



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

Welcome to the last issue of Career News for this half term - and what a busy time it has been. We have had the first of the college interviews for Year 11 with Wigan & Leigh College and last Friday was our Year 11 Mock Interview Day. We had over 30 employers and colleges in school supporting our Year 11 and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive from both students and interviewers. A huge THANK YOU to all the wonderful local employers who took part, your support is truly appreciated.



There are further events planned for after half term, including a Faraday Challenge event for Year 8 students, a Year 11 apprenticeship assembly, a Cyber Tech Challenge with Chorley Council for Year 10 students, more college interviews with Preston and Runshaw Colleges, and of course, the annual Careers Fair for all of Year 9, 10 and 11, on March 7th - and that's just in the first three weeks!

Inside this issue of Career News you will find:

- News of the Santander apprenticeship vacancies, as well as BAE Systems, Tesco, Galliford Try and Leyland Trucks - these are all fantastic opportunities, so check out the relevant links now!
- A photography competition with InvestIn Education with some fantastic prizes to be won.
- Open events at Preston College and QEGs, plus some taster day sessions at Myerscough College for sporty students (rugby and football).
- LUSoM are offering talented mathematicians the chance to take part in some amazing online revision sessions for GCSE maths exams - sign up now and ace those top grades.
- Young Professionals are showcasing their virtual work experience day over half term with Clifford Chance - one not to be missed if you are considering a career in law.
- Medic Mentors are offering a series of free conferences for aspiring medics and dentists, plus they have an amazing virtual work experience programme for Year 10 and 11 students to take part in.
- Blackburn College are running a Film Academy over the half term for anyone thinking of a career in film and media.

Have a great half term holiday



February half-term edition

APPRENTICESHIP FACTS

DID YOU KNOW?

The Army offers 39 different apprenticeship standards from Level 2 through to a Level 6 Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship.

The first temporary Apprentice College opened in Aldershot in 1923 and across a total of 65 years there has been 16 Apprenticeship colleges, spread right across the UK. Now the Army offers Modern Apprenticeships which are delivered in Initial Trade Training Schools and in the workplace.

95% of recruits will be enrolled on an apprenticeship.

The Army takes on over 6,000 apprentices each year with an impressive 77% completion rate.

A Level 2 apprenticeship is equivalent to 5x GCSE passes and will take 18-24 months to complete. You earn while you learn.

106,945 soldiers have completed their modern apprenticeships since 2004.

GCSEs or Functional Skills are not required to join the Army.

ARMY APPRENTICESHIPS LINKED TO SCIENCE



Aviation Ground Specialist



Ordnance, Munitions and
Explosives Technician



Radio Network Technician



Veterinary Nurse



Engineering Operative

“ As a trainee, I had an in-house mentor, who guided me through my portfolio and nursing exams.

Lance Corporal Gilmour – Dental Nurse
Apprentice (Dental Nursing, Level 3)



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What to put in your first CV

- **Make a great first impression**
- **Personal statement**
- **Skills & strengths (with examples)**
- **Life & work experience**
- **Qualifications - achieved or currently aimed for**
- **Contact details**



youthemployment.org.uk/careers-advice



CV stands for curriculum vitae. That's Latin for your 'course of life' and that's basically what the document does. It tells people who you are and what you've done up to the point of applying.

What should your CV include?

- Name
- Contact details
- Personal profile
- Key skills
- Education
- Work experience
- References
- Hobbies and interests/achievements

CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS

You **DO NOT** need to include your age, date of birth or nationality. Employers shouldn't consider those things when deciding to offer you an interview. You also don't need to include a photo.

What should your CV look like?

There's no need to try and stand out with jazzy fonts and fluorescent paper. Your CV should be clear and easy to read.

Your CV should:

- Be no longer than two pages.
- Use an easy-to-read font like Arial or Times New Roman. The font should be black and sized between 10-12.
- Use headings and bullet points. Keep the layout simple and make it easy to read.
- Use plain language.

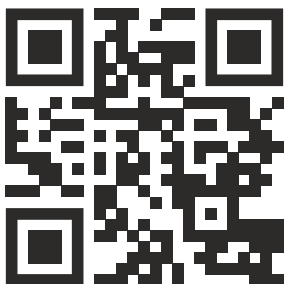
PRESTON
COLLEGE



YEAR 10 & 11

OPEN EVENT

THURSDAY 6 MARCH 4PM - 7PM



scan to register

www.preston.ac.uk/march

   /prestoncollege

QEGS SIXTH FORM

Sixth Form Open Evening

Tuesday 25th February 2025 | 4.30pm-6.30pm



Apply now: [QEGSblackburn.com/sixth](https://www.qegsblackburn.com/sixth)



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Introducing the Old Co Scholarship for QEGS Sixth Form Admissions (September 2025)

We are pleased to announce the introduction of the **Old Co Scholarship** for students applying to join the Sixth Form at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School (QEGS) in September 2025.

This prestigious scholarship, valued at £2,000, can be used at the discretion of the recipient - there are no restrictions or limitations on how the funds may be spent. It is intended to support students in any way that enhances their Sixth Form experience, from educational resources to extracurricular activities.

Please note that there are **only 10 Old Co Scholarships** available, and they will be awarded to eligible applicants on a competitive basis.

How to Apply:

Eligible students should contact spalmer@qegsblackburn.com to request an application form.

All Year 11 pupils are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

QEGS SIXTH FORM

Old Co Scholarships



The supporting body of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Old Co, are delighted to offer up to 10 scholarships per academic year to Sixth Form students. Each scholarship is worth £2,000, payable in two installments, the first in December of Year 12 and the second in December of Year 13.

To be eligible to apply you must:

- achieve at least 5 grade 7s and above in your GCSEs in June 2025, with grade 8 or above in the subjects you wish to study at A level
- have excellent attendance at your current school
- wish to contribute fully to Sixth Form life by joining our clubs and societies.

Application forms can be requested by emailing spalmer@qegsblackburn.com

Application forms must be returned to QEGS admissions by 30th April 2025. All applications will be acknowledged. You will then need to enrol at QEGS Sixth Form on 21st or 22nd August 2025. Successful applicants will be informed by 31st October 2025. If there are more applicants than scholarships then the decision made by Old Co will be final.

Apply now: [QEGSblackburn.com/sixth](https://www.qegsblackburn.com/sixth)

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Ready to Step Up?



What's in it for you?

- ✓ Hands-on experience that **boosts your CV**
- ✓ Marketing & strategy skills **employers want**
- ✓ Your ideas, voice, and perspective will influence how we **help young people like you**
- ✓ Free food! 🍕



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What We Do

Wot Wud U Do is a Community Interest Company (CIC) dedicated to creating meaningful change in young people's lives. As a CIC, our resources and revenues are reinvested for the public good, ensuring every programme we deliver makes a lasting impact.

We collaborate with local authorities, schools, health services, and community organizations across Lancashire to design and deliver structured programmes that address real challenges and empower young people. From tackling anti-social behavior to building leadership skills and emotional resilience, our work focuses on creating opportunities for growth, connection, and transformation.



Participants Wanted for Preston Photography Project

A new participatory, co-produced community photography project is offering residents and newcomers to Preston an opportunity to share their first impressions of the city through the lens of a camera.

The project, run by Preston-based Wot Wud U, aims to capture the thoughts, feelings, and experiences of those who are new to Preston – including refugees, immigrants, students, workers, and visitors – by using photography as a tool for self-expression.

Through a series of free workshops, the project invites participants to express their opinions on both the positives and negatives of living in Preston, by creating their own images that reflect their unique perspectives on the city.

Participants will see their images displayed around the historic Winckley Square.

The project kicks off with a free street photography walk in Preston, guided by professional photographer Garry Cook, on Saturday, March 01, 2025.

With guidance from Cook and local experts, participants will be empowered to share their stories and raise awareness of the issues that matter most to them.

The findings from the project will be used to inform local decision-makers and services, helping them to improve the experience for those new to Preston.

By bringing together diverse voices through creative expression, the project aims to foster a sense of community, improve social connections, and highlight areas where the city can grow.

During the project, participants will be offered hands-on photography advice, learning key skills in a series of practical workshops. These sessions will cover everything from basic photography techniques to how to tell a personal story through images. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet others, build new friendships and develop life skills.

As well as providing valuable insights into people's impressions of Preston as a city, it will also help increase awareness of social issues, reduce social isolation, develop skills and create community connections across Preston.

The project will begin with several workshops in March, culminating in an outdoor exhibition around May 2025.

If you live in Preston and would like to take part in the project, please email **Dave@wwudes.co.uk**.

Dave Clayton is the founder of Wot Wud U Do, a Community Interest Company which specialises in empowering young people.

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Website: wotwududo.co.uk // Facebook: facebook.com/wotwududo // Instagram: @wotwududo

Garry Cook is a journalist and photographer.


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Ready to Step Up?



We are looking for 10 young changemakers to join us and, who are eager to share their ideas, challenge the norm, and help us drive change.

 Launching in March 2025

 Send us a direct message or email Dave@wwudes.co.uk to join!

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Inspiring Growth. Shaping Tomorrows.

Our Belief

At Wot Wud U Do, we believe in the power of engagement to inspire positive change. By empowering young people to harness their lived experiences, we create transformative opportunities that help them grow, connect, and thrive.

What We Do

Through innovative programs, hands-on workshops, and real-world challenges, we provide a safe, creative space where young minds can build emotional resilience, explore their passions, and address meaningful social issues. Every experience is designed to unlock potential, foster confidence, and equip young people with the tools to make a lasting impact.



First Impressions PHOTOGRAPHY

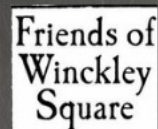
JOIN US THIS MARCH:

- And gain insights from one of the top photographers in Preston
- Learn new skills
- Showcase your artwork on Winkley Square

Want to know more?

Sign up for a free photo workshop and walk by:

Contacting us at: Dave@wwudes.co.uk



Our Mission

To empower young people to use their unique perspectives and lived experiences to create impactful, educational materials that inspire and support their peers.

Our Vision

A world where young people are heard, celebrated, and given opportunities to showcase their talents and abilities in creative and meaningful ways.

Our Values

Youth-Focused: Centering young people in everything we do.

Creative: Encouraging innovation and self-expression.

Engaging: Designing experiences that captivate and inspire.

Together, we're shaping futures and building a brighter tomorrow - one young person at a time.



Ready to Step Up?



Are you under 25 and want to shape

real change

in your community?

Join Step Up and work on real projects that
influence young people like you!

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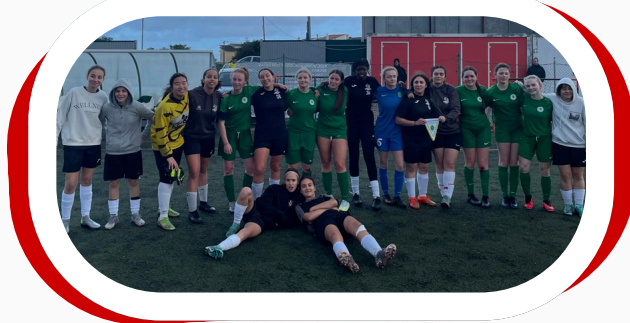
Our Amazing Partners

At Wot Wud U Do, we're proud to collaborate with an incredible network of partners who share our vision for empowering young people and building stronger communities. From local authorities and schools to health services and community organizations, our partners bring invaluable expertise, resources, and support to every project we deliver. Together, we're creating opportunities for growth, fostering resilience, and making a real difference in the lives of young people across the region.



WOMENS FOOTBALL TASTER SESSION

Are you in Year 9 - 11?
Interested in football?
Register for a Womens only taster
session at Myerscough College now!



Book your place now by scanning the QR code or typing
the web address into your browser:

[https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/girls-
football-taster-event/](https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/girls-football-taster-event/)



TUESDAY | 18.02.2025 | 10AM - 2PM



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STAGES, YOU HAVE JUST STARTED
THE **FIRST STAGE.**

SAHIRAH AHMED, APPRENTICE

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SCHOOL

Blackburn Film Academy

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Want a career in Film & TV

Apply for a place at the
Blackburn Film Academy
this half term and make a film with us and
the National Film and Television School



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WHAT COMES NEXT for pupils in year 11?



Apply to Alliance Learning

From November 2024
onwards

Come to our Open Evening

Thursday 13th February 2024
4:30pm-7:00pm
Alliance Learning, Horwich
Business Park, B16 5UE

Apply for vacancies

Apply for as many vacancies
as you'd like, making sure
you can travel to both the
company and Alliance
Learning.

Confirm your GCSE results

August 2025

Prepare your CV

From November 2024
onwards

We will get in touch

Our recruitment team will be
in contact in February 2025.
We'll then invite you in to
discuss your application
during half-term or the
Easter holidays. If you apply
after Easter we will be in
touch within 3 days.

Interviews with companies

START YOUR APPRENTICESHIP



Dunelm apprenticeships are OPEN for applications!

Starting your career with Dunelm opens a world of possibilities!

Discover a wide range of exciting apprenticeship vacancies, now open for applications.

With roles available across the business in **Retail, Supply Chain & Logistics, Buying & Merchandising, Insight & Analytics** (coming next week), **Digital Marketing** and **Commercial Data Analysis**, Dunelm is inviting students, teachers & careers advisers, parents & carers and anyone else interested in an apprenticeship to hear more about the exciting career opportunities available.

Explore Dunelm's apprenticeship vacancies on their Early Careers page using the button below!

VIEW THE VACANCIES



ASK AN APPRENTICE COMMUNITY!

Student: Why Join?



Easy to use

Post your questions – apprentices respond!



Personalised

Ask the questions you want answered



Network

Our apprentice mentors are from top UK employers



Stand out

Gain insider knowledge and get ahead in applications



Ask anonymously

Ideal for questions you'd rather not ask your teacher!



Industry-specific

Get advice specific to the industry you're interested in applying to!

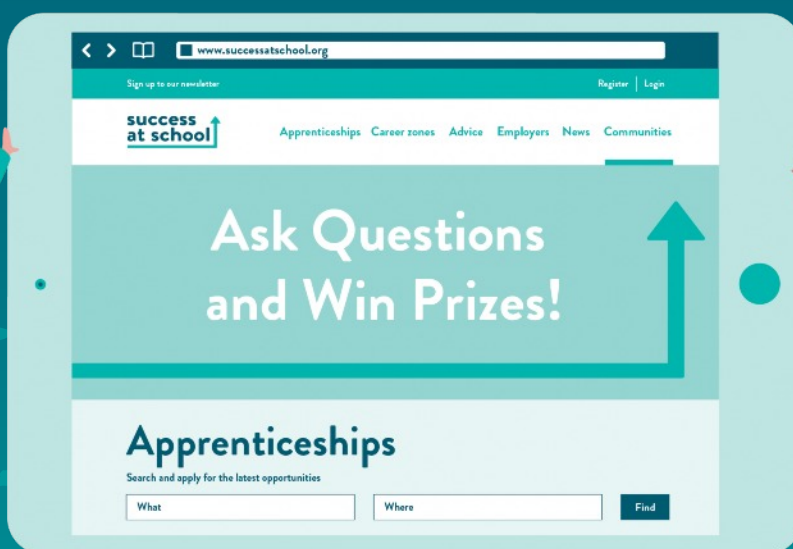
How it works:

- Sign up for free and join the community.
- Post your questions about apprenticeships, careers, and more!
- Get answers and advice from experienced apprentices.

Not sure what to ask? Things to ask about:

- Application tips
- Life as an apprentice
- Skills you'll need

Scan here
to sign up

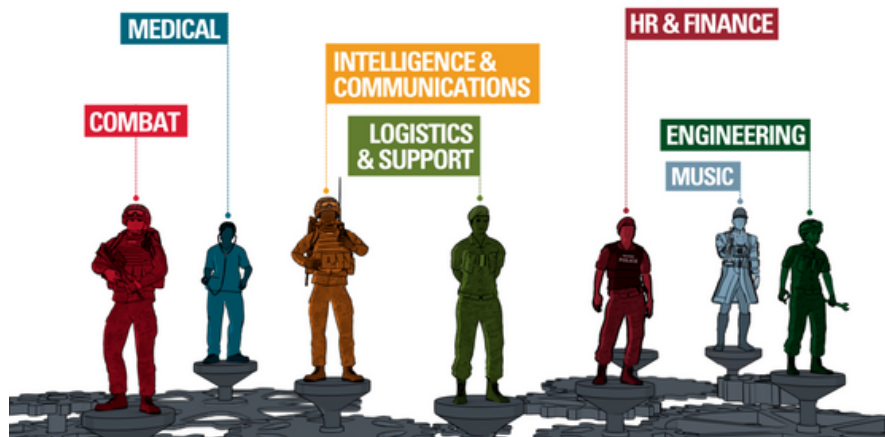


Find out more: www.successatschool.org/community

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ARMY APPRENTICESHIPS LINKED TO YOUR CURRICULUM

The British Army is the number 1 Apprenticeship Employer across the UK and Northern Ireland, offering over 40 different apprenticeships.



Here are some useful things you could say to students who are interested in apprenticeships...

The Army has been delivering apprenticeships for over 100 years.

The Army currently offers over 40 different apprenticeship standards from level 2 through to level 6.

Whichever school subjects you're interested in, you could consider an apprenticeship in the Army.

The Army have 6,000 Soldiers start an apprenticeship every year.

A Level 2 apprenticeship is the equivalent to 5x GCSE passes and will take 18-24 months to complete.

There are many opportunities to do sports and travel the world and it's all part of the job.

95% of soldiers will be enrolled onto an apprenticeship when they join the Army.

There is great career progression in the Army, including the chance to do a degree apprenticeship.

You get paid for the job you're doing AND gain your qualifications at the same time.

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Let's build the future together

Learn from experts in our business, gain a qualification and earn too.

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FOR APPRENTICES TO WORK FOR
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**CONSTRUCTION &
CIVIL ENGINEERING**

Kickstart a rewarding career where you will earn while you learn from experts in our business, gaining hands-on experience on live projects as you work towards a qualification, fully funded by us.

We will help you reach your potential through our award-winning, 18-month Trainee Development Programme - five modules designed to develop you to thrive and gain essential skills for a fantastic career.

Apply Now

Check out our webinar with Careermap this National Apprenticeship week!

Join our exclusive webinar to explore the world of opportunities within Galliford Try's award-winning apprenticeship programme. Discover how our apprenticeships pave the way for a rewarding career in one of the UK's leading construction companies.

Our programmes open the doors to success in the construction industry through hands-on learning, mentorship from industry leaders and experience of cutting-edge projects.

Don't miss this chance to hear current Apprentices share their experiences and how you could start your future with Galliford Try!

Book A Space Now!



GT Scholars Bright Ambitions Programme

I wanted to let you know more about an online tutoring, mentoring and personal development programme from GT Scholars.

Who is GT Scholars?

GT Scholars is an award-winning education organisation who have been running academic & leadership programmes for over 8 years, using a multi-strategy approach.

Their programmes are designed to help young people by building their confidence, improving grades and increasing motivation. The majority of their scholars have improved by at least 2 grades within a year of being on their tutoring programmes. These programmes are separate from any after-school revision and extra-curricular activities already available at school.

What does the Bright Ambitions Programme include?

The Bright Ambitions programme is open to ambitious young people aged 11-18, living in England.

The programme includes:

- 1-to-1 online tutoring in Maths or English from top-tier DBS-checked tutors
- 1-to-1 online mentoring with professionals and graduates from top companies and universities
- Access to the weekly coding classes led by expert workshop facilitators
- Access to weekly group co-study sessions
- Unlimited access to the online mentoring hub with year-round support from the scholar success team
- Unlimited access to all of their premium online courses within the online learning hub, valued at over £6400 (with 1 new course added each term)

How do I apply?

To find out more about their programmes, register your interest here by **Friday 28th February 2025**: www.gtscholars.org/register-your-interest

If you have any questions or want to know more about the programmes offered by GT Scholars, visit www.gtscholars.org



GT Scholars

1-TO-1 TUTORING & MENTORING PROGRAMMES

Are you an ambitious young person aged 11-16?
Would you like to boost your leadership skills? Are you keen to improve your grades? Our 1-to-1 programmes might be just for you!
Each term you'll get access to:



Online Tutoring

12 hours of academic support, including 10 hours of 1-to-1 online tutoring in Maths or English up to GCSE



Online Mentoring

6 hours of 1-to-1 online mentoring sessions with professionals and graduates from top companies & universities



Personal Development Courses

2 new personal development courses, group coaching sessions & unlimited access to our online learning hub

<https://gtscholars.org/register-your-interest>





Helping you to plan for the future

We're excited to share the launch of our **new and improved Career Quiz!** This popular resource has already helped over 20,000 students from almost 7,000 schools explore their career options. Through a series of questions, we've been able to assess students' skills and interests, providing them with a detailed career report and skills profile. **Now, we've added even more to guide them on their educational journey!**

Students will receive tailored advice on next steps, including subject choices for GCSEs and A-levels and tips on universities to consider. Plus, they'll also get advice from industry professionals on what they can be doing now to make their application stand out from the crowd.

We'd love for your students to give it a try - it's a fantastic way to help them feel confident about planning their future!

▶ **TAKE THE QUIZ** ◀

What is the InvestIN Career Quiz?

By answering a series of expertly crafted questions, students unlock a personalised report that unveils an industry aligned with their skills and interests.

Inside the report, students will discover:

Key insights into the career we believe best suits their strengths and passions.

A detailed skills profile showing how their abilities align with the chosen career.

Tailored guidance on their educational journey, from GCSEs and A-Levels to university.

Practical advice from industry professionals on what they can do now to prepare for their future.



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CAREER QUIZ

Find out what career is right for you

We know that preparing for a future beyond school can feel overwhelming, especially when you are expected to make decisions about your next steps at a young age.

At InvestIN, we believe it's critical students are armed with relevant and insightful resources to navigate their futures with confidence – whilst enjoying the process!

That's why we've launched our latest free tool to guide you on this exciting adventure.

By answering a series of questions, you will unlock a personalised report that unveils an industry aligned with your skills and interests, alongside advice on what you can be doing now to support your career journey.

Take the Quiz



Includes:

A breakdown of the industry we believe you are best suited to

A detailed skills review

Advice from our professionals

Links to further resources which will enhance your career journey



Now includes:
Recommended GCSE, A
Level & University Choices





Clifford Chance Virtual Work Experience: Rare Opportunity for Year 11 Students

Exclusive Law Work Experience – Register Now for February Half Term

This is a rare and exclusive virtual insight event for your students to spend a whole day with Clifford Chance on Friday 21st February, 10am -3pm.

This is a free event to attend with limited places.

Are you an aspiring legal professional in Year 11 searching for some much-needed work experience to add to your CV? Then we have the perfect opportunity for you!

Whether you're considering a solicitor apprenticeship or exploring the traditional university route, this exclusive Clifford Chance Virtual Work Experience Day is your chance to gain first-hand exposure to the legal world during February half term.

This one-day virtual programme is designed to help ambitious students like you develop key legal skills, learn from leading solicitors, and understand the different pathways into the legal profession.

Event Details

Date: **Friday, 21st February**

Time: **10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Location: **Zoom (Virtual)**

Why You Should Attend:

- Law work experience is rare – secure this now to strengthen your future applications
- Explore Clifford Chance's practice areas and take part in interactive legal case studies.
- Practical workshops to develop your legal skills
- Learn about the ACCESS & SPARK Programmes on offer– a direct route into law with Clifford Chance
- Advice from professionals on securing top legal opportunities
- Boost your applications for law programmes and university with real experience

Why This Matters for Your Future:

- Law firms are highly competitive, and work experience like this makes your application stand out. If you're serious about a legal career, this is your chance to connect with a Magic Circle firm, learn from the best, and take your first step towards a successful career.
- Law work experience is incredibly rare—don't miss this opportunity to gain hands-on insight at one of the world's top law firms!

Register now to secure your place before it's too late.

Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CliffordChance-WEx-Day>

Page-turning Apprenticeships

A Salary and an industry-recognised qualification are just part of the story on our apprenticeship programmes. Regardless of your background or qualifications, we'll support your career development through learning and real experience. We're talking entry, higher and degree-level apprenticeships, in areas like Digital, Data, Economic Crime, Tech and Customer Service.

Get ready for the next chapter.

Our programmes

We want you to find an opportunity that's suited for you and the career story you want to develop. Our programmes give you the opportunity to create an exciting future with us, whatever your background.

What's involved?

Every Santander apprenticeship scheme is different. Some last 12 months, others take up to four years. Some lead to a level 3 qualification, while others are on par with a degree.

However, every apprenticeship scheme offers you:

- A real job with hands-on experience
- Decent salary from day one
- Tailored training and development
- Chance to gain an industry-recognised qualification
- The opportunity to join us full-time if you succeed



[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY](#)

INVESTIN | THE ULTIMATE WORK EXPERIENCE

The Young Photographer Challenge

Student Charity Competition

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Student Charity Competition

We're excited to invite students at your school to take part in our annual charity competition, celebrating this year's theme: **Inspiration For My Future Career**.

Students simply need to submit a photo of a person, place or moment that inspires their dream career, along with a short caption. For every entry, we'll make a donation to UNICEF!

Deadline: 5pm, 24th February 2025

Prize: The winner can choose between receiving a free place on an [InvestIN weekend programme](#) or a one-to-one mentoring session with a professional from one of our 15 industries.

We'd love for your students to get involved! Please follow the link below to view full details of the competition.

The Young Photographer Challenge

InvestIN, an organisation that provides career experiences for students, is running a photography competition with the theme 'Inspiration For My Future Career'.

To enter, simply take a photo of a person, place or moment that inspires you to pursue your dream career and write a short caption explaining why. You don't need to be an experienced photographer, just get creative!

It's free to enter, and for every submission, InvestIN will make a donation to UNICEF.

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You can find out more by [following this link](#).

The best of luck with your submission!

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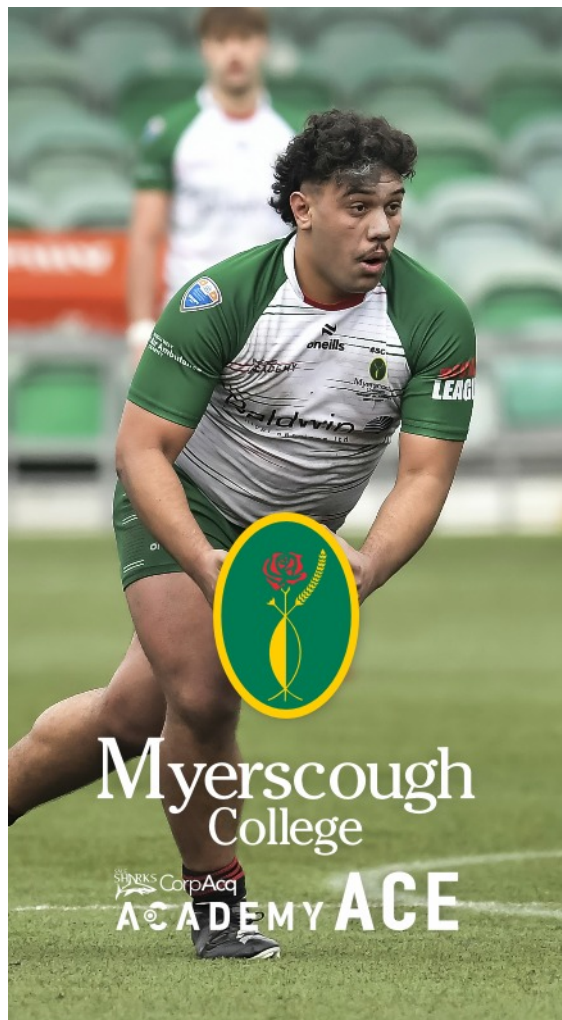


[Find out More](#)

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www.investin.org



Rugby Union Advice Morning

Wednesday 19th February 9.30am till 12pm

Come along to our Rugby Studies Advice Morning and find out more about our range of BTEC Level 3 Diplomas in Rugby Studies including the Level 3 Diploma in Sporting Excellence(DiSE).

The Myerscough College Rugby academy is a joint venture with Sale Sharks Rugby and is the accredited RFU Elite Player Development Centre for the North West.

Our relationship with Sale Sharks and the RFU provides a unique opportunity for students to train as professional athletes and secure a dream job.

Our courses cover all aspects of the game including psychology, physiology, nutrition, performance development and coaching development. It offers a perfect environment for talented rugby players to combine high performance with education needs.

The Advice Morning is a great chance to find out more about the courses we offer at the RFU's national leading under 18 development program for performance players.

Please sign in at the College Main Reception before making your way over to the Sports Centre.

Book your place here!

Further information is available from Steve Gough, Head of Rugby Development here at Myerscough College. Tel: 01995 642307 Email: sgough@myerscough.ac.uk



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A complimentary lunch will be provided for students.

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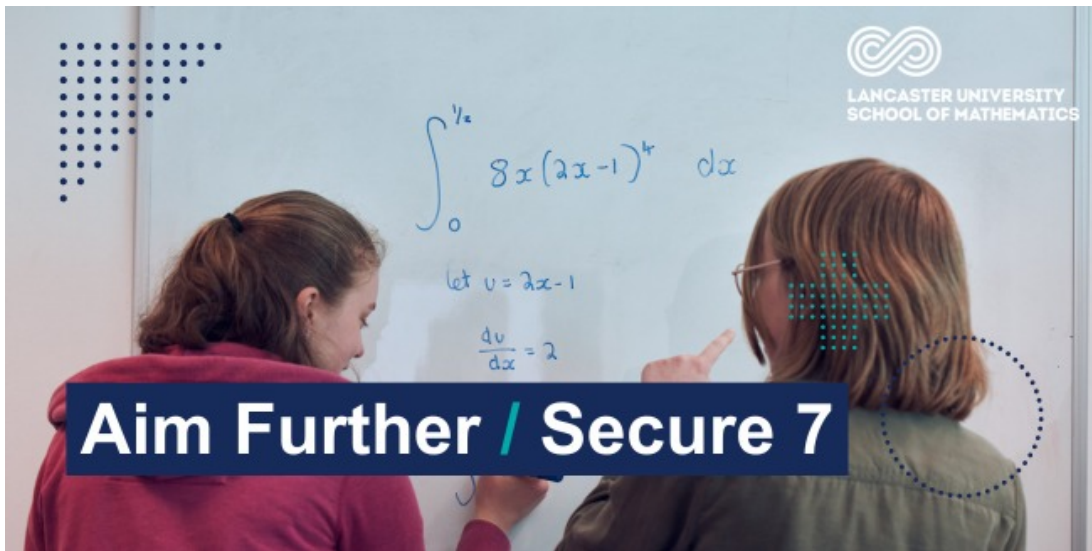


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From February, we will be offering a 6-week revision programme tailored towards your students expected maths grade. We have the Aim Further programme for students expected 8/9 grade and the Secure 7 programme for students expected a grade 7.

Please note, students can only select to attend one of the revision programmes.

LUSoM Aim Further:

LUSoM Aim Further



Predicted Grade:

8/9

Interested in studying:

Further Maths



The sessions will be held online, once a week and will begin on **Tuesday 25th February**, running until **Tuesday 1st April**.

Link to book: <https://bit.ly/3ZBzC4v>

LUSoM Secure 7:

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Predicted Grade:

7

Interested in studying:

Maths



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"I've learnt a lot already and it's only my first week." Stronger Starts Retail Apprentice

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You'll also have the opportunity to attend a short presentation and meet

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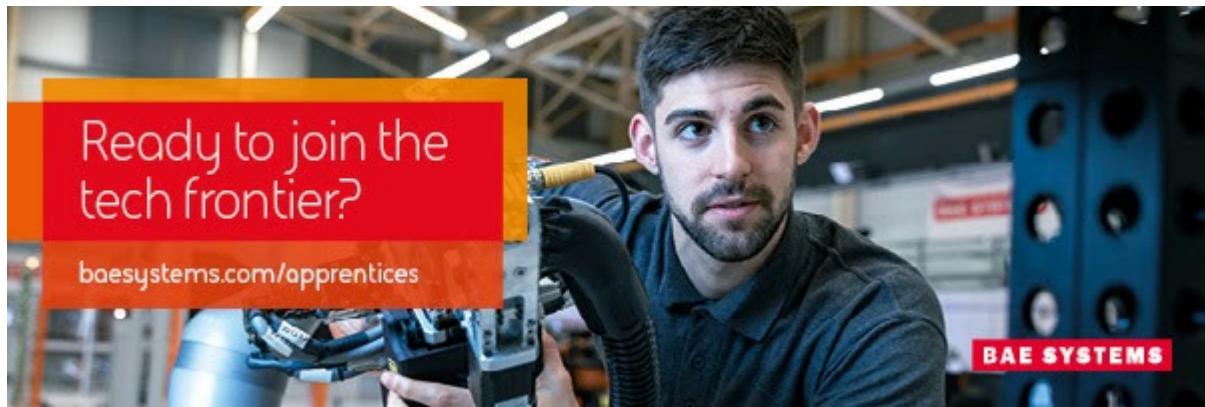
Our Foundation Learning programme is an ideal stepping stone to the Supported Internship and we'd love you to come to our event to learn more and meet the team.



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BAE Systems offers apprenticeships that provide valuable real-world experience, an alternative to university education, and the opportunity to work in high-tech industries. Here's a breakdown of our apprenticeship levels, designed to help your students take the first step toward a successful career:

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Tegan, Engineering degree apprentice

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BAE Systems Apprentice Recruitment Team

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We will aim to contact you by Monday 24th March 2025.

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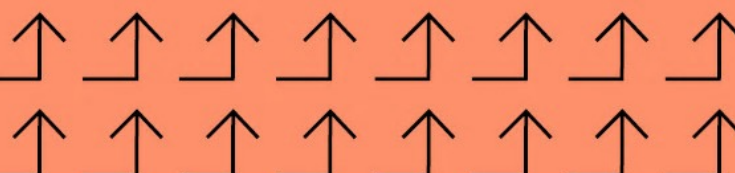
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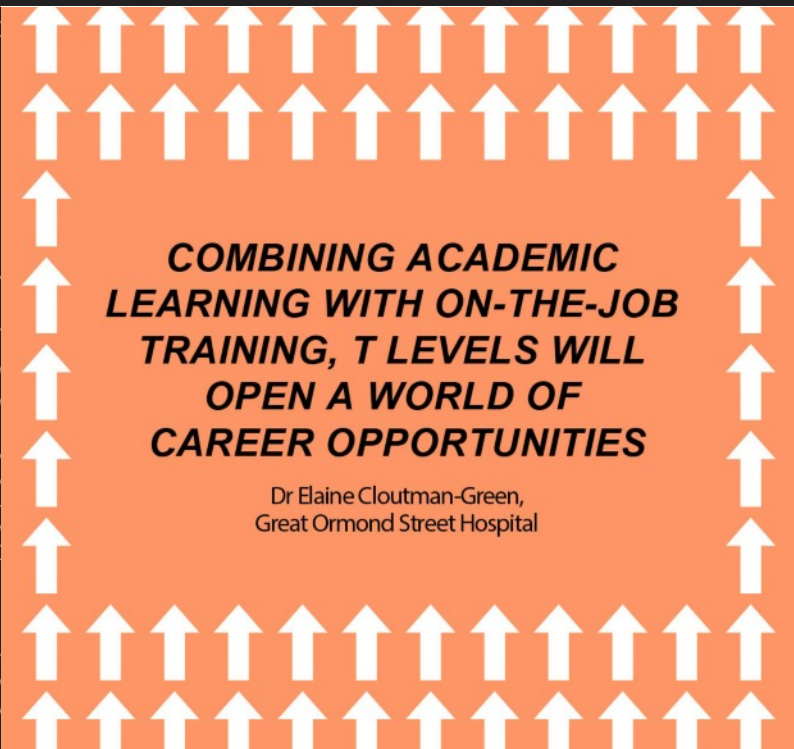
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- Entry Level Courses

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- 4 days work, 1 day college/training
- Apprenticeship Salary
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- Full Time / Part Time Work
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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!
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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!

MEDIC MENTOR



YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

As we approach Careers Week (3rd March - 9th March), I am excited to offer exclusive invitations to a series of events designed specifically to provide an insight into medicine and dentistry for students in Yr 9 - Y11.

- New Virtual Medical Work Experience - Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- New Virtual Dental Work Experience - Paediatric & Dental Surgery
- Virtual Medical Society Webinar - Nutrition and Hydration Week & Career's Week
- Virtual Dental Society Webinar - Braces VS Aligners
- Free Virtual Get Into Medicine conference
- Free Virtual Get Into Dentistry conference

To access these experiences, students need to register for one of the upcoming Get Into conferences.

For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:

- Sunday 23rd February from 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Saturday 1st March from 9:30am - 3:30pm

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For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference dates:

- Saturday 22nd February from 9:30am - 3:30pm

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There are many paths to explore in Medicine and Dentistry, and Dr. Safiyyah, Dr. Kennedy, and I are here to provide guidance. From gaining work experience to joining extracurricular activities, we're here to help your students make confident career decisions whilst gaining insights into these fields.

During the conference, students can:

- Interact with doctors/dentists LIVE and hear from current medical or dental students
- Gain insight into medically/dentally inclined extracurricular activities to enhance their skills
- Learn where and how to secure valuable work experience
- Updates to the UCAT Entrance Exam
- Strategically selecting universities
- Crafting compelling personal statements
- Navigating the medical and dental school interview process
- Curating extra and supra-curricular activities that are directly related to medicine or dentistry
- Applying for scholarships to study medicine or dentistry at university

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Dental Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

My priority is to provide support to your students and their parents as they make an informed decision about a career in medicine or dentistry. Access to work experience and healthcare professionals is still a barrier, which is why we created the free LIVE Get into Medicine or Dentistry Conference so that students can ask questions directly to doctors and dentists and decide which career is best suited to them:

While some students have already attended, I'm mindful that there are many who may have missed out. Once your students have attended our Get Into conference, they can benefit from more free support such as:

- Free medical or dental NHS work experience accepted by UCAS Applications and the Medical Schools Council
- Free volunteering opportunities with a variety of medical and dental charities
- Free weekly medical wider reading webinars and recordings
- Free study skills E-learning to boost their revision for exams
- Opportunities to apply for medical/dental school scholarships and awards
- Opportunities to apply for national leadership programmes and extra-curriculars outside of school that can be used for question 3 on personal statements.
- A detailed understanding of the UCAS application process to become a doctor or dentist.

Registration Link for the FREE Get Into Medicine conference:
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- Saturday 22nd February from 9:30am - 3:30pm

Here's how the day will run:

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

Students and parents can register for free here:

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Dr Dhakshana Sivayoganathan, Medical Director of Medic Mentor (part of Mentorverse)



Get Into Medicine University Conference

This comprehensive conference covers all of the essential requirements for applying to medical school and provides invaluable tips on how to stand out from the crowd. With informative sessions led by experienced professionals, you'll gain an understanding of what medical schools are looking for, learn how to perform phenomenally in interviews, and discover the importance of extracurricular activities in your application. This conference is the perfect opportunity to take that first essential step towards a career in medicine, and it's all conveniently accessible from the comfort of your own home. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to get ahead and become a competitive applicant for medical school - register for Medic Mentor's virtual get into medicine conference today!

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Get Into Dentistry University Conference

This comprehensive conference covers all of the essential requirements for applying to dental school and provides invaluable tips on how to stand out from the crowd. With informative sessions led by experienced professionals, you'll gain an understanding of what dental schools are looking for, learn how to perform phenomenally in interviews, and discover the importance of extracurricular activities in your application. This conference is the perfect opportunity to take that first essential step towards a career in dentistry, and it's all conveniently accessible from the comfort of your own home. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to get ahead and become a competitive applicant for dental school – register for Dental Mentor's virtual get into dentistry conference today!

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A 4 month immersive virtual work experience programme created and delivered by practicing dentists. You will follow several patients through a range of dental consultations, procedures, and scenarios. A new free virtual work experience session is released every month!

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Dentist

Dentists prevent and treat problems affecting the mouth and teeth, deal with injuries and correct dental issues.

As a dentist, you'll typically lead a team of dental nurses, hygienists, therapists and technicians, and treat a range of patients, from children to the elderly.

The most common role in dentistry is as a general dental practitioner (GDP). As a GDP, you'll work as a self-employed contractor providing dental care to the general public in high street practices. It's also possible to work part time in hospitals. You might provide services under the NHS, privately or both.

Types of dentistry

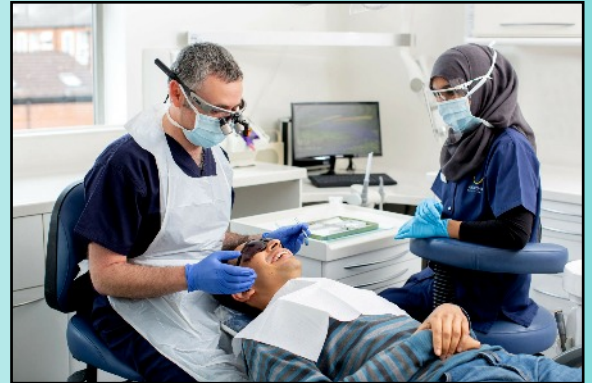
You may choose to specialise in a different area of dentistry, such as:

- Community dental care - working in patients' homes, nursing homes and community clinics, treating patients who have special requirements that mean they can't attend a high street practice.
- Dental public health - carrying out non-clinical work, assessing the dental health needs of populations rather than individuals.
- Hospital dental care - dealing with cases of special difficulty and providing treatment to long-stay hospital patients, emergency treatment for short-stay patients or the general public for teaching purposes.
- Armed forces - providing a comprehensive range of dental services for armed forces personnel in the UK and abroad, operating as a military dental officer.
- Academic dentistry - teaching dental students and trainees within a university or dental hospital setting, often part time alongside clinical responsibilities

Responsibilities

As a dentist, you'll need to:

- educate patients on oral healthcare
- examine teeth, diagnosing dental conditions using tools such as x-rays
- assess treatment options and agree treatment plans with patients
- carry out agreed clinical treatments such as restoring teeth affected by decay and treating gum disease
- maintain patients' dental records
- recruit, train and manage staff
- oversee budgets and maintain stocks of equipment
- market services to potential clients.
- Some practices employ practice managers so that dentists can concentrate on clinical work



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