

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

It's half term!

Here we are at the end of another busy half term at Parklands. GCSE exams are well underway, the sun is out and taster days and work experience are rapidly approaching!

However, in the meantime ...

Runshaw College art students are holding an exhibition of their work - if you are planning on taking art & design at college, why not go along and see what kind of work they produce?

InvestIN issue a last chance to take part in one of their amazing summer career experiences.

NCS (National Citizen Service) are back, sadly too late to present an assembly to the Year 11s, but the leaflet inside gives all the details about their fantastic scheme. There's also a video that you can watch to find out just what NCS is all about: <u>CLICK HERE</u>

For budding pilots, there is a great event coming up at Manchester Airport in July - but book early as places will go fast!

Lots of conferences from the Medic Mentor family, including Dental Mentor, Allied Health Mentor and Law Mentor. There is also the virtual work experience programme that you can take part in.

Apprenticeship vacancies are highlighted at the back of this issue - and don't forget to check out the vacancies at Training 2000 and Alliance Learning (links inside). Training 2000 will be holding a lunchtime drop-in session in mid June, so don't miss that if you are considering an apprenticeship post-16.

Earlier this week, a group of Year 8 pupils visited NSG Environmental Ltd as part of the EDT Bronze Industrial Cadet Challenge and learned more about the nuclear industry and the many job roles available. The next step is an online assessment by a panel of judges, once we submit the reports - fingers crossed!

Have a great half term holiday. Year 10s - make sure you sort out your work experience places as insurance details need to be checked. I will re-share the list of employers with students - please email me if there's something you are interested in: pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

In today's digital age, social media influencers play an increasingly significant role in shaping the opinions, interests and behaviours of our children. While many of these individuals can have a positive effect, influencer culture can also present certain risks – such as encouraging consumerism, affecting self-esteem and blurring trustworthiness. To help ensure a safe online environment for young people, it's vital to maintain open communication, set sensible boundaries, promote a healthy self-image and teach digital media literacy. Our guide delves deeper into all of these.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

HEIGHTENED CONSUMERISM

A major way that influencers make money is through brand partnerships and sponsored content. As a result, children who follow them may be exposed to a steady stream of advertising: this can lead to materialistic attitudes, unrealistic expectations and an increased desire to have the latest products. Many influencers have built huge brand empires around their large, impressionable following.

CONCERNS

Inspired by their favourite influencers, children may start sharing more of their own lives online – which could reveal personal information or details about their daily routine. This openness can put them at risk of cyberbullying or even predatory behaviour. This is exacerbated by live streaming, which gives young people no time to consider the potential consequences of saying too much.

UNDERMINING SELF-ESTEEM

Many influencers share images and videos of themselves and their activities, which are often painstakingly curated and edited to present an Idealised version of their life. Children who follow these influencers may develop distorted expectations about body image and the concept of beauty, which can potentially lead to negative self-esteem and even mental health issues.

THE SOFT SELL

Some influencers aren't always transparent about the motivations behind their posts, blurring the lines between genuine recommendations and paid-for promotions – and young people sometimes find it difficult to distinguish authentic content from advertising. Many major social platforms have taken steps to make sponsored content and ads easier to identify, but it remains an area of concern.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP TALKING

Chat to your child about the content they consume on social media and the influencers that they like. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear online, and listen to any concerns they might have. Maintaining this line of open, honest communication can help your child to make informed decisions about which individuals they follow and what content they engage with.

SET SOME BOUNDARIES

Agree age-appropriate boundaries for your child's social media use, including time limits and privacy settings (the two major operating systems on mobile devices, Android and IOS, have these controls baked in). Try to keep an eye on your child's online activity and discuss it regularly with them – including reminding them of the potential risks that can arise from following influencers.

SUPPORT A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE

Reinforce your child's awareness that real life isn't usually as picture perfect as it may appear on social media — and how some content (particularly that of influencers) is often curated, staged or edited to look more glamorous. If possible, highlight examples of other influencers who share authentic, relatable material which acknowledges

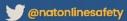
PROMOTE MEDIA LITERACY

Talk to your child about the concepts of sponsored content, advertising and potential influencer bias. Teach them to critically evaluate the information they're presented with online and to consider the possible reasons behind content creation. This can help young peopl develop the skills to make healthier decisions about the influencers they choose to follow and the content they consume.

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Preston North End are looking to recruit at least two new Academy Coaches to join the Academy Team for the upcoming 2023/24 season.

Coaching sessions will take place on a Tuesday and a Friday evening from 5.30pm to 7.30pm (plus preparation & admin time), matches will take place on a Sunday.

The usual Sunday games programme is from 9.30am to 1.30pm. The hours of work required will be determined by the needs of the role and can be up to 10 hours per week during the season.

The closing date for applications is Monday 12th June 2023.

Shortlising will take place the week commencing Monday 19th June 2023, with interviews held the week commencing Monday 26th June 2023.

Applications can be sent via email to jobs@pne.com or by post to the below address.

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By train: Manchester Airport train station is less than 3 miles from the Park. The 200 bus currently runs an hourly service to the Runway Visitor Park. For exact times please contact Traveline on 0871 200 2233. Alternatively we are a short taxi ride away.



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he Runway Visitor Park
Sunbank Lane
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This event will cover every aspect of what it takes to become a professional pilot including helicopter pilot careers.

Pilot Careers Live brings together leading pilot training academies, airlines, universities and career experts and features a series of informative presentations featuring British Airways, Loganair, TUI, EasyJet and Ryanair.

For full event details and tickets, please visit: www.pilotcareernews.com/live/north

FREE WEBINAR



Presented by

A GUIDE TO APPRENTICESHIPS, CAREER OPTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday 14th June, 4-5pm via Zoom

Webinar Agenda:

- Apprenticeship key facts and considerations
- Employers we work with across the UK
- Current and upcoming apprenticeship vacancies
- How to apply and candidate eligibility
- CV tips and tricks
- Ask questions to our experienced team





Jamie McVey LMP Director

Poppy Drury LMP Recruitment



Apprenticeships webinar for Year 11s

Apprenticeships are a real alternative to college and university. They provide an opportunity to earn and learn whilst gaining real workplace experience. Not only can an apprenticeship kickstart a career for a young person, it can help shape a career and offer employability skills, progression and future development.

LMP Education is a national training provider and we are delivering a webinar to all year 11 pupils on **Wednesday 14th June** from **4-5pm**. This session will fully explain the apprenticeship route and available opportunities we have starting from August onwards this year.

Webinar agenda

- Apprenticeship key facts and considerations
- Employers we work with across the UK
- Current and upcoming apprenticeship vacancies
- How to apply and candidate eligibility
- CV tips and tricks
- Questions and answer session

To attend the webinar pupils will need to register **HERE**



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Last Chance to Register: Summer Career Experiences in London

Registration to close next week



Medicine I Engineering I Investment Banking I Law I Psychology I

Software Engineering I Entrepreneurship I 11 more careers

This is the final call for your students to register for a life-changing, immersive career experience in London this summer. The programmes will transform ambitious teenagers into career-ready young professionals; an essential head-start for tomorrow's leaders.

We expect to close registration by next Sunday 4th June so interested students should register immediately.

VIEW & REGISTER NOW







Yellow Ribbon Day

Sunday 25 June 11am-4pm

St Catherine's Park, Lostock Hall



Enjoy a family-fun day out in support of St Catherine's Hospice at our popular Yellow Ribbon Day garden fete.

Entertainment | Activities | Food | Attractions

Our gardens will be decorated with hundreds of yellow ribbons featuring names of people being remembered this summer.

For the latest event updates connect with us on social

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your support! Bring a splash
of sunshine to our special day
whatever the weather by
wearing something yellow

Parent and guardians information leaflet

Experiences away from home

National Citizen Service (NCS) helps 15-17 year olds build skills for work and life by taking part in new challenges and meeting new people, gaining confidence and independence along the way.

"When my son came back he had just blossomed, his confidence had grown so much it was incredible. I would highly encourage parents to get their teens on NCS, it teaches them to have conversations they wouldn't normally have the confidence for".

Parent

NCS away from home experiences are available across the country. Each experience is five days and four nights, and includes a variety of activities centred around one of three themes: Live It, Boss It, or Change It.

The experiences will help boost your young person's CV and college or university applications - highlighting the broader range of skills they've gained to employers and higher education providers.



Places are limited!

Visit our website to secure a place today.



WEARENCS.COM



Young people have a choice of three themes for their away from home experience, depending on their interests and passions. They'll get to choose the theme during the sign-up process.

"My daughter has made some new lifelong friends and the experience she's had has really built her confidence...all of the activities were brilliant and taught my daughter skills for life!" Parent



This adventure gives young people the life hacks they didn't know they needed, teaches survival skills, and tests limits with adrenaline-filled outdoor activities.



This experience takes place at university accommodation, and is for young people keen to enter the world of work or start their own business. It gives tools, know-how, and inspiration needed to take control and be successful.



This experience gives young people the chance to change their community, or even the world, for the better. They'll explore the issues facing society today, discover their purpose, and turn passions into projects that make a difference.



WHEN IS IT?

All three themes are available throughout school holidays, simply choose your preferred dates during the sign-up process.



NCS is a government funded programme, which means the costs of the experience are heavily subsidised. To take part in NCS, all we ask for is a contribution of £95 per young person. This includes all travel costs, accommodation, activities and food – a whole five-day trip for £95!

Depending on your circumstances (e.g. if your young person receives free school meals or the pupil premium), you could be entitled to a bursary which would mean the experience is free - you don't have to pay anything. Get in touch for more information.



NCS is for everyone. When your young person signs up to NCS, you will have the opportunity to let us know about their specific needs, including any medical conditions, special educational needs, or disabilities. We will then contact you to develop a care plan so that we can make necessary reasonable adjustments to ensure they can take part. NCS is also available up to the age of 25 for those young people with SEND.

REFUNDS

We offer a 14-day cool off period for you to apply for a refund if you change your mind.

In the unlikely event of NCS being cancelled, you will be offered a full refund.





1. REGISTER AND ECOK A PLACE

You or your young person register on the NCS website and choose their preferred theme. Complete the details, make your payment and you're done!

Call the team if you would like to find out more about a bursary

2. IMPORTANT FORMS

Once signed up, your young person will receive information to login to their NCS portal.

- You will need to help them complete their Joiner Form.
- This is also the time to let us know any specific requirements for your young person (including dietary, religious, or anything else).

2. PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

You will then have the opportunity to attend a parent and guardian information session to learn more and ask questions.

4. WELCOME PACK

Before their away from home experience, your young person will be sent a Welcome Pack with all the information they need to know about their experience, including pick-up locations and what to bring.

Safety & Supervision



Your young person's safety and wellbeing is our top priority.

NCS away from home experiences are delivered on behalf of the National Citizen Service Trust, a Royal Charter body, by Ingeus and Youth Hostels Association (England & Wales) (YHA). Ingeus has provided NCS experiences to over 130,000 young people since 2011.

All experiences follow comprehensive policies and procedures, NCS staff are fully trained, and we are fully insured. All staff undergo the following checks and training:

- Enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks
- First Aid (certified)
- Safeguarding
- Equality & Diversity.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding relates to action taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. As an organisation that works with people of all ages and backgrounds, we are committed to acting in the best interests of children and vulnerable people, ensuring that all reasonable steps are taken to prevent them from harm.





Can I speak to someone before signing up?

Ves, you can talk to a member of our team Monday to Friday from 12pm - 8pm, and Saturday 10am -2pm, by calling 0800 197 8010.

What are the benefits of doing NCS?

Voung people will get the chance to meet new people, expand their horizons, learn new skills, and build their confidence. They will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities, gaining valuable skills to take into their future to make a positive difference for themselves and their community. NCS also looks great on CVs and education applications!

My young person has additional needs, can they still take part?

NCS is open to everyone. During the sign-up process, you have the opportunity to tell us about any additional needs, and then we will work with you to create a tailored care plan for your young person.

Is there help towards the cost of NCS?

If you need help paying for NCS, you can apply for a bursary. Give us a call on 0800 197 8010 before you sign-up.

Do young people have to do NCS?

While NCS is not compulsory, it is a unique and exciting opportunity that is only available to 15-17 year olds (if they are 15, they must turn 16 by 31st August 2023 to be eligible).

Does my young person need to take money on NCS?

Extra money is not needed, but if you want to give your young person extra money to take for shops/vending machines then you may wish to do so.

How will you make sure my young person is safe while on NCS?

Each programme and each activity is risk assessed to ensure their safety. Our team are fully qualified and trained, and every young person is given a code of conduct to follow to ensure the safety of others.

Can my young person do NCS with their friends?

Yes, they'll just need to make sure they all sign-up to the same theme, the same departure date and travel hub. Places are limited so it's best for groups of friends to book at the same time to avoid disappointment.

Where will my young person be going?

NCS away from home experiences are available at sites across the country. During the sign-up process, you and your young person will choose the type of experience and the preferred travel hub for pick-ups and drop-offs. After that, we will confirm in the Welcome Pack the full address of the venue where they will stay for their NCS experience.

Will my young person be forced to do all the activities?

We will never force anyone to do something they don't want to do. We will be there to encourage them to face their fears and be confident to tackle new things.

What is included in the cost of NCS?

All food, accommodation, and travel is provided during the programme and included in the cost. All we ask is that your young person brings some lunch with them for the first day.

Can I contact my young person while they are away?

Absolutely! Your young person might not have their phone with them during the day due to the nature of some activities, but there will be lots of opportunities to contact them and you will also be given an emergency contact number for our team.

Why do I have to fill out my details?

This is to secure a place on an NCS programme, and to make sure your young person has your permission to attend. If you start but don't complete the sign-up process, our team may give you a call to see if we can help answer any questions.

Can my young person take their mobile phone?

Ves, we just ask that they use it considerately and not when they're participating in activities. Charging points may be limited so we recommend bringing a battery pack.





Kit list

To fully participate in the NCS experience, your young person will need to bring with them a kit of essential items.

All the information you need to prepare will be in the Welcome Pack, but to help you get a head start, here is a list of the essential items they'll need to pack.

- Clothing for the entire trip, including:
 - Underwear and socks
 - Trainers/ comfy shoes
 - Nightwear
 - Warm jacket
 - Raincoat
 - Shoes for showers (e.g. flip flops)

- Toiletries
- Towel
- Small bag for the daytime
- Spare bag for wet/dirty clothes
- Reusable water bottle
- Phone charger
- Snacks (no nuts please!)
- Medication (please label with their name)
- Hand sanitiser
- Pen & notepad
- Lunch (just for the first day)

Your young person can also bring their mobile phones (and chargers!) and money if they choose to.







Here's how!

Register at WEARENCS.COM and then:

- 1) Choose the preferred theme
- 2) Choose the preferred travel hub
- 3) Choose the preferred dates







Get in touch

If you'd like to have a chat about NCS or have a question, you can call us on 0800 197 8010, email us at askncs@ingeus.co.uk, or contact your local team:











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This is a reminder that students still have time to sign up for the Get into Law conference in June! This is a full guide to the UCAS process for Law degrees, where I'll provide my insight as a Judge into what they need to stand out in a highly competitive application pool.

The next conferences are on:

- Saturday 10th June (9:30am 2pm)
- Sunday 11th June (9:30am 2pm)

Registration link: https://lawmentor.org.uk/product/get-into-law-conference/

There are limited spaces left, so any interested students are encouraged to book as soon as possible. Students from all year groups are welcome!

As a Judge, I will share my insight into law and offer my best advice for building an application to the best law schools in the country. Please feel free to forward this information to your students so that they can get involved! Tickets are £15 to cover administrative and technological costs.

Topics covered in the conference include:

- Life as a law student, solicitor, barrister, and judge
- Legal myth-busting
- Application timeline
- CV, extracurricular activities, and transferable skills for law
- UCAS key components to be aware of
- Personal statements
- Interviews
- Entrance exams: LNAT, Cambridge/Oxford Law Exam

I answer questions throughout the conference.

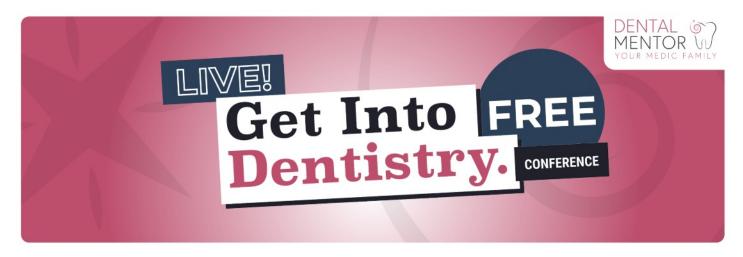
Applying to law can be an overwhelming process, so I hope to help your students organise their applications and shine through as future courthouse powerhouses!

Registration link: https://lawmentor.org.uk/product/get-into-law-conference/

I hope to meet your students there.

Kindest Regards,

Emma Serrano Chief Mentor for Law



I'm inviting your students in years 10 -11 to a free, virtual **Get into Dentistry conference** on **Saturday 27th May** from 9am - 1.30pm. This is now a crucial time of the year for dental applicants as application summer is approaching fast. This conference will put your students a step ahead of the competition.

As this is a free conference, a limited number of spaces are available. We're aiming to close registrations at MIDDAY on FRIDAY but we may have to close registrations earlier. I encourage your students to book today to avoid disappointment.

All aspiring dentists and students still thinking about their career paths are welcome. They just need to click below to register:

https://medicmentor.co.uk/online-get-into-dentistry-conference/

I will cover the following:

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

This is a fantastic opportunity for your students to hear about applying to dental school from those who understand the application process best - dentists and dental students.

All students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for safeguarding purposes.

Registration Link: https://medicmentor.co.uk/online-get-into-dentistry-conference/





Abbie here, Chief Midwife Mentor. I'm reaching out to tell you about a weekend packed with opportunities for students in all year groups considering a career in nursing, midwifery, or allied healthcare!

Students can secure their place at a conference AND the next NHS work experience session for £15 here: https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/get-into-conference-and-wex-bundle/

VIRTUAL GET INTO NURSING CONFERENCE

Saturday 3rd June 9:30am - 12:30pm

Your students are invited to the virtual Get into Nursing conference, where I'll provide my insight on how to enter the nursing profession. I will cover crucial topics such as personal statements, applications, interviews, securing work experience, and what it's truly like to be a nurse.

Get into Nursing conference registration link: https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/get-into-nursing-conference/

VIRTUAL GET INTO MIDWIFERY CONFERENCE

Saturday 3rd June 2pm - 5pm

Chief Midwife Mentor Tanya will be hosting the Virtual Get into Midwifery Conference, sharing her own experiences as a midwife and offering tailored advice to aspiring midwives on personal statements, applications, interviews, and gaining relevant work experience.

https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/get-into-midwifery-conference/

VIRTUAL ALLIED HEALTHCARE WORK EXPERIENCE

Sunday 4th June 10am - 5pm

The next session for the NHS Healthcare Work Experience programme launches on Sunday 4th June! A strong record of work experience is essential for all applications to healthcare careers, including nursing, midwifery, paramedicine, occupational therapy, radiography, and many more!

The NHS interdisciplinary team has a very unique way of operating, so I encourage all students interested in healthcare or working for the NHS to join.

Work Experience registration link:

https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/

Students can attend a Get into Nursing or Midwifery Conference AND enrol on the next NHS Healthcare Work Experience session for £15 here:

https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/get-into-conference-and-wex-bundle/

Tickets for each conference are £10, and every work experience session is £10. If students wish to attend a conference and enrol on the work experience session, choosing the bundle above saves £5.

We look forward to working with your students! Warmest wishes,

Abbie Dickinson Chief Nurse Mentor

Your Medic Family



This is a reminder that the next NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience is coming up soon.

Help your students explore the exciting world of healthcare. Whether your students are considering nursing, medicine, or any other healthcare profession, this work experience is vital to gain valuable insight to help them make an informed decision!

Registration Link: https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/

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

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

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

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

Students are awarded a Work Experience Certificate for every session they complete. Those who complete the full 5-month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor. These are fantastic additions to their CVs!

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 5-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/

Thank you for highlighting this opportunity to the next generation of NHS workers.

Kindest Regards,

Work Experience Team Allied Healthcare Mentor



VIRTUAL NHS HEALTHCARE CAREERS **WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME**

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy · Osteopath
- Dietetics

- Radiography
- Podiatry
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy
- **Prosthetics and Orthotics**

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L2 Customer Services Apprentice at Chorley Council Training provider: Runshaw College	VAC1000164742
L2 Apprentice Warehouse Assistant at The Glowhouse Ltd., Leyland Training provider: North Lancs Training Group	VAC1000163958
L3 Travel Connoisseur Apprentice at Panache Travel Group Ltd., Chorley Training provider: AS Training (International) Ltd	VAC1000166008
L3 Digital Marketing Apprentice at Panache Travel Group Ltd., Chorley Training provider: AS Training (International) Ltd	VAC1000166005
L3 IT Support Apprentice at Evolve Document Solutions Ltd., Bamber Bridge Training provider: Estio Training Ltd	VAC1000165914
L3 Apprentice Business Administrator at FI Real Estate Management Ltd, Chorley Training provider: Runshaw College	VAC1000165622

Don't forget that you will still need good GCSE grades in English and Maths for an apprenticeship.





Go to https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship - create an account and apply for vacancies. You will probably need a CV - see Miss Berry for help with this.



RADIATION PROTECTION PRACTITIONER

Radiation protection is a specialist area of health and safety, open to scientists and engineers looking to apply their skills to fields ranging from medicine to environmental protection.

Radiation protection practitioners use scientific techniques and equipment to measure and monitor radiation, assess risks and ensure the safety of the workplace, the general public and the environment, working within both nuclear and non-nuclear industries.

You'll give advice and guidance about the possible hazards of ionising radiation, such as X-rays, as well as radioactive materials and waste. This can include advising about legal requirements and making recommendations for design improvements. Some practitioners also advise on non-ionising matters, such as radar, mobile phone mast, laser and ultraviolet light radiation.

You may work within a particular area, such as:

- defence
- energy
- environmental protection
- government regulation
- manufacturing
- medicine
- nuclear waste management and decommissioning
- research
- teaching

Responsibilities

Your responsibilities will depend on the area of radiation protection you work in. However, as a radiation protection practitioner, you may need to:

- ensure that radiation safety regulations are observed
- draw up and implement radiation protection policies and procedures
- monitor and maintain records of radiological and environmental conditions
- develop and review radiation protection systems and inspect their operation
- liaise with management and the workforce (including plant managers, designers, engineers, laboratory staff, academics, accountants and other health and safety professionals) on matters of radiation safety and legislation
- · ensure all staff are fully trained and supervised
- provide a dosimetry service and measure radiation, using both basic and complex scientific equipment
- assess radiation risks in the workplace and advise on the design of plant, equipment and waste disposal to ensure safety
- ensure all equipment and devices are maintained properly
- assess the impact of releasing radioactive material on the environment
- advise on the safe transport of radioactive materials
- prepare emergency plans and contingency procedures for responding to radiation incidents
- lead and coordinate enquiries into accidents or incidents
- visit companies to provide radiation protection consultancy and write reports based on these visits
- liaise with inspectorates and other bodies
- identify training needs and lecture and/or train other staff





