



CAREER News

2024

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

Welcome to another packed edition of Career News. After a very stormy week, why not sit down, relax and have a read?

- Festival of Engineering and Construction at Wigan & Leigh College on Monday 5th February - find out more about apprenticeship opportunities in these sectors.
- Apprenticeship open evenings at Alliance Learning and Training 2000.
- College open events at Wigan and Leigh, Newman, Preston, Blackburn and Myerscough - make sure you register to attend any of these events.
- Preston College are offering a series of taster workshops over the half term holiday in Games and Graphics, Film and Photography, Art and Design and ICT - all FREE for any Year 10 or 11 students.
- Chorley Council are running a series of events to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week - find out more about opportunities in healthcare in an event at Chorley Town Hall, sponsored by NHS Lancashire Teaching Hospitals, or discuss vacancies with employers at the Apprenticeship Showcase events at Clayton Green Sports Centre or Tatton Community Centre.
- Aspiring business and accounting students can take part in a live online event with some of the biggest names in the finance industry on Monday 5th February in conjunction with Young Professionals.
- Take the InvestIN Careers Quiz to unlock a personalised report that unveils an industry aligned with a student's skills and interests - or join the online workshop on choosing a career.
- Lots of great offers from the Medic Mentor family, including a series of conferences and virtual work experience opportunities. These are absolutely vital for anyone considering a career in healthcare.



Have a great weekend

Next college interviews in school are with Wigan & Leigh College, on Tuesday 6th February. The schedule will be posted outside the top office, and you will get a reminder text from the college about your interview time. If you have not yet applied but would like to be interviewed, please see Miss Berry as soon as possible. Runshaw College will interview in school after half term.

Year 10 work experience consent forms need to be returned to the Top Office please. If you have lost your letter, please collect a new one. Placement booklets are also available from the Top Office. All the documents relating to Work Experience are on the school website: <https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/parents/work-experience>

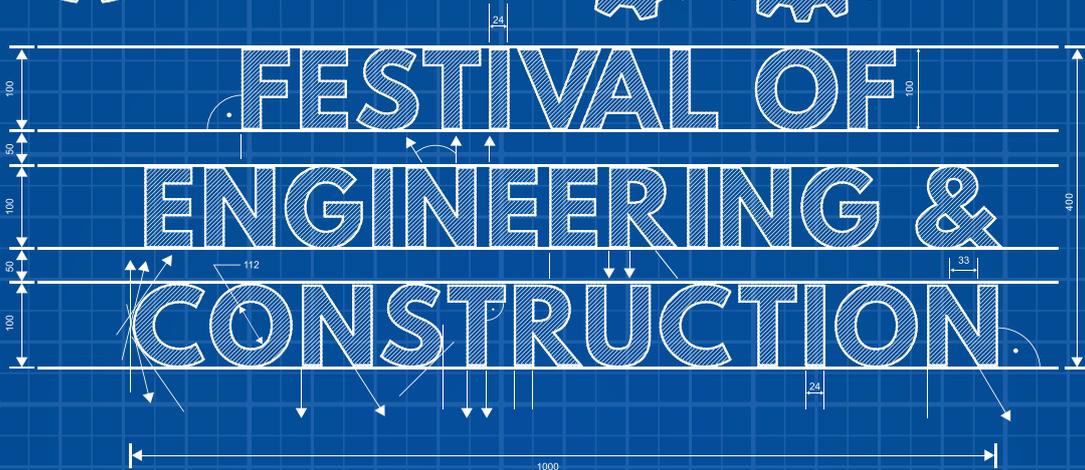
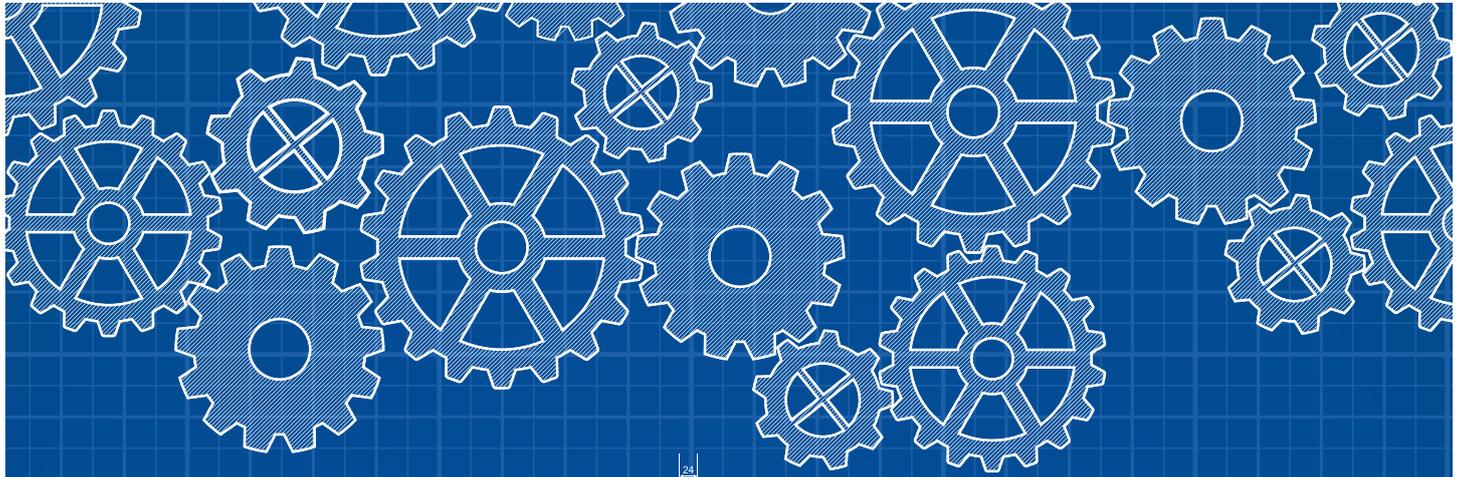
29th January - 2nd February 2024



DID YOU KNOW?

**You can now become a
doctor, solicitor,
teacher, police officer,
game programmer,
journalist, economist
or architect through an
apprenticeship.**





Monday 5 February 2024
4.30pm - 7.30pm

- Find out about apprenticeship opportunities and careers within these sectors
- Tours of the facilities
- Industry masterclasses led by employers
- Technical skills showcases

Centre of Excellence in Engineering and Construction,
Pagefield Centre, Walkden Avenue, Wigan WN1 2JH





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APPRENTICESHIP OPENING EVENING

THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2024 | 4PM-7PM

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION | CUSTOMER SERVICE
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MACHINING TECHNICIAN | METAL FABRICATOR
MECHATRONICS MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

- ✓ FIND OUT EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS
- ✓ HAVE A TOUR OF OUR SPECIALIST FACILITIES
- ✓ CHECK OUT OUR CURRENT APPRENTICESHIP VACANCIES
- ✓ DISCUSS YOUR CAREER OPTIONS WITH OUR TEAM
- ✓ MEET SOME OF OUR APPRENTICESHIP EMPLOYERS

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29 JANUARY
FROM 4.30PM



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Vocational &
Technical subjects
including T Levels
Apprenticeships



Wigan & Leigh
College

As always, we encourage students to book on to our Open Events and they can do so by using the link or QR code below. Details of the presentations available on the night can also be found here.



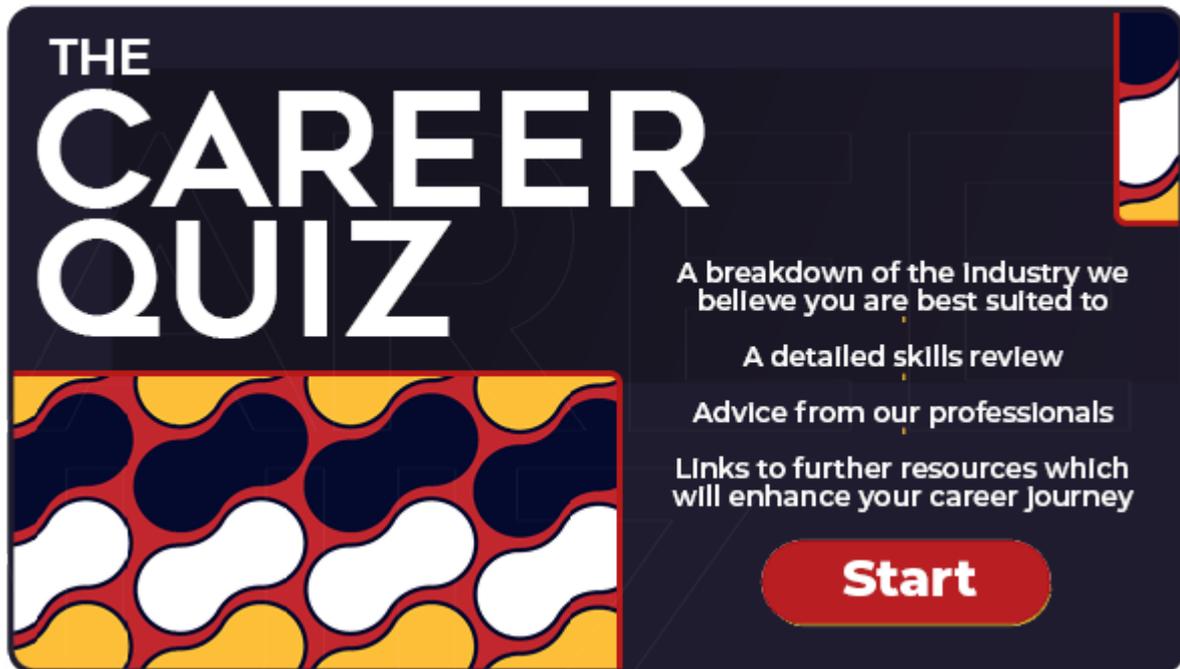
<https://www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk/events/Open-Evening>

Don't forget - interviews in school on 6th February.
If you haven't yet applied, please do so as soon as possible.
Places are filling up fast!

INVESTIN

Career Inspiration for Your Students

Introducing our free career quiz and workshop, helping students reflect on their next steps.



We know that making decisions about your future at a young age can feel overwhelming. At InvestIN, we seek to equip students 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 students on this exciting adventure - **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.

What's more, every report contains expert advice and resources collated from our years of work with top professionals. This is a great place to start for students looking for career inspiration and an opportunity to reflect on their goals.

Free Workshop: Choosing Your Future Career

To further support students and their families, we are running an online workshop on how to choose your future career. Join us as we delve into future job options and explore the art of choosing the perfect career fit.

6th February | 6.30-7.30pm

[Take Our Career Quiz](#)

[Webinar Registration](#)

GAMES & GRAPHICS TASTER WORKSHOP

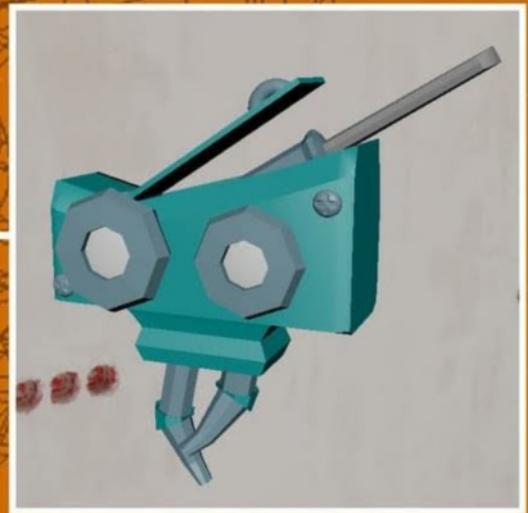


MONDAY 12th FEBRUARY
9:30 - 12:30

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in Games & Graphics.

The session will be based around 3D modelling in Maya where you will be introduced to aspects such as building, texturing, lighting and rendering.

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email sroberts@preston.ac.uk



FILM & PHOTOGRAPHY TASTER WORKSHOP



**MONDAY 12th FEBRUARY
9:30 - 12:30**

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in Media, Film & Photography.

The session will hands on and practical using industry standard software and equipment and is ideal for anybody looking for a career in TV, Film, Photography and Journalism.

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email maquilina@preston.ac.uk



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CREATIVEARTS**



ART & DESIGN TASTER WORKSHOP



THURSDAY 15th FEBRUARY
9:30 - 12:30

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in Art & Design.

The session is intended to develop your creative print making skills. It will be hands on and cover a number of different forms of print.

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email

dhey@preston.ac.uk



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INFORMATION CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY TASTER WORKSHOP

MONDAY 12th FEBRUARY
9:30 - 12:30

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in ICT

The session will be based around programming in Python and game creation

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email mpatel@preston.ac.uk



**CARDINAL
NEWMAN
COLLEGE**

OPEN

DAY

**SATURDAY 3RD
FEBRUARY**

10AM - 1PM

**APPLY FOR
SEPTEMBER 2024!**

Our next open day is coming up soon - there is the opportunity for applicants to book a guidance interview to discuss their application or subject combinations if they are still undecided. Please note, students must have made an application to be able to book on to this.

Here's the link: <https://go.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/events/booking/136>

**CARDINAL
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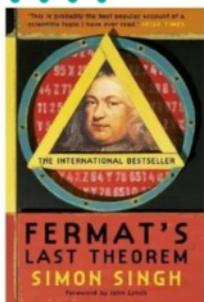
Our early application deadline for September 2024 is just around the corner!



**31 January 2024
Early Application Deadline**



For all students that apply before the 31st of January, they will be entered into a free prize draw to win a signed copy of Simon Singh's book - *Fermat's Last Theorem*.



**Apply before 31/1/24 for
the chance to win a
signed copy of Fermat's
Last Theorem by Simon
Singh**



Please see below for the ways students can access our application form.

The link to our application form is available on our home page - www.lusom.ac.uk

To directly access the application form, students can use the link - <https://bit.ly/46rWPH0>

admissions@lusom.ac.uk

or scan the QR code below:





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Apply Now for September 2024



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5TH FEB - 14TH FEB

CHORLEY
APPRENTICESHIP
WEEK

Opportunities in Healthcare,
Tuesday 6th Feb
12:30 - 2:30 & 17:00 - 19:00
Chorley Town Hall (*Booking Required*)

Apprentice drop in session,
Friday 9th Feb
13:00 - 14:30
Chorley Town Hall

Apprenticeship Showcase,
Thursday 8th Feb
15:00 - 18:30
Clayton Green Sports Centre

Apprenticeship Showcase,
Wednesday 14th Feb
15:00 - 18:30
Tatton Community Centre

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SKILLS
FOR LIFE

To celebrate National Apprenticeship Week, Chorley Council are organising Chorley Apprenticeship Week. This is a series of events with the aim of raising awareness of apprenticeships and the opportunities associated with them. Apprenticeships are a great route to learn while you earn and we welcome anyone of any age to get involved in our events, whether they are considering an apprenticeship as their next step or just want to find out more.

Opportunities in Healthcare - Chorley Town Hall, PR7 1DP - Tuesday 6 February

Kindly supported by NHS Lancashire Teaching Hospitals.

Are you interested in a career with Lancashire Teaching Hospitals? Come along to find out more about the wide range of opportunities available.

We will discuss the different development pathways, apprenticeship opportunities and current and upcoming vacancies within the NHS. There will also be the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Booking essential

5:00pm session - <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/53141>

Chorley Apprenticeship Showcase

Are you considering an apprenticeship as your next career move?

Visit the Chorley Apprenticeship Showcase to discuss vacancies with employers and training providers will be on hand to answer your questions.

You do not need to book a ticket to attend, just turn up and have a look around.

Thursday 8 February, 3pm - 6:30pm - Clayton Green Sports Centre, PR6 7TL

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/53144>

Wednesday 14 February, 3pm - 6:30pm - Tatton Community Centre, PR6 0PR

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/53145>



University of Central Lancashire

Training 2000

Apprenticeship open evenings

**Wednesday 31st January &
Thursday 1st February 2024**
between 4.30 - 7.30pm

Where: Furthergate Business Park, Harwood Street, Blackburn, BB1 3BD

Let us know
you are coming:



www.training2000.co.uk | 01254 54659

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Traineeships

Apprenticeships



We are hosting our Open Days on Wednesday 31st January and Thursday 1st February.

As well as having a tour round our training site, we have a number of companies attending who will be able to give advice on what apprenticeships they offer and our tutors will be on hand to talk about the courses and how the apprenticeships work.



Routes into STEM Virtual Experience 2023/24

Routes into STEM virtual experience provides an exciting opportunity to explore the various routes you can take towards your STEM career. This course is designed to enable young people to work through activities and projects at their own pace, tour a variety of institutions virtually and also have access to live career sessions and mentor panels with STEM employers.

Who is it for?

- Students in **Year 9 or 10 / S3 or S4 / equivalent** who are interested in exploring a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)
- All you need is an interest in STEM and curiosity about the future. The course is open to all academic abilities

What's involved?

- Approximately 20 hours of study virtually at a pace that suits you
- Exploring different Routes into a STEM career including College Courses, University Courses, and Apprenticeships and learning from industry what is involved in a STEM career as well as enhancing your skills
- Live interactive sessions over the half-term breaks, school holidays and after school, allowing you to listen and ask questions to STEM students and professionals
- Getting to work on a project set by a STEM company to look further at a career area that interests you

What do you get out of it?

- Find out about different Routes into a STEM career from industry experts, college and university leaders, as well as young people who are currently on that path
- Engage in projects and activities that will enhance your problem-solving, critical thinking, creativity and innovation skills and inspire you to find career motivation. Projects include a Biopharm challenge from GSK, a Design challenge from Balfour Beatty, an RSC Chemistry challenge and many more exciting challenges in all areas of STEM.
- Create your own personalised action plan to see your own Route into STEM
- Learn about your career skills and how you could write about this in your CV/ Personal Statement or Application form
- Receive an Industrial Cadets Bronze Award showing all that you have achieved on the course



When is it?

This experience runs from 2 October 2023 until 2 August 2024 **with live sessions running throughout the duration, over the half-term breaks, school holidays and after school**

Cost

£75

If cost is a barrier, fully funded places are available, please indicate your interest on the application form

How to apply?

To apply, please visit our website [here](#) or **scan the QR code!**



What previous students have said

"This experience has shown me just how varied STEM is. I know that I can have a career that suits me, no matter my academic merit or personal qualities. I've also heard a lot from people who study and work in STEM, and it has been inspiring and encouraging to hear about their positive experiences and ambitions for the future. Industrial Cadets has also taught me key skills such as problem-solving and communication, which I am eager to apply to my future education and career."

"I've always loved STEM things but I always worried about not being able to make it, but now getting a STEM career seems more achievable."

"Before, I was fixed on a regular plan to go into 6th form, go to you university, and move forward without looking for any non-linear pathway. Routes into STEM has shown me that many of those who end up in STEM careers have not pursued that linear pathway, and this has made me more open to options such as apprenticeships, which I had never considered previously"

94% of students felt confident about making future career choices following their course

99% of students felt they know more about the STEM careers opportunities available to them



www.etrust.org.uk



Year 10 Work Experience week 15th - 19th July 2024

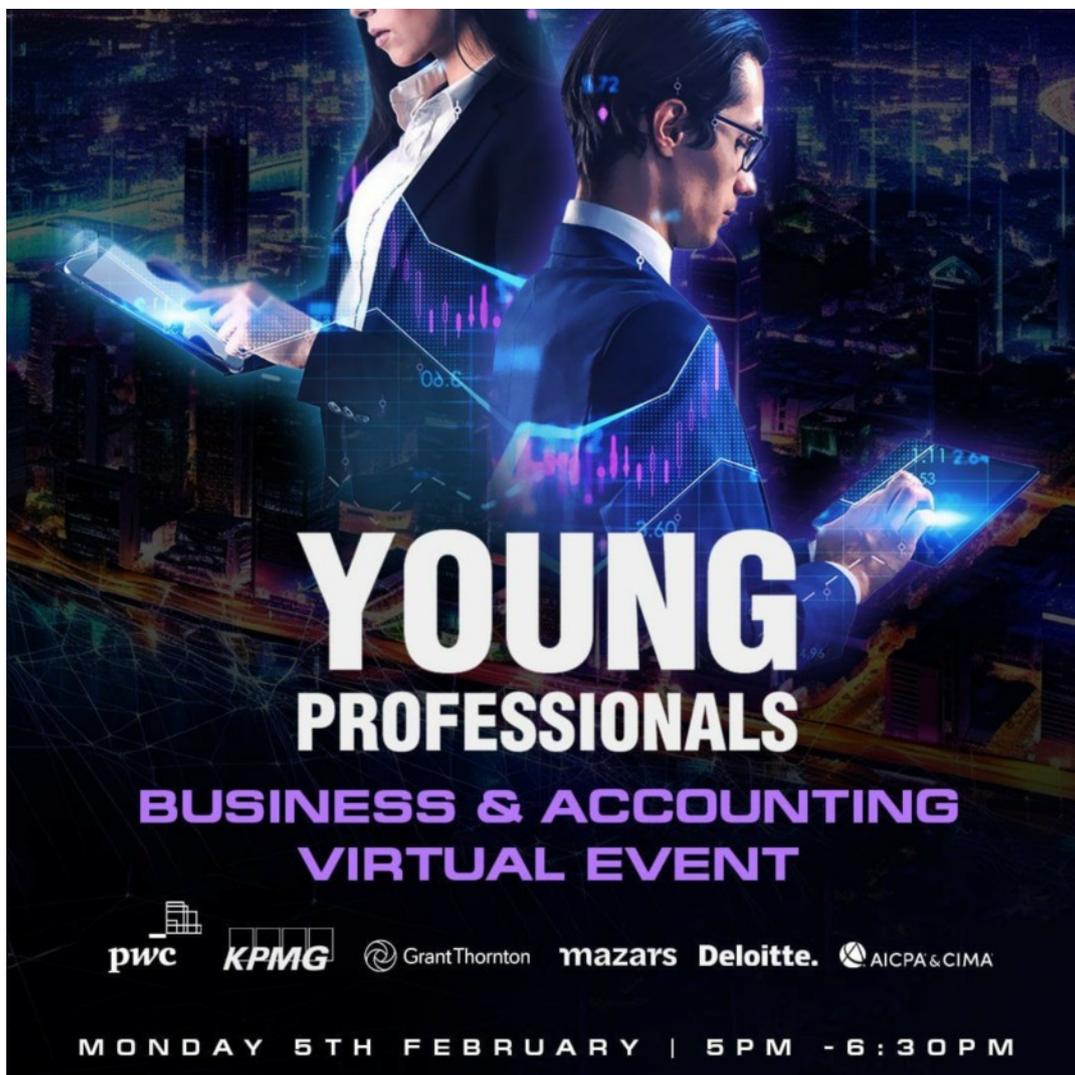
Top tips for finding a work experience placement:

- Speak to family or neighbours - do they work somewhere that sounds interesting? Ask them for the contact details of the person in charge.
- If you have an interest in a particular field, for example animals, ask Google for local animal shelters, kennels, pet shops, dog grooming salons, etc.
- Walk around your local area and look at all the businesses: cafes, shops, offices, warehouses, salons, health centres, etc - and actually go in and speak to someone.
- Send emails to businesses you have identified, telling them who you are, what you are interested in and the dates of the WEX week.

Once you have secured a placement, collect a placement booklet from school and ask the employer to complete it. Return it to school as soon as possible so that we can check any health and safety aspects.

Remember, it is **experience of the world of work**, so even if your dream career is pilot or surgeon, you can still gain a huge amount from a week at your local corner shop: confidence, customer service, initiative, responsibility, reliability and so on. You could also gain a part time job to earn some money during the long summer holidays or whilst you are at college.





Get into Business & Accounting with PwC, KPMG, Deloitte, Mazars, Grant Thornton & CIMA!

Calling all business and accounting students!

It's the biggest Business and Accounting event of the year you've all been waiting for! PwC, KPMG, Deloitte, Mazars, Grant Thornton & CIMA are all joining us for a one-off special event taking place on **Monday 5th February 5pm - 6:30pm** online via Zoom.

For the first time in history, we have brought together 6 of the biggest accounting and professional services firms in the world all coming to share their knowledge and expertise with students from across the nation.

During this fast-paced online insight event you will hear from partners, senior leaders as well as many apprentices and graduates at these prestigious companies.

You will have the opportunity to ask questions, take part in some mini workshops as well as hearing all about how you could kick start your careers within these companies. Think work experience for the summer, internships, graduate opportunities and of course their hugely popular degree apprenticeship programs on offer for you to apply for!

We're so excited to extend this invitation to you and what's more you will get a certificate to add to your CV's and LinkedIn profiles. 6 mega brands immediately added to your professional profiles, it can't get better than that!

Hit the link below to secure your place.

Application Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BJ83RBL>



Meet the Employer

Meet your future employer or T-Level placement opportunity at our:

Open Event

Tue 6 Feb
4:30pm - 7:00pm



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PRESTON COLLEGE



EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

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SEE FACILITIES

YEAR 10 & 11

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THURSDAY 7 MARCH 4PM - 7PM

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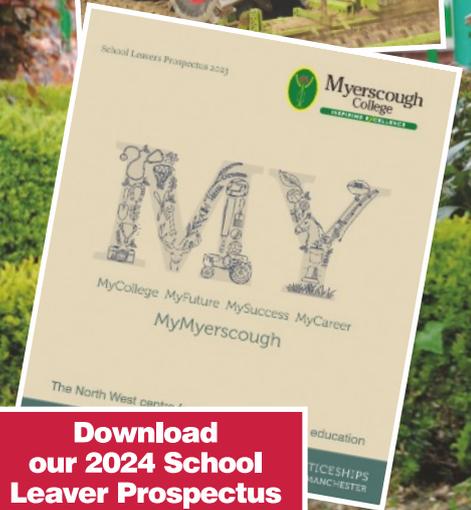
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DENTAL MENTOR

YOUR MEDIC FAMILY



A career in dentistry goes beyond just improving oral health; it significantly contributes to enhancing the lives of both children and adults. With the added benefit of exploring a fascinating subject, dentistry proves to be a fulfilling and intellectually stimulating profession.

Recognising that applying to dental schools comes with unique challenges for aspiring students, we aim to ensure that those interested in exploring dentistry or committed to pursuing a career in it are well-informed about the profession and prepared for the journey ahead.

Therefore, we are thrilled to invite students in years 10-11 and their parents to a FREE virtual "Get Into Dentistry" UCAS conference on Saturday, January 28th, from 9:30am to 3:30 pm.

Learn more at: <https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-ucas-conference/>

These conferences provide tailored advice for aspiring dentists, covering crucial topics such as:

- A Day in the Life of a Dentist
- Tactically choosing universities
- Personal statements
- UCAT
- Dental school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Building a CV
- Applying for scholarships

The Get Into Dentistry Conferences occur monthly, offering you the chance to connect LIVE with a Dentist who will provide a solid overview of the career and a strong foundation for a successful dental school application. Attendees will also receive a certificate to enhance their university applications.

We encourage both students and parents to participate in these valuable sessions.

Spaces are limited, so students should register as soon as possible using the link [HERE](#)





Here's how the day will run:

9:30-10.00	Registration
10.00-11:00	Quick introduction to 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 form a successful applicant (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 do ace the UCAT
14.10-14.30	How to prepare for Dental School interviews
14.30-15.00	Top tips form a successful applicant (dental student) and next steps

Our dentists and dental students look forward to welcoming your students at the conferences and they will join our network of successful students who attended these programmes over the last ten years: <https://dental-mentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/>



We understand how challenging it can be for students to secure meaningful work experience in the fields of dentistry and medicine. That's why attending a Get Into Medicine or Get Into Dentistry conference is crucial, as it provides INSTANT access to our Virtual Work Experience programmes.

Virtual work experiences have been accepted by the Medical Schools and Dental Schools Council as valuable alternatives to traditional, in-person shadowing, and this month we're diving into the fascinating world of Emergency Medicine and Dental Hygiene, Dentures & Difficult Decisions.

Students can find out more here:

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

Participating in this virtual work experience not only opens doors for students to gain insights and opportunities that may otherwise be hard to access but also serves as a crucial step in preparing them for their upcoming physical placements. Partnering with Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust, our Virtual Work Experience has been a game-changer for thousands of secondary school students in the past year.

Combined with the essential knowledge on how to get into medicine or dentistry and valuable advice from doctors and dentists shared at the Get Into conferences, registering for the conference becomes vital.

If your students aged 14-18 haven't yet attended a Get Into Conference but are interested in joining the Virtual Work Experience, they can sign up for the upcoming conferences on these dates to gain INSTANT access after attending:

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

- Saturday 27th January, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Saturday 3rd February, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Sunday 4th February, 9:30am - 3:30pm

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

- Sunday 28th January, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Students and parents can register for free at these links:

- **Medicine:** <https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-ucas-conference/>
- **Dentistry:** <https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-ucas-conference/>

Throughout these conferences, students will have the chance to interact directly with doctors, dentists, and medical and dental students LIVE. They'll gain critical information to make a competitive application to study medicine or dentistry at university.

Students aged 14 - 18 are invited to attend with a parent or guardian, equipped with a working camera and microphone.

- **Medical Registration Link:** <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>
- **Dental Registration Link:** <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>





NHS National Work Experience applications open now!

Applications for the free National NHS Virtual Work experience programme have now opened for 2023-2024! This programme has supported over 30,000 secondary school students obtain free work experiences last year. Virtual work experiences have been accepted by the Medical Schools and Dental Schools Council as valuable alternatives to in-person shadowing, backed by the Health Education England Discovery report on the impact of virtual work placements. This programme is brought to you by Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust in collaboration with Medic Mentor, and it is completely free. Not only is this a reliable alternative to in-person shadowing, but it also plays a significant role in preparing students for their in-person work placements with structured teaching and opportunities to speak directly with healthcare professionals. The opportunity is open to any student across the UK from 14 years old and above.

Students can apply for a placement, for free at this link:

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

Developed in collaboration with Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust, this carefully curated 6-month medical and 4-month dental programme offers a unique insight into the medical and dental profession. The E-learning format allows students to complete their placements in their own time, whilst being able to book 15 minute 1-2-1 appointments with a doctor or medical student to discuss what they have learnt on their virtual placement (also free). Covering ethics, procedures, wider team roles, and facilitating direct conversations with doctors and dentists, this virtual experience serves as an excellent foundation for your students' future careers. Not only does it enrich their UCAS applications, but it also strategically prepares them for in-person work experience placements.

Taking part in the Virtual Work Experience will provide:

- **Comprehensive Insights:** The programme covers a range of specialities, providing a holistic understanding of medical and dental practices. Each month, a new focus area is introduced, allowing participants to delve into different aspects of the field.
- **Flexible Participation:** Tailored for students from years 10-11, the programme accommodates various schedules by being virtual. Participants have one month to complete each specialty, ensuring flexibility and ease of participation.
- **Recognised Certification:** Upon successful completion of all specialities, students will receive a certificate from Medic Mentor and UHB, validating their active participation to include in their UCAS and apprenticeships applications.

This month's focus is on Surgery or Oral Surgery, offering a firsthand look into the life of a surgeon and the intricacies of procedures such as keyhole surgery in medicine or paediatric dentistry and oral surgery for those interested in dentistry.

Registering for these programmes is simple - students just need to complete the free online application form:

<https://airtable.com/appuQX2ouadvjQUSU/shrroljLczgdg9uLw>

We are eager to welcome your students to our exceptional free work experience programmes and support them in their journey toward a fulfilling career in medicine or dentistry.

MEDIC MENTOR



YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

NHS National Work Experience

If you haven't yet signed up for the NHS National Work Experience programme and you are in Year 10 or 11:

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

- This month, we're diving into the fascinating world of Surgery, providing your students with the opportunity to witness key-hole surgery, oral surgery, and the unique privilege of shadowing Mr. Challocome, a urology surgeon at Guy's and Thomas' NHS Trust.
- This virtual experience opens doors for your students to gain valuable insights and opportunities that may be otherwise difficult to access. Working hand in hand with Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust, our Virtual Work Experience has been a game-changer for thousands of secondary school students in the past year. It's not just an alternative to in-person shadowing; it's a crucial step in preparing students for their upcoming physical placements.
- We've crafted a 6-month medical and 4-month dental e-learning work experience programme that lets students set their own pace. From structured teaching to direct interaction with healthcare professionals, our programme ensures students don't just watch procedures but also understand the broader roles in the medical and dental fields.
- What makes our programme unique is the chance for students to schedule 15-minute one-on-one appointments with a doctor or medical student at no extra cost. This personal touch lets them dive deeper into their virtual experiences, ask questions, and really enhance their understanding.
- Covering everything from ethics to procedures and broader team roles, our virtual work experience gives a crucial overview of their desired career paths and the skills that medical and dental schools are looking for, enhancing their UCAS applications.

Signing up is easy - students just need to fill out the free online application form:

<https://airtable.com/appuQX2ouadvjQUSU/shrroljLczgdg9uLw>



Health Education England has recently completed a discovery report on virtual work experience programmes, which have concluded that these programmes are a valuable adjunct to in-person work experience, especially by preparing students for in-person placements and where in-person experiences are extremely limited. The NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience successfully invited 12,000 students to participate in the last academic year, making it the largest programme for students who are specifically interested in the following careers:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and language therapy
- and Pharmacy!

Applications for this programme are now open, and they will be open throughout this academic year. It is suitable for students in year groups 10-11.

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. Students will observe the healthcare professionals as they interact with the patients and each other. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge through teaching.

This will help students to make an informed career decision as well as learn about how healthcare professionals work together as part of a multidisciplinary team. Each work experience day is completely different, and students will be able to build on their knowledge of NHS careers as they see different patient cases and healthcare professionals work in a variety of settings, such as hospital and community.

Students will also receive certificates as evidence of having participated in the work experience programme. Those that complete the entire 6-month programme will be awarded with Highly Commended References too. Students can register individually through the website link below. Places are £10 a day to cover administrative costs and run the tech on the day.

Students can register for the programme here:

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

Kind regards,

Work Experience Team

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HOW DO I WRITE A CV AND WHY DO I NEED ONE?

Top tips to get you started with your CV

Many job adverts will request that you submit a CV as part of the application process. Having a CV ready that can be quickly updated is important for any new job seeker.

This guide will get you started...

What is a CV?

CV comes from the Latin word curriculum vitae which stands for 'course of life'. It is a short document that summarises your education, skills and experience, which relate to a role you want to apply for.

Do all CVs follow the same format?

No, there are different CV styles, depending on the role and the stage you're at, but there are certain things that employers will always expect you to include (see the checklist).



Who looks at a CV?

It depends on the size of the organisation. It could be just one person, for example, the company owner if it's a small company, or it could start with HR and go to multiple people in a larger company. Many employers now remove personal information that could be used to unfairly advantage or disadvantage you.

What should I include in a CV?

The main sections to include are:

Contact details

Full name, mobile number and email address.

Profile / personal statement

A short paragraph, setting out your main skills and attributes.

Education and qualifications

Including type and grades (if you have not yet taken your exams, you can include predicted grades).

Work or volunteering experience

Details of any paid or unpaid employment or experiences and a short summary of tasks completed.

Skills and achievements

For example, IT packages you can use, any languages you speak.

Interests and hobbies

This section is useful if you don't have much work experience.

References

You may be asked to provide two referees that can provide a personal or professional reference.



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1. GENERAL RESEARCH

Start by researching what apprenticeships are and the wide range available.

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EXPLORE:



Find our **Rapid Reads** (quick guides to everything apprenticeship related) here: <https://tinyurl.com/3z4rfttn>

RAPID READS:



2. SPECIFIC RESEARCH

Look on the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) website and search for apprenticeship standards using keywords that interest you, e.g. theatre, finance, sport, health:

Visit the **Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE)** website here: <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/>



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3. VACANCIES RESEARCH

Look at current vacancies on the Government website, Find an Apprenticeship (FAA) to see what is available. Read the job adverts to help you know what employers are looking for. Create an account and set up alerts for new vacancies that fit your criteria.

Visit **Find An Apprenticeship** here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



FIND AN APPRENTICESHIP:



4. EMPLOYER RESEARCH

Research employers that offer apprenticeships. Don't discount any companies without looking into them properly! If an employer you're interested in mentions knowledge, skills, qualities or experience they require, think about how you could show you meet their criteria, or what you could do now to ensure you do in the future.

Visit the **employers' website** and **social media** pages to find out more about what they do.

Find out where the position will be based and start to look at **transport options**. Could you get there everyday?

5. GET READY TO APPLY

It's never too early to start getting ready to apply for apprenticeships. Read up on the different processes so that you can be ready to apply when you see a vacancy that interests you.

Read our **Step-by-step guide** to applying for an apprenticeship so you know what applying for an apprenticeship involves <https://tinyurl.com/4c3bvd9r>

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CAREER *of the* WEEK

Actuary

You'll use your knowledge of business and economics, together with your understanding of probability theory, statistics and investment theory, to provide strategic, commercial and financial advice.

Using financial and statistical theories, you'll assess the likelihood of a particular event occurring and its possible financial costs.

Types of actuary

Actuaries work in these areas:

- banking
- corporate finance
- investment management
- life, healthcare and general insurance
- pensions

Responsibilities

As an actuary, you'll need to:

- use mathematical modelling techniques and statistical concepts to determine probability and assess risks, for example, analysing pension scheme liabilities to price commercial insurance
- analyse statistical data in order to make calculations, for example, accident rates for particular groups of people
- be an effective communicator, to discuss and explain complex topics in a simple way
- develop new financial products
- prepare presentations, reports, valuations and quarterly updates
- monitor risk within trading positions in investment banking to ensure excessive risks are not taken during the fast pace of trading
- present reports, explaining their implications to managers and directors and advising on risk limitation
- advise on issues such as the selection of investment managers or the administration of pensions and benefits
- work with IT professionals to develop systems to ensure compliance with the requirements of regulatory bodies
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