



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

It's Friday again, already - and here's another issue of Career News, full of useful opportunities for students of all ages.



- There is a fantastic virtual work experience day with Spectris, Malvern Panalytical, HBK and Servomex - some of the biggest names in science and engineering. This is a great chance to learn more about the industry and add some detail to your CV.
- Cisco have a range of apprenticeships at all levels - well worth checking out.
- The RAF and Amazing Apprenticeships have a Logistics Webinar on offer - find out more about one of the top 100 apprenticeship employers in England.
- InvestIN have created a brilliant new resource that gives an insight into the world of work ...something to explore over the Easter holidays perhaps?
- Lots of conferences from the Medic Mentor family: including dentistry, medical and allied healthcare. Plus another conference from Law Mentor, for any aspiring lawyers or barristers.
- Some more great apprenticeship vacancies on offer this week at both Level 2 and Level 3 - and all within 5 miles of Parklands! So whether it's business admin, childcare, hair, finance, travel and tourism, catering or digital marketing and content creation - there will be something for you.
- Chorley recently gained a military academy - and they will be in school on Monday lunchtime, if anyone wants to know more about who they are and what they do.
- All college interviews are now complete. If anyone was absent for the interviews, they will be invited into the relevant college(s) after Easter - there are no more planned at school. For those who applied to Newman, there are no interviews until enrolment day - so please make sure you have accepted your place. Do not leave it until August and expect a place at college!
- Thank you to those who have already returned their work experience placement forms. There are still a number of consent forms outstanding, so please get those back into school as soon as possible.
- There will be an assembly next week for Year 10s, when they will choose their subjects for the taster day at Wigan & Leigh College (with a further assembly after Easter for the Runshaw sampling day choices). I will post the choices on Google Classroom this weekend, so that students can start thinking about what they might want to experience on the day. This will be a full day at college (lunch and transport provided) to allow students to try out new subjects or perhaps see what familiar subjects are like at a higher level.

*Have a great weekend!*

27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023



## In a world where you can be anyone, we want you to be yourself!

Ever wondered what it's like to work for Cisco, the world's leader in digital transformation, IT and networks? #WeAreCisco, where each person is unique, but we bring our talents to work as a team and make a difference. Here's how we do it.

We embrace digital and help our customers implement change in their digital businesses. Some may think we're "old" (30 years strong!) and only about hardware, but we're also a software company. And a security company. A blockchain company. An AI/Machine Learning company. We even invented an intuitive network that adapts, predicts, learns and protects. No other company can do what we do – you can't put us in a box!

Here at Cisco, we have fantastic Apprenticeship opportunities for you to build skills and gain relevant experience through our Customer Experience & Sales organisation on either a Technical or Non-Technical pathway.

Do you love talking to people, building relationships and learning their story through questions? Are you a dedicated person who really cares about what they do and how you might be able to help someone? Does technology and its possibilities / impact in our communities excite you? If so, our Degree Apprenticeship is a great way to kick-start your career working for an international technology company like Cisco, gaining invaluable work experience whilst earning the same qualifications as a university graduate, including sought-after industry qualifications.

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As an apprentice, you will receive support and mentorship to understand how your passion and skills best fit within the community at Cisco. Your Apprentice Manager will help you to pursue rotations that play to your strengths and interests and support you in developing the necessary skills to be successful.

Our programs welcome marketing wizards, crafty communicators, and, of course, computer nerds.

So, you have colourful hair? Don't care. Tattoos? Show off your ink. Like polka dots? That's cool. Pop culture geek? Many of us are. Passion for technology and world-changing? Be you, with us!

To apply for one of our Apprenticeship roles, click [Apply Now](#) to be considered for our next cohort of upcoming talent.

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# SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & IT WORK EXPERIENCE



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Panalytical**  
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**HBK**  HOTTINGER  
BRÜEL & KJÆR

**SERVOMEX**   
a spectris company

W E D N E S D A Y   1 2 T H   A P R I L   |   9 A M   -   3 : 3 0 P M

Are you interested in pursuing a career in engineering, science, or anything to do with STEM? Would you like to gain some rare and invaluable work experience with multiple global FTSE companies? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you!

We are excited to announce that on **Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April** from **9am-3pm**, we will be hosting a virtual work experience day with **Spectris, Malvern Panalytical, HBK** and **Servomex**! Spectris are a FTSE company and own all the other science and engineering-based companies mentioned above. Collectively they operate in over 30 countries, employ over 7,500 people globally, and have generated a revenue of over a billion pounds as of 2022! Each of the companies Spectris owns specialises in a very specific areas of science and engineering and during this work experience day you will get the opportunity to take part in workshops and network with each of their companies.

Participating in an event such as this will not only allow you to learn more about industry, but it will also give you a unique opportunity to gain valuable experience that will be beneficial for adding value to your CV and LinkedIn profile. This will show employers (including Spectris) that you are proactive and looking to develop your skillset before entering the workplace, which can help you to be recognised as an ambitious and motivated individual as well as allowing you to stand out from other students.

Please sign up for this incredible opportunity, by using the link below.

**Application Link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6L87ZZK>





# PREPARING LIFE FOR WHAT YOU'LL THROW AT IT

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## **RAF Logistics apprenticeships webinar**

**Join us to find out more about how to become a Chef, Driver, Mover, Supplier or Air & Ground Steward with the RAF**

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### **Join the RAF Logistics webinar**

Join apprentices & colleagues from the RAF Logistics team on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** between **3pm - 4pm** to find out more about the different roles available, how to apply and what it's like to be an apprentice with the RAF.

**[Register Here](#)**



## Did you know?

The Royal Air Force offer an exciting range of apprenticeships that give you opportunities that you won't find in any other career.

Visit the website to find out more about the logistics roles available and how you can apply.

## [Find Out More](#)



### Chef

As a chef in the RAF, you will have a varied role from preparing food at five-star themed banquets to cooking in the field. Typical responsibilities can include preparing meals in the RAF messes, helping to order, storing and accounting for food, creating menus and more.

### Supplier

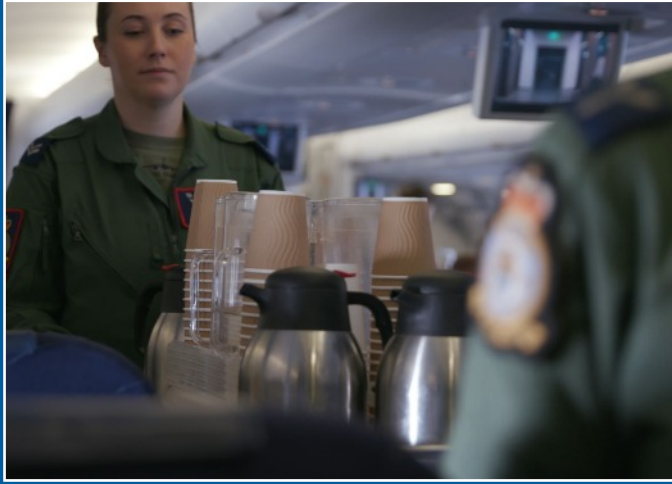
As an RAF Supplier, you will be responsible for the management of RAF assets, from the receipt, storage, handling and distribution of equipment to its ultimate disposal. Your typical responsibilities could be providing logistical support for RAF aircrafts and vehicles across the globe, travelling to make sure assets are maintained and more.



### Driver

As an RAF Driver, you will operate many vehicle types, from cars and minibuses to cranes, articulated trucks, coaches and specialist vehicles (such as aircraft refuellers) to ensure RAF personnel, equipment and commodities are in the right place at the right time.





## Air & Ground Steward

As an RAF Air & Ground Steward, you will work as Cabin Crew on the A330-200 Voyager aircraft and later as part of our Specialist Field catering Squadron or work alongside industry partners in Military Messes.

## Mover

As a RAF Mover, you will be responsible for planning and executing the movement of RAF personnel and cargo by road, rail, air and sea. Your responsibilities could include checking in passengers and cargo, plan loads using IT systems and so much more.



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## Why the RAF?

The RAF can provide an exciting career for apprentices who want to be a key part of **the team that keep the RAF moving**.

Voted as one of England's **Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers (2022)**, the RAF offer the **very best training**, a chance for apprentices to travel the world, play sport and perform an important role in the RAF, whilst also **gaining a qualification** and getting **paid to learn**.

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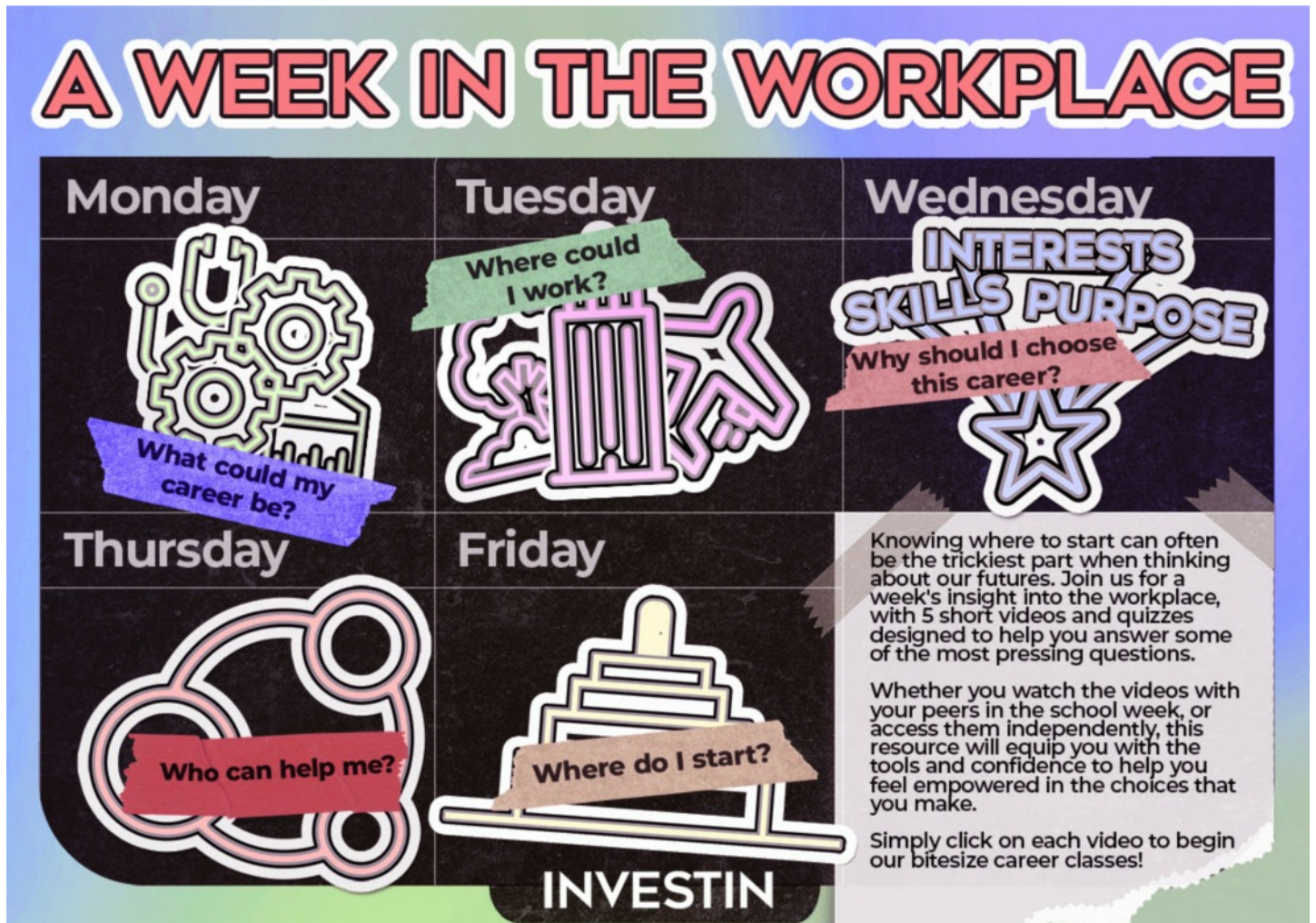




# INVESTIN

## A Week in the Workplace

*Free resource to give your students an insight into the world of work*



We are delighted to provide you with our latest resource to help your students unleash their career potential.

[A Week in the Workplace](#) contains five video career lessons with interactive quizzes, questions for reflection, and some top tips from our industry experts. The videos will help to equip your students with the tools and confidence they need to make the right career choices.

**[A Week in the Workplace](#)**





## Summer Career Experiences in London

We are already more than 75% full for our **Summer Career Experiences**, as record-breaking numbers of students from around the world have registered for the internship of a lifetime in London.

Shadow doctors in a London hospital; trade the stock market in a London skyscraper; explore supercars with Formula 1 engineers; argue a human rights case in the Supreme Court; and much much more!

**[Register Now: Ages 15-18](#)**

**[Register Now: Ages 12-14](#)**





# LAW MENTOR

Do you have an inquisitive mind that belongs in a courtroom? Are you interested in laws, maintaining order, and the potential career paths of a solicitor, barrister, or judge? If so, we have just the event for you!

Our "Get Into Law" conference on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** (9:30 - 2pm), is the perfect opportunity to learn everything you need to know about pursuing a career in the legal profession.

Registration Link: <https://lawmentor.org.uk/product/get-into-law-conference/>

At our conference, you'll have the chance to hear from Judge Emma, who will provide invaluable insights into life within the legal industry. For just £15 entry, she will offer crucial advice on:

- Life as a law student and a solicitor or barrister (realistic insight into law)
- Legal myth-busting and empowering you to achieve your dream!
- How competitive is it to 'get into law'?
- What really makes you stand out from the crowd?
- Your application timeline (compartmentalising and working SMART)
- CV, extracurricular activities and transferable skills for law
- The UCAS form – key components to be aware of
- The personal statement (and the academic reference)
- Interviews (basics, deeper insights and how to shine)
- Entrance exams: LNAT, Cambridge/Oxford Law Exam and their significance



The conference will give students insight into what a legal career entails and will provide the building blocks needed to be successful in their application to university. By sharing our expert knowledge about the UCAS application process for law, students will be provided with all the resources and guidance they need to succeed in their law school applications.

### Get into Law registration form:

<https://lawmentor.org.uk/product/get-into-law-conference/>

\*The cost per entry is £15, which covers administrative and technological costs.

Attending this conference is the perfect opportunity to delve further into the law profession and help students learn about the different paths available to them, so they can make an informed decision about their future career.

I look forward to meeting your students soon.

Judge Emma Serrano  
Chief Law Mentor



**PARKLANDS**



# Colour Run Party

**The BIGGEST event of the year**

**£6.50pp - includes a  
pair of sunglasses  
(which must be worn).**

**Open to all year groups and  
staff but there are limited  
numbers, so book now  
via Scopay to avoid  
disappointment!**

**You can run, walk  
or even dance  
around the  
field.**



All proceeds will go to 'Shine for Sally' in memory of Sally Cornes, raising money for local charities

**THURSDAY  
11th May 2023  
at 3.20pm  
on the school field**



**Email: [lsullivanbrown@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:lsullivanbrown@parklandsacademy.co.uk) for more details**





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# Get Into Dentistry.

CONFERENCE

Dr Alicia Mead will take you step-by-step through  
your application to dental school.

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

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



# MEDIC MENTOR

YOUR MEDIC FAMILY



The best way to get started on a medical career is by attending a free conference hosted by doctors and dentists who specialise in university applications.

These conferences have limited space so I would advise your students to sign up as soon as possible.

Attend our **FREE virtual Get into Medicine conference** on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March** (2:30pm - 7:30pm) or **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April** (2:30 - 7:30pm) to help gain unique insight on making a student's medical application stand out. Hosted by Dr Mike Carvill and myself, students will receive step-by-step guidance and access to our community of Chief Mentors (Doctors) and Mentors (Medical Students) who are dedicated to helping students succeed in their medical career.

Whether they're curious about medicine or dead set on becoming a doctor, we've got them covered. These conferences are here to help your students, not to test them.

All aspiring doctors in years 10-11 are invited to sign up [HERE](#):

For aspiring dentists, Dr Fiona and Dr Siva will be leading the next **free virtual Get into Dentistry conference** on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March** (9:30am - 1pm). All aspiring dentists in years 10-11 are invited to register [HERE](#):

With bespoke advice for medicine and dentistry, these conferences will cover:

- Tactically choosing universities
- Personal statements
- UCAT and BMAT
- Medical school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Building a CV
- Applying for scholarships



We believe that applying to medical and dental school is a collaborative effort that involves support from both parents and teachers. That's why we invite all parents to attend our virtual conference alongside their aspiring doctors and dentists.

By sharing our expert knowledge about the UCAS application process for medicine and dentistry, your students will be provided with all the resources and guidance they need to succeed in their medical and dental school applications.

Get into Medicine registration form: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/medicine-national-healthcare-weekend/>

Get into Dentistry registration form: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/online-get-into-dentistry-conference/>

I look forward to meeting your students soon.

Warmest wishes,

**Dr Konain Ehsan**

Chief Mentor, Your Medic Family



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medical school stand out!**





**This is a reminder that the next NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience is coming up on Sunday 2nd April.**

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



# ALLIED HEALTHCARE MENTOR



Your students are invited to learn what it's really like to work in the NHS with a virtual '**Insight into Allied Health conference**' on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April**, 9am - 5pm.

The conference will include first-hand accounts of the daily experiences and responsibilities of different healthcare professionals, from midwives to paramedics.

All guests will be answering questions throughout the conference, giving your students the chance to gain personal insight into their respective fields.

We look forward to empowering your students to see their future in the NHS. Tickets are just £10.

Students in all year groups can register here:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/national-healthcare-insight-conference-2/>

I'm so excited to meet your students!

**Abbie Dickinson**

Chief Nurse Mentor, Your Medic Family





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# STUDY NURSING WITH A SALARY



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## ARMY NURSE IN THE ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES



### WHY JOIN?

#### EARN A WAGE AND BUILD SKILLS FOR LIFE.

- Work in a variety of settings, from NHS hospitals to field hospitals abroad.
- Be a part of a multi-disciplinary team, often working alongside multi-national forces.
- Excellent continued professional development up to and beyond MSc level.
- Choose to join as a Soldier or Officer, depending on your qualifications, experience and the type of career you want.
- Get tuition fees paid for and a full-time salary while at university, or receive a bursary.

#### Related roles:

Mental Health Nurse, Healthcare Assistant, Dental Nurse, Combat Medical Technician, Operating Department Practitioner and more.



The Army has helped me build a diverse range of skills that I can take with me wherever I go. I've been given opportunities to work in Infection control, medicine and critical care nursing as well as working in communications and media, supporting people in their journey to join the Army. It really is a career that can take you anywhere!

*Harriet, Army Nurse*



## WHAT YOU NEED TO JOIN

### EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW.

**Student Nurse (Soldier):** Complete your degree with us, earning money and with no tuition fees. You will need 120 UCAS points plus 3 GCSEs Grades 9-4 including Maths, English Language and one of the following: Health and Social Care, Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Science double/triple award or equivalent.

**Bursary (Officer):** If you have already gained your Student Nurse university place, are in the process of applying or are part way through your training you are eligible to apply for an Army Nursing Bursary of up to £42,000. You will join as a Nursing Officer once you qualify.

There are also routes to join as a **Registered Nurse (Soldier or Officer)**.

## SALARY AND BENEFITS

**Student Nurse (Soldier):** around £16,000 during initial soldier training, over £21,000 a year during university, and over £32,000 upon qualification and first posting.

**Bursary (Officer):** Around £27,000 during officer training, rising to a minimum of £35,000 depending on experience. (Plus Army Nursing Bursary of up to £42,000 during university.)

Opportunity to specialise and significant personal and professional development.



I did my degree in Adult Nursing at Birmingham City University, which the Army paid for as well as giving me a wage. This meant I graduated with no student debt. I'm now working in an NHS hospital, but about to deploy overseas.

*George, Army Nurse*

If you have any questions, call us on **0345 600 8080** or visit your local Army Careers Centre.

**Army Jobs**







L2 Accounting and Finance Apprentice at Runshaw College, Leyland Training provider: Runshaw College	VAC1000147006
L2 Apprentice Warehouse Assistant at The Glowhouse Limited, Leyland Training Provider: North Lancs Training Group	VAC1000134457
L2 Nursery Nurse Apprentice at Doodles Day Nursery Ltd., Chorley Training provider: Runshaw College	VAC1000139213
L2 Hairdressing Apprenticeship at Thompson Style, Chorley Training provider: Kleek Apprenticeships Ltd	VAC1000141003
L2 Customer Services Apprentice at Chorley Council Training provider: Runshaw College	VAC1000142599 (x12 vacancies)
L2 Apprentice Fitter at Envirocare Maintenance Solutions Ltd., Leyland Training provider: Myerscough College	VAC1000136995
L2 Apprentice Mechanic at Arnold Clark Automobiles Ltd., Leyland Training provider: GTG Training Ltd.	VAC1000142513
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L3 Travel Connoisseur Apprentice Training provider: A S Training (International) Ltd	VAC1000146568
L3 Content Creator Apprentice at Lancs Outdoor Activities Initiative Training provider: Baltic Training Services Ltd	VAC1000146097
L3 Apprentice Administration Assistant at AvaTravel Leyland Ltd. Training provider: Runshaw College	VAC1000143557
L3 Travel Consultant Apprenticeship at Hays Travel, Chorley Training provider: Hays Travel Ltd.	VAC1000114807
L3 Business Administration Apprentice at CRT Flooring Specialists Ltd Training provider: Runshaw College	VAC1000145876
L3 Digital Marketing Apprentice at Chek Europe Ltd Training provider: North Lancs Training Group	VAC1000147229
L3 Digital Marketing Apprentice at Panache Travel Group Ltd Training provider: A S Training (International) Ltd	VAC1000146582
L3 Assistant Accountant Apprentice at McGinty Demack Ltd., Standish Training provider: Wigan & Leigh College	VAC1000135458

**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.**

**Also check out the vacancies at [Alliance Learning](#) and [Training 2000](#)**



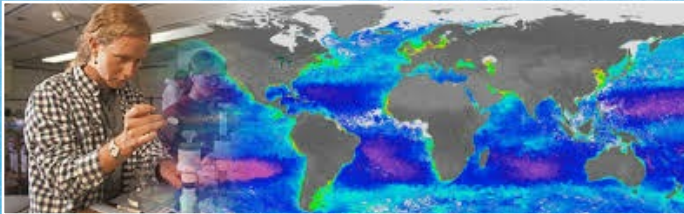


# CAREER *of the* WEEK

## OCEANOGRAPHER

Oceanographers use science and mathematics to study and explain the complex interactions between seawater, fresh water, polar ice caps, the atmosphere and the biosphere.

Your role as an oceanographer is to understand and predict how the world's oceans and seas work, as well as to work out how to make the most efficient and sustainable use of their resources.



You can choose to specialise in one area of oceanography, such as:

- physical - studying the properties of currents, waves, tides and ocean circulation, plus the temperature, density and salt content of oceans
- chemical - determining the chemical composition of sea water and sediments and effect of pollutants
- biological - studying the types and numbers of marine animals and plants that live in the oceans and how these organisms interact, adapt and react with their environment
- geological - examining the seabed, including the rocks and minerals, in order to understand the relationship between the ocean and seafloor.
- Oceanography is a wide-ranging subject that can involve mineral exploitation, shipping, fisheries, coastal construction, pollution, weather prediction, climate change and renewable energy.



### Qualifications

You'll usually need a degree in a subject such as oceanography, ocean science, geology, biology, chemistry, environmental science, marine sciences, geography, maths or physics. It's also possible to take a degree in ocean science, oceanography or marine science combined with other earth sciences.

There are many postgraduate courses to choose from, including some overseas ones. Courses cover physical, chemical and biological oceanography as well as areas such as computing, mathematical modelling and remote sensing.

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