



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

Welcome to another edition of Career News, full of useful information about events, taster sessions, apprenticeships and much more.



- For year 11s - look out for the new starter days at your chosen college(s) - go along and try out the subjects you talked about at interview. You can change any of your choices, so if you don't enjoy one (or more), try something else!
- There is a golf taster day at Myerscough College for Year 11 students - why not go along and find out more about the golfing industry?
- Harper Adams University are offering a residential visit to see if uni life is right for you - see inside for more information and how to book.
- MPCT have open days each Friday and you can join the courses at any time, you don't have to wait for terms to start.
- Last chance to attend Bolton College's Apprenticeship event next week - don't miss it.
- If you are interested in a career with the NHS, how about radiotherapy? There's an open day coming up so you can see if it's the career for you.
- GA Petfood are currently looking for a Quality Assurance Assistant - follow the link for more details and an application form.
- Blackburn College's art and design students are holding an exhibition of their work from 15-29 June. Free to visit and you might be inspired to follow a creative pathway.
- Wigan & Leigh College will be running a 'Step into Care' traineeship from September. This is a 20 week course aimed at students considering a career in care but not wanting to attend college full time.
- Finally, lots of free conferences and virtual work experience opportunities from the Medic Mentor team, including a Get into Veterinary Medicine conference this weekend for any aspiring vets in Year 10/11.

Year 10 will visit Wigan & Leigh College next Tuesday for a Sampling Day, and Runshaw College in early July. On both occasions, lunch and transport are provided and students will receive their individual timetables enabling them to try out new subjects and get a taste of college life!

Please ensure that all work experience booklets are handed in as soon as possible. If anyone is really struggling, please get in touch (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk). There are still some great options available, but the choices are going fast, so don't delay.

Have a great weekend!



19th - 23rd June 2023



SAVE THE DATE!

If you have accepted your conditional offer to Newman,
you have another chance to visit us on Wednesday 5th July,
to try out your courses before you enrol.

BOOKING OPEN SOON

**CARDINAL
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COLLEGE**



Harper Adams Experience Residential

Calling all 16-17-year olds! Curious about university life? Then join us for the Harper Adams Experience (HAE) on Monday 3rd - Tuesday 4th July 2023!

Over our two-day residential, you'll have the opportunity to connect with fellow students, forge lasting friendships, and soak up the vibrant atmosphere of campus life. You'll also experience first-hand our countryside learning environment, innovative facilities, and future-focused courses through a range of activities and games.

Don't miss out on your chance to join us! Find out more by clicking the button below.

[More information](#)

Get a flavour of university life and try out course-related activities for yourself at the Harper Adams Experience on Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 July 2023.

This two-day residential event for 16-to-17-year-olds is designed to help you decide if Harper Adams is right for you.

The Harper Adams Experience is a great place to meet new friends, ask our students any questions you have about university, and most importantly have fun!

How much does it cost?

The Harper Adams Experience (HAE) costs £40 which covers all activities, food, refreshments and an overnight stay in halls of residence.

Free transport options:

Transport departs Liverpool airport at 11.45am on Monday 3rd July, with return transport to Liverpool airport departing HAU at 3.30pm on Tuesday 4th July.

Transport departs Telford, Stafford and Shrewsbury train stations at 1.45pm on Monday 3rd July, with return transport to Telford, Stafford and Shrewsbury train stations departing HAU at 3.30pm on Tuesday 4th July.

Please get in touch with us at events@harper-adams.ac.uk to book transport, if you have any questions or require more information.



PREPARING LIFE

FOR WHAT YOU'LL THROW AT IT

Our Military Academy Chorley
holds open days **every Friday.**

MPCT Chorley, Lancaster House, Devonshire Rd, Chorley,
PR7 2DJ

GET IN TOUCH TODAY TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!

- 50% physical and 50% academic training.
- Our roll-on roll-off course means you can join today!
- 90% of our learners progress into military or civilian roles.
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visit **mpct.co.uk**

call **0330 111 3939**



Golf Taster Day at Myerscough College

Thursday 27th June

[Click here to find out more and register](#)



Over 450 Apprenticeship Opportunities Available

VOLKSWAGEN
GROUP APPRENTICE PROGRAMME

Have you considered a Volkswagen Group apprenticeship programme?

The Volkswagen Group apprenticeship programme offers the opportunity to learn and earn through gaining a nationally recognised qualification while working for one of the world's leading automotive brands such as Audi, SEAT, SKODA, Volkswagen, Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles, Volkswagen Group Paint and Body, and TPS (Volkswagen Group Genuine Parts).

The Volkswagen Group apprenticeship programme are recruiting around 480 apprentices this year for Service Technician, Parts Advisor, Customer Service Advisor, Parts Sales Executives, Paint Technician, Panel Technician and Mechanical Electrical and Trim Technician (MET) roles.

Below are some of the benefits of the Volkswagen Group apprenticeship programme:

- Earn while you learn without racking up debt
- Gain work experience from day one of your apprenticeship
- Receive nationally recognised qualifications
- Acquire brand certifications from Europe's largest carmaker
- Develop life skills and technical knowledge to succeed
- Training and support provided throughout the learner journey
- Meet new people and take part in new experiences
- The first step towards a rewarding career in the automotive industry

Once the apprenticeship is complete, there are many opportunities to progress within the retail network. Jonathan Aitkenhead (Aftersales Manager) discusses how the apprenticeship programme helped him to develop his career. [Watch his video here.](#)

[Click to apply](#)

We have a vacancy currently available at GA Pet Food Partners, initially for a 12 month contract based in our Quality Assurance department at the Plocks Farm site, Bretherton.

No experience needed - we can also offer an apprenticeship with the role!

We are looking for a: Quality Assurance Assistant (12 Month Contract)

- Are you methodical in your work and skilled in attention to detail?
- Do you have an interest in how we keep our pet food safe?
- Are you able to work independently and communicate at all levels?

Who we are looking for?

We are looking for someone to join the Quality Assurance department to support with the implementation of food safety. You will be responsible for ensuring the quality of raw materials and effectively controlling non-conforming materials and equipment.

We are looking for someone with the ability to plan and organise their tasks and schedules to maintain a high level of food safety.

What will you be doing?

The role is full time at our Plocks Farm Site in Bretherton and requires an organised and motivated individual.

Here are some of the tasks that will be expected of the candidate:

- Responsibility of the calibration of equipment throughout the site.
- Preparing glass and plastic breakage kits, carrying out audits and logging damages.
- Ensure the quality of raw materials through visual inspection, internal testing and external testing.
- Working with production and hygiene teams to validate a clean down.
- Assist with the validation studies and HACCP documentation.
- Carry out food safety audits and complete reports and recommendations.

What skills and qualities we are looking for?

The candidates applying for the role must be well organised, observant, with high attention to detail and the ability to multi task and prioritise jobs.

We are looking for a trustworthy, logical and motivated colleague who finds solutions and communicates effectively at all levels.

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



RADIOTHERAPY STUDENT OPEN DAY

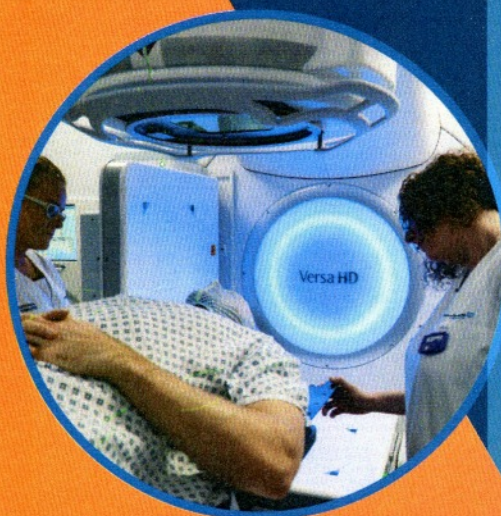
Saturday 1st July
2023



Have you thought about a career in Radiotherapy? Would you like to know more about radiotherapy and this fantastic profession?

We are inviting prospective students to visit our radiotherapy open day on Sat 1st of July.

If you would like to attend please book a 1 hour slot by contacting the email below .



To book please email-
education.radiotherapy@lthtr.nhs.uk



Welcome to your Subject Choice Days!

We cannot wait to welcome you to our beautiful woodland campus and have the opportunity to meet your teachers and staff here at Runshaw.

Please select which day(s) you would like to attend below, you can come to as many of the days as you would like to, in order to try as many subjects as you need, before you come to enrol in August.

As ever, if you have any questions about anything please just drop us a line on welcometorunshaw@runshaw.ac.uk or call us on **01772 643000**

A LEVEL - Monday 10th July - BOOK NOW

VOCATIONAL / T LEVEL - Tuesday 11th July - BOOK NOW

A LEVEL - Wednesday 12th July - BOOK NOW





NCS information Events

Whether you're looking to make a difference in the world, you're an aspiring entrepreneur or you're wanting to gain new skills for life, our NCS experiences are for you.

Now your 15–17 year old has the same opportunity to embark on an exciting new adventure where they can make friends, build their confidence, and develop and strengthen their skills for work and life.

Want to find out more? We will be hosting a series of NCS information sessions.

Monday 19th June

[NCS Parental Information Evening - Registration](#)

Tuesday 27th June

[NCS Parental Information Evening - Registration](#)



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Step Into Care Traineeship

Are you aged 16-24? Thinking of a career in care?

Take a look at our traineeship running from September 2023 for 20 weeks

Learn transferable skills, develop confidence, make friends and gain valuable hands on experience in a variety of care settings

The adult social care sector welcomes young people, leading to successful careers and management roles.



"If you're interested in working in care, you will learn a lot from the traineeship...about people and how each person is different. It's really helped me to become ready for working in care."

Kelsey, 2022 trainee now employed at Personal Care Services



The programme includes:

- Extensive training programme, including Level 1 Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care
- 100 hours work experience with Wigan Council or one of our partners
- Lots of support on next steps, with a guaranteed job interview
- Support with English and maths (if you don't have a GCSE or Level 2)
- £25 weekly bursary
- Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS)

Interested?

Scan the QR code below and complete our quick online form and someone will be in touch <https://forms.office.com/r/xNNHuq8PeW>



More information

Contact Ellen Prescott 07825 932 857 or come along to information events at Wigan & Leigh College

30th June, 10am - 12pm

30th August, 10am - 12pm

Get prepared

You will need a form of identification (ID) and a bank account.

STEP INTO CARE TRAINEESHIP

From September we will be running the Step Into Care Traineeship, aimed at giving learners a pathway in to Care from 16 years old. It is a 20 week programme and could be suitable for a learner who is looking more towards work-based opportunities than a full time college course.

Full details on what is involved in the programme can be found on the flyer, or alternatively, please contact the Programme Lead, Ellen Prescott via email - e.prescott@wigan-leigh.ac.uk



Tarmac Apprenticeship Opportunities!

[Apply Now](#)

Apprentices are crucial to our business, as we look to the next generation to help us build a better future. There'll be no tea making or waiting around in this role!

Our schemes vary from purely office or purely site-based position, to a blend of both.

So don't be shy - you don't have to be straight out of school or college to apply for our schemes. If you're looking to make a career transition or re-train, we'd love to help you with that too.

Apprentice Ranges

- Level 2, 3, 4 & 5

Salary Levels

- Level 2/3 - between £15,000 to £18,000 starting salary, depending on location and hours per week
- Level 4/5 - £19,000 starting salary

Interviews: Early July

Start Date: 31st August 2023

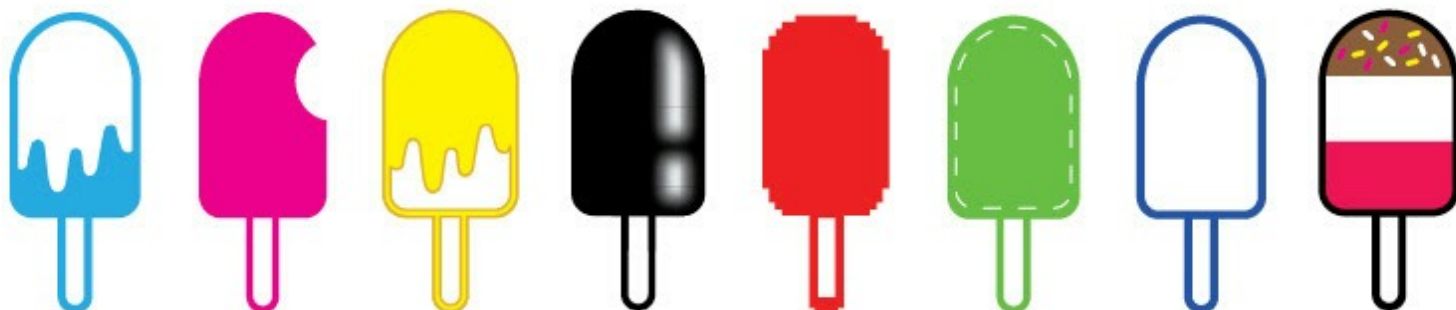
Locations: London (East - Waltham Forest, West - Harrow), Birmingham, Bristol, Bridgend (Cornelly), Norwich, Walsall

There's never been a better time to get into construction, so join Tarmac and help to build our world.

[Apply Now](#)

FE Art & Design EXHIBITION

Beacon Centre



You are invited to ...

FE Art & Design Exhibition

Open 10am - 4pm from 15 - 29 June

Beacon Centre, Blackburn College

An event for school pupils and leavers aiming to pursue a career or to study a course in the Creative Arts sector. A showcase of work produced by our Creative Arts students from these Blackburn College course areas:

- A-Level Fine Art
- Art and Design
- Fashion and Textiles
- Games Arts and Concepts
- Graphic Design
- Photography



We look forward to seeing you there!

VET MENTOR



YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

On **Saturday 17th June** (9:30am - 3:30pm), Chief Vet Mentor Dr James Taylor will be running a **FREE VIRTUAL Get into Veterinary Medicine** conference for aspiring vets in years 10/11.

This conference provides a full guide to getting into vet school and what your students need to stand out in a highly competitive application process.

Registration link: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/online-get-into-veterinary-medicine-conference/>

I understand that at this time of year, your students may feel overwhelmed with juggling their exams and the application process. This conference is here to help lift some of that burden with a clear step-by-step guide for getting into vet school. Dr James will cover:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Veterinary Schools
- CV Building
- Personal Statements
- Interview Skills
- Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- Accessing Scholarships to study Veterinary Medicine at university

Registration link: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/online-get-into-veterinary-medicine-conference/>

Dr James is here to demystify the veterinary application process, raise aspirations, and show your students that getting into veterinary medicine is fully achievable.

Kindest regards,

Nikki Abbott

Head of Medic Mentor Education, Your Medic Family



MEDIC MENTOR



YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

I hope exam season is going smoothly! I understand that at this time of year, it can be very challenging for students to find the time to not only find work experience but actually practice it.

I hope I can lift the burden a little for you and your students by directing them towards our FREE VIRTUAL work experience sessions for aspiring doctors, dentists, and vets. A record of work experience is crucial for acceptance into clinical courses, and these sessions are here to reduce barriers to access.

A new work experience session is released every month, and students receive a work experience certificate once they complete the course to add to their UCAS applications. To access these sessions, students just need to create a free student portal if they have not done so already.

MEDICAL WORK EXPERIENCE - Geriatric Care

Free registration link: <https://wexlibrary.yourmedicfamily.org/courses/medic-mentor-work-experience-palliative-care/>

Aspiring doctors will learn about the unique qualities and skills required to look after frail, older people who can present with atypical symptoms, such as confusion, and often have multiple comorbidities.

Students will join a medical team assessing a patient with new onset limb weakness and speech disturbance and observe the essential role of the multidisciplinary team in managing these complex health issues. They will also hear from geriatric care experts to understand how we can improve healthcare when people near the end of their lives.

DENTAL WORK EXPERIENCE - New Patients

Free registration link: <https://wexlibrary.yourmedicfamily.org/courses/dental-mentor-work-experience/>

Aspiring dentists will be introduced to the team at Dental Mentor Smiles and observe a range of both child and adult patient consultations. This includes a possible oral cancer diagnosis, aesthetic solutions and child safeguarding concerns. There will be debriefing sessions for each of the cases.

VET WORK EXPERIENCE - Surgery

Free registration link: <https://wexlibrary.yourmedicfamily.org/courses/vet-mentor-virtual-work-experience-surgery/>

Aspiring vets are welcomed into the world of small animal surgery! Chief Vet mentors will demonstrate how vets prepare owners for their pet's surgery and administer anaesthesia and routine surgery.

Thank you for highlighting these valuable free opportunities to your students. They have the entire month to complete the session, so I strongly encourage them to take a little bit of time each day before the next free session is released in July.

Consider this welcome break from revision that continues to contribute to a winning medical, dental, or veterinary application!

Kindest Regards,

Nikki Abbott

Head of Medic Mentor Education
Your Medic Family



We are delighted to announce the upcoming Allied Healthcare Virtual Work Experience session, scheduled for **Sunday, 2nd July**. We wanted to inform you of this exceptional opportunity for your students to gain valuable insights into the world of healthcare.

Registration Link:

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

The Allied Healthcare Virtual Work Experience offers students the chance to immerse themselves in the journey of two patients, observing their progress from initial presentation to recovery. Throughout the day, students will witness first hand the collaborative efforts of various healthcare professionals within the NHS interdisciplinary team. That includes:

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

By participating in this work experience, students will be able to interact with healthcare professionals, ask questions, and deepen their understanding of the roles and responsibilities within different healthcare specialities. It is a unique opportunity for them to make informed decisions about their future careers and gain valuable experience to support their university applications.

To ensure your students secure their place early, we encourage you to share the registration link below:

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

The work experience session will take place virtually on Sunday, 2nd July. Students who enrol in the program will receive a Work Experience Certificate upon completion of the session. Those who participate in the full 5-month program will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor, adding significant value to their CVs and university applications.

Please feel free to distribute this information among your students and guide them towards this incredible opportunity. We believe that by participating in the Allied Healthcare Virtual Work Experience, they will gain invaluable insights into the healthcare field and develop a deeper appreciation for the roles and responsibilities of healthcare professionals.

Kindest Regards,

Work Experience Team
Allied Healthcare Mentor



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Apprenticeships

Part of the University of Bolton Group



Bolton College

Apprenticeship Open Event

Deane Road Campus

Wednesday 21st June
5pm to 7.30pm

Learn about the benefits of an Apprenticeship, including:

- Earning a salary
- Gaining nationally recognised qualifications
- Learning job-specific skills from industry specialists
- Plus receive on-the-job training and support to achieve your goals
- Register now and access Apprenticeship resources



Register: www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/app-open



L2 Stainless Steel Welder Apprentice at Baxi Heating UK Limited, Bamber Bridge Training provider: Preston College	VAC1000171243
L2 Early Years Practitioner Apprentice at Nature Trail Nursery Ltd., Chorley Training provider: Blackburn College	VAC1000171661
L2 Early Years Practitioner Apprentice at Nature Trail Nursery Ltd., Brinscall Training provider: Blackburn College	VAC1000171615
L2 Early Years Practitioner Apprentice at Nature on the Hill, Chorley Training provider: Blackburn College	VAC1000171186
L2 Early Years Apprentice at A-Star Pre-School, Wrightington Training provider: Runshaw College	VAC1000173265
L2 Autocare Apprenticeship at Chorley Autocare Training provider: Blackburn College	VAC1000172364
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L3 Content Creator Apprenticeship at Principle Signs & Graphics Ltd., Chorley Training provider: NowSkills Limited	VAC1000172179
L3 Administration Apprentice at DTS UK, Buckshaw Village Training provider: Runshaw College	VAC1000173366
L3 Scania Heavy Vehicle Technician Apprenticeship at Haydock Commercial Vehicles Limited, Walton Summit Training provider: Remit Group Limited	VAC1000173285
L3 Dental Nurse Apprentice at Dr. J Hitchings and Dr A. Jones, Chorley Training provider: Dentrain Professionals Ltd	VAC1000172712
L3 Accounts Apprentice at Investasurge Consulting, Euxton Training provider: Runshaw College	VAC1000171626
CB Staffing Group - Recruitment Customer Service Apprentice at Asset Training & Consultancy Ltd., Buckshaw Village Training provider: Asset Training & Consultancy Limited	VAC1000171821

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

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

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

What to expect

Jobs are available throughout the country, in both urban and rural areas.

When treating patients you'll be required to wear a tunic, surgical gloves and safety glasses for protection and to reduce the risk of cross-infection.

Eye strain and neck and back fatigue can be caused by the job. You may experience high stress levels when handling patients' pain and anxiety or as a result of working within strict time schedules. However, the role can also be very rewarding when you see patient satisfaction.

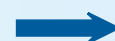
Qualifications

You must have an approved degree in dentistry to practise as a dentist and courses take at least five years to complete. You'll typically need high grades at A-level, with chemistry and biology being required subjects. Some dental schools offer a one-year pre-dental course for those who don't have the required A-levels or equivalent.

If you've already completed a degree, achieved at least a 2:1 and the course had a large element of biology or chemistry, you may be able to do an accelerated four-year dental course.

All dental schools in the UK are regulated by the General Dental Council (GDC) and a list of available courses can be found at GDC Dentistry Programmes and Qualifications. Competition for dental schools is fierce and many require you to sit the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) or BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT).

Once you've successfully completed your undergraduate degree, you'll need to register with the GDC in order to practise as a qualified dentist.



[Find out more here](#)