, REPEAT!

☀️ Get Ready for an Epic Summer! ☀️

Join us for a packed programme of fun, adventure, and creativity this summer! Sessions are for young people aged 12-16yrs, living in Chorley and on free school meals.



🌍 Unite the World – 12-4pm at Chorley Youth and Community Centre, Lord Street, Chorley, PR6 0RF

Join us for a magical journey across the globe with our inclusive and sensory-friendly sessions designed especially for young people with SEND. Each Monday brings a new country to explore through themed food, creative crafts, interactive games, and engaging entertainment – all in a calm, supportive environment.

🇺🇸 Monday 28th July – USA Day

Be amazed by a live magician
Create crafts
Enjoy classic American treats like Burger & fries

🇧🇷 Monday 11th August – Brazil Day

Meet fascinating creatures with our Critters Interactive experience
Make carnival masks, delicious food and games.

🌸 Monday 4th August – Asia Day -Origami, lantern-making, chopstick challenges and more
Taste delicious themed snacks like prawn crackers and spring rolls.

🇮🇹 Monday 18th August – Italy Day

Join in mosaic making and flag decorating
Enjoy a taste of Italy with Pasta buffet, games and more!

To book a place, scan the QR code
Or contact: chorley.tys@lancashire.gov.uk.
Please let us know of any dietary needs.



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Tue 5th Aug Splash Zone Showdown – Water Games & Wild Fun!

💧 What's in store:

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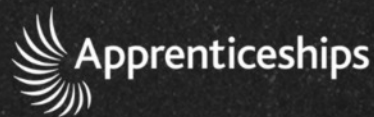


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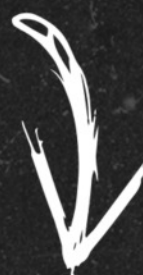
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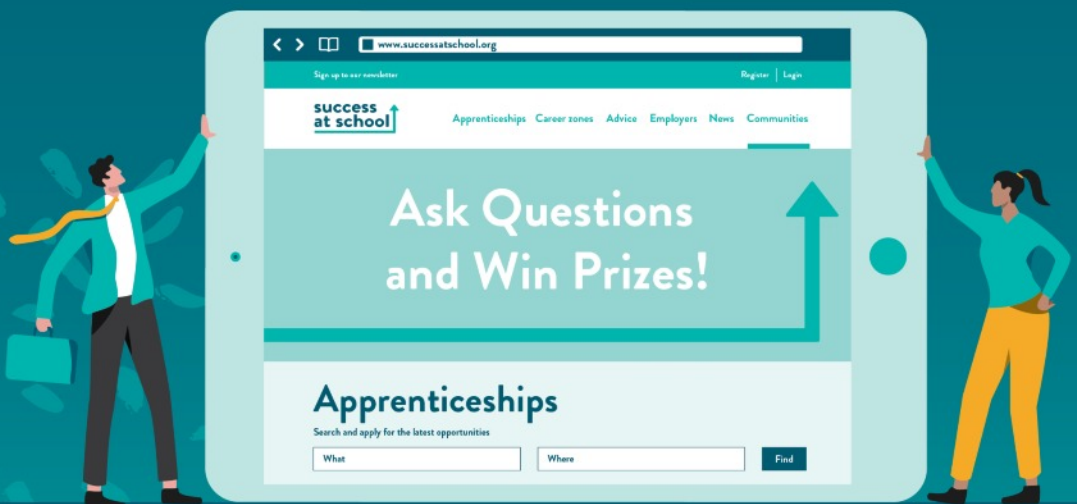
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Interview tips...

Top tips for a successful interview

1

Plan your journey

Allow extra time and plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early. If you are unfamiliar with the location, do a test run.

2

Research, research and research!

Be prepared for the interview - research the company and your role.

3

Appearance

Dress professionally for an interview.

4

Behaviour

Make sure that you use positive body language, such as a firm hand shake, sit up straight and make eye contact. Don't take your mobile phone into an interview with you.

5

Sell yourself

Take a record of achievement file with you including your GCSE certificates. You can take notes into your interview.

Before your interview

Practise answering interview questions with someone else. If you are at school or college, you may be able to arrange a mock interview.

Keep in mind the interviewer wants to find out about what you can offer them: the particular skills and qualities you can bring that set you apart from other applicants.

But it's not just about what the employer is looking for – try to think of some insightful questions you could ask, for example:

- Future opportunities for progression?
- Do you have a mentor scheme?
- What responsibilities would I start with if I was successful?
- How soon could I start?

On the day - breathe!

First impressions count!

Make sure you dress appropriately and look the part. Avoid elaborate jewellery, body piercings, excessive make up and hairstyles, etc.

Offer a firm handshake and make appropriate eye contact with the interviewer.

It's OK to take a moment to think through your response, and better to have a considered reply rather than a rushed answer. If you need more time to think about your answer, ask the interviewer to repeat the question. Don't let your nerves take hold of you, channel them and use them to your advantage!

Remember it's not enough to just say you're good at something – always try to provide examples.

It's fine to ask questions! Ask your prepared questions and anything that came up during the interview... **Avoid JUST** asking about your salary and benefits!

Commonly asked interview questions

Background on you...

- Tell me a bit about yourself?
- What do you like to do in your spare time? (hobbies etc)
- What is your current situation? (i.e. school, college, employed)
- Have you been given any responsibilities? (i.e. prefect etc)

Why should they hire you...

- What made you apply for this position?
- What do you know about the company?
- What can you bring to the company?
- What skills do you have that will help you in this role?

Can you give me an example of when...

- You worked as part of a team?
- You used your initiative?
- You worked under a pressure?
- You worked to a deadline?
- You multi-tasked successfully?

Self evaluation...

- What do you consider your strengths?
- What do you consider your weaknesses?
- What is your greatest achievement and why?

Future career plans...

- Where do you see yourself in five years time?
- Have you got a future career in mind?

! Did you know that you can book a mock interview with your Training 2000 recruitment advisor?

CV tips

Use a positive tone throughout

Maintain a consistent font and use appropriate sizing

Keep it up to date with relevant information

Use a chronological order with work experience and qualifications (most recent first)

Keep it simple and clear

Spell check and use correct punctuation and grammar

Key things to include:

- Contact details
- Personal statement - a short introduction to you
- Grades / education history
- Work experiences
- Work history (if it's not your first job)
- References
- Key skills

What happens next...

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If you are unfortunately not successful in the interview:

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Support for students with special educational needs and disabilities

By Verity Lewis, Disability Advice Officer at the University of South Wales

Starting university is an exciting new chapter filled with opportunities and challenges. If you have special educational needs or a disability (SEND), you might feel uncertain about what to expect. However, rest assured, UK universities are dedicated to supporting you every step of the way. This guide will introduce you to the resources, adjustments, and services designed to help you thrive and make the most of your university experience.

Declaring your disability

Your first step towards accessing support is to declare your disability on your UCAS application or directly to the university. Many students worry this might affect their application, but universities are legally required under the Equality Act 2010 to treat everyone fairly. Declaring your disability

helps universities understand your needs and arrange reasonable adjustments to support your learning and university life from the very beginning.

The Disabled Students' Allowance

If you have additional needs due to a disability, learning difficulty, or long-term health condition, you can apply for the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) (page 60). This non-repayable grant can cover the cost of:

- non-medical helpers, such as a mentor or note-taker
- travel costs related to your disability
- specialist equipment, like a laptop with assistive software
- other resources tailored to your needs.

It's important to apply for the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) early, as the process can take some time. While it might seem overwhelming at first, universities are here to guide you through it. At the University of South Wales, for instance, you can connect with a Disability Adviser during open days, taster sessions or through their dedicated email inbox, even before you enrol. These conversations ensure you have the support you need in place, ready for when you start your university journey.



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What to expect at a university open day

By Gavin Spoons, Regional Student Recruitment Officer at Norwich University of the Arts

Open days are the perfect way to experience first-hand what being a student at a particular university is really like. You can gather lots of useful information online and in prospectuses, but nothing beats being in the university environment and having the opportunity to speak to academics and current students. Open days are packed with scheduled activities to help you get a feel for a university and see if it's somewhere you might want to study.

Campus tours

Arguably the central event of the day, these guided tours are typically led by current students who show you around the campus. You'll explore the university environment, see communal areas such as cafes and libraries, and have a chance to visit facilities related to your course. This gives you insights into your day-to-day life as a student, and you might see work and projects you could do yourself.

Course talks

Throughout the day, there will be a range of informative talks offering information about the university, specific courses, and student support. Most universities host a welcome talk at the start of the day to highlight the unique aspects of that university.

Course-specific talks hosted by academic staff are also very valuable. These talks share detailed information about the courses you're

considering. They allow you to talk directly to the course leader, their fellow lecturers, and current students. These course talks give you a more detailed look into course content than you will find outside of an open day. They cover the work you will do, and the careers you could progress into.

Support talks

Finally, there are additional talks and sessions throughout the day to introduce you to other university departments and of... You could find yourself in talks about accommodation options, what is available, student experience receive advice for applications

Accommodation tours

If you're looking to move away to study at university, you'll want what accommodation options to you. Similar to campus tours, be an opportunity to look around accommodation sites with help from students there to answer any questions. You can see the types of rooms and facilities offered in different sites. Imagining yourself living student is just as important as course advice for applications

Plan your day

Open days can be quite intense, with talks and sessions, but there's a lot to gain from them. Universities offer an open day programme after a long day of open days. This contains a mix of each talk and tour, so you can experience it all in one go. Try to experience as much as you can. It'll help you make informed decisions about your university journey.

Scholarships: finding financial opportunities and standing out in applications

By Jon Hering, Head of Commercial at Blackbullion

Introduction

We get it: studying is expensive.

Tuition fees are going up in September 2025, there is an ongoing cost-of-living crisis, and rising inflation affects how much your maintenance loan can help. Heading to university can seem like a pricey way to kickstart your adult life.

That's where we come in.

To date, Blackbullion has released over £25 million in additional funding - grants, bursaries, hardship funds, and scholarships - through our Funding Hub. Our first corporate scholarship launched in April 2023. Since then, we've continued to work with brands like Amazon, Nationwide, and Accenture to help students cover the costs of university.

Even though there are more opportunities out there, the market for scholarships is still small and highly competitive. That's why this article is here to help you find the right opportunities. It will give you the tools to stand out and smash your applications, so you have the best chance to secure additional funding for your degree.

When to expect scholarships to launch
You should be aware of the main funding windows:

- National Scholarships Week 2025 - running 31 March to 4 April 2025, in partnership with Amazon. Last year, NSW 2024 launched over £800,000 worth of scholarship funding through corporate partners.
- April 2025 - a key period when many scholarships open. Make sure to prepare applications in the spring.
- September 2025 - another wave of scholarships launches in early autumn, giving you a second chance.

Scholarships as a gateway to careers

Many scholarships provide more than financial aid. They offer internships, mentorship, and work experience. These extras can be pivotal in building your career. Try to seek scholarships aligned with your goals, as these opportunities will make you more appealing to future employers.

How to choose the right university for you

By Charlotte Higgins, Marketing Officer at the University of Derby

Choosing a degree to study is a big decision, as is selecting the right university. At the University of Derby, we believe making your choice should take into consideration three key factors.

Choosing the right degree

It is vital to select a degree that you are passionate about. You will study the subject for the next few years, so it must be an area that you will enjoy. Review courses on university websites and prospectuses that suit your interests.

There are also various types of degrees to be aware of, including a traditional three-year programme, foundation pathways to help you transition to university, integrated masters if you're looking for advanced learning, or even a degree apprenticeship. Whatever you choose, check it suits your preferred learning and assessment style, such as writing assignments or practical assessments.

Sometimes it's easier to research your dream career, then work backwards to discover what you need to study. But don't worry if you are unsure. Career teams at college and university can help you find out. At the University of Derby, we offer tailored support no matter your chosen course or your previous experience. We provide access to services and programmes to help you reach your career goal.

Top tip: If you have a specific career in mind, find out if your degree needs to have any specific accreditations from an industry board.

Example: If you want to become a professional psychologist, you need to study a degree that is accredited by the British Psychological Society.

Choosing the right campus

A university's campus is the heart of your learning journey. You're likely to spend time in a range of lectures, seminars, and other learning activities, so make sure the campus has everything you need to succeed. This includes passionate teaching staff who are experts in their field and excellent facilities available for you to use.

The best way to discover the opportunity to about your choice

Top tip: You will library during the library at a university

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Making that all-important decision

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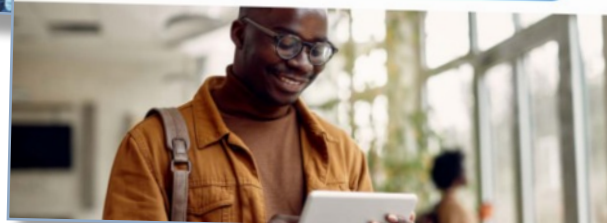
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The key higher education facts for students thinking about university

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Learn more about bursaries, scholarships, and free money on Episode 22 of The Uni Guide Podcast, featuring the author of this article, Jon Hering from Blackbullion.



Arrangements for Enrolment 2025



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Dear Mrs Batson,

I am writing to update you on the college's arrangements for enrolling young people who are leaving school this summer.

Enrolment at Wigan & Leigh College will continue to take place in person at our Parsons Walk Campus in Wigan and at Leigh Campus, based at Leigh Sports Village. Our priority is to ensure that every young person receives the right advice, guidance, and support, with all relevant factors carefully considered when determining the most appropriate course and level.

Following the extremely positive feedback we have received from students and their families in previous years, we will once again allocate dedicated enrolment dates and times for each school. This helps to ensure a smooth and efficient process for everyone attending.

The main enrolment period will take place from Thursday 21st August to Tuesday 26th August 2025.

School applicants will be invited to attend college at a specific timeslot and must bring their **GCSE results slip** as confirmation of their previous school (these may be shown in printed form or on a mobile phone). This approach allows us to manage the process effectively and to provide tailored advice and guidance for each applicant.

Please remind students to bring their enrolment letter with them — the QR code printed on it will be scanned on arrival, initiating the enrolment process.

The time slots for **Parklands Academy** are:

Wigan & Leigh College – Wigan Centres	Thursday 21st August 5pm – 6pm
Leigh College	Thursday 21st August 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Please also share the following important information with your students:

- If a student is unable to attend their scheduled enrolment time, they may contact us to arrange an alternative time within the three-day enrolment window (**Thursday 21st – Tuesday 26th August**).
- If they are unable to attend during the main enrolment period, we will offer further appointments between **Wednesday 27th and Friday 29th August**. Full details will be provided in each student's enrolment letter.

This will be a managed, appointment-only process.

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In addition, applicants for apprenticeships will continue to receive support in securing a suitable employment vacancy. We guarantee a place on a full-time study programme for those who have not yet secured employment and will continue to support their search for a placement during their first year.

Copies of this letter have also been shared with your Head of Year and Careers Lead. Our School Liaison team will remain in contact with them throughout the enrolment period.

I hope this update provides all the information your pupils may need. However, if you have any further questions or suggestions on how we can better support your Year 11 leavers, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

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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:

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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.

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<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/>

MEDIC MENTOR



YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

The Medical Schools Council acknowledges virtual work experience as an equal alternative to in-person shadowing based on a discovery report conducted by Health Education England. I encourage students aged 14 and over, interested in medicine to participate in our FREE National NHS Virtual Work Experience programme. We are pleased to offer a variety of medical specialties, with a focus this month on palliative care. This enables your students to gain a well-rounded perspective of working within the NHS.

This opportunity is for students in Years 10-11.

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

Developed in collaboration with Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust, this Virtual Work Experience has proven to be transformative for thousands of secondary school students over the past year. It also provides a strong foundation of knowledge for students who are preparing to undertake future in-person placements.

We've designed a 6-month medical e-learning work experience programme, focusing on one specialty each month, allowing students to set their own pace of learning. From structured teaching to direct interaction with doctors and healthcare professionals, our programme ensures students not only observe procedures but also gain a broader understanding of roles within the medical field.

Covering everything from confidentiality and ethics workshops delivered by the GMC to clinical procedures, our virtual work experience provides a crucial overview, thereby enhancing your students' UCAS applications.

Signing up is easy – students simply need to fill out the free online application form:

Why the Medic Mentor Virtual Work Experience is the largest In the UK...

- There are 6 Sessions in total providing the longest and most in-depth work experience available
- It covers 6 different areas of medicine whereas other work experiences only cover 1 or 2
- It is e-learning based so students can complete it in their own time around school work
- Students have 30 days to complete one session and then the next session drops
- Students are provided a certificate of completion once all 6 sessions are done
- Involves real doctors, clinical settings and high fidelity simulations
- Takes students on a complete patient journey
- Students get an insight into the multidisciplinary team
- Includes a free reflective journal (great for personal statements)
- It's completely free!
- *Why not sign up today?*



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

This includes:

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- 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!



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 - CV Building
- Entrance Exam: UCAT
 - Extracurriculars
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- Awards Programmes and Scholarships to University

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After the success of our recent NHS National AHP Work Experience session, I am thrilled to invite your students in year 10 to our upcoming session on **Sunday 3rd August**, 8:30am - 5pm, focusing on Geriatrics & Recovery.

Registration Link: [**CLICK HERE**](#)

The NHS Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience provides an exceptional opportunity for aspiring healthcare professionals. Students will have the rare privilege of hearing from an inspiring guest speaker currently working within the NHS. Following this insightful talk, participants will embark on a live virtual work experience, offering a comprehensive exploration of the allied healthcare field. They will gain valuable insights into various roles and follow the journeys of two patients, from the initial incident through to treatment, for a closer understanding of patient care.

The NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience is the largest programme for aspiring healthcare professionals, having successfully invited over 12,000 students to participate in its programme last academic year - many of which have gone on to study:

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

Registration Link: [**CLICK HERE**](#)

Once registered, students will receive access to their virtual work experience portals. Better yet, every complete session comes with a Work Experience Certificate, and for those who complete the full 6-month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor. These are fantastic additions to your CV!

Registration will start at 8:30am, with guest speaker from 9-10am, then the live work experience session starts at 10am, with an end at 5pm. Plenty of breaks are scheduled throughout.

Students can register at any time throughout the 6-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, or £50 for the full 6 months:

[**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**](#)

Kindest Regards,

Dr Barrie Lyell

Chief Mentor

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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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- DIGITAL USER EXPERIENCE (UX) PROFESSIONAL
- DEVOPS ENGINEER
- ROBOTIC ENGINEER
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VAC1000329994

To search for an apprenticeship anywhere in England, have a look at the national apprenticeship website, create an account and apply for any of the vacancies.

[Click here](#)



Don't forget that if you have applied for an apprenticeship via a college and not found one by September, you will start a full time course at college in the meantime. When you are successful in finding an apprenticeship, you will automatically be transferred from the full time course.

If you do source a vacancy over the summer holidays, you can contact the apprenticeship teams at college and they will make sure everything is sorted for you.



CAREER *of the* WEEK

Community development worker

Community development workers help communities bring about social change and improve the quality of life in their local area.

As a community development worker, you'll work with individuals, families or whole communities, empowering them to:

- identify their assets, needs, opportunities, rights and responsibilities
- plan what they want to achieve and take appropriate action
- develop activities and services to generate aspiration and confidence

You'll do this by acting as a link between communities and a range of other local authority and voluntary sector providers, such as the police, social workers and teachers.

The role involves addressing inequality and the projects you work on will often be in communities perceived to be culturally, economically or geographically disadvantaged.

Responsibilities

As a community development worker, you'll need to:

- work on projects tackling specific issues (e.g. mental health, public transport and drug abuse) - with groups such as the homeless, the long-term unemployed, families with young children or ethnic minorities.
- seek to actively engage communities in making sense of the issues which affect their lives
- set goals for improvement and respond to problems and needs through empowerment and active participation
- identify community skills, assets, issues and needs
- ensure that local people have their say
- develop new resources in dialogue with the community and evaluate existing programmes
- build links with other groups and agencies
- help to raise public awareness on issues relevant to the community
- prepare reports and policies
- raise and manage funds
- develop and implement strategies
- liaise with interested groups and individuals to set up new services
- mediate in matters of conflict
- recruit and train paid and voluntary staff
- plan, attend and coordinate meetings and events
- oversee the management of a limited budget
- encourage participation in activities
- challenge inappropriate behaviour
- carry out general administrative duties

Salary

Starting salaries are between £19,000 and £26,000.

Community development worker salaries for those with two or more years' experience can rise to £36,000.

For public sector posts, there are national pay scales and sometimes an allowance is awarded as compensation for unsocial hours.

In the voluntary sector, pay varies considerably and often depends on experience and location.



Income figures are intended as a guide only.

For more information click [here](#)