



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

Here we are, almost at the end of another term already! As usual, lots of useful content in this week's edition of Career News, including: virtual work experience, webinars, conferences, open events, blogs, podcasts, apprenticeship vacancies and lots more!



- If you have applied to college and had your interview, please make sure you accept the place.
- Find out more about the famous Norland Nannies and perhaps sign up for an open day.
- InvestIN are offering a summer programme of immersive work experience in 10 exciting careers.
- Redrow Homes have a number of vacancies on offer in bricklaying and carpentry.
- Easter work experience with Young Professionals and Spectris plc, for anyone considering a career in engineering, science or any aspect of STEM.
- Lots of great offers from the Medic Mentor family, including live virtual work experience in medicine, dentistry and allied health care - well worth checking out!
- Final set of interviews for Runshaw College next week. Schedule posted outside the Top Office. Anyone applying after 1st April will be invited to an interview at college.
- Year 10 - please make the most of the Easter break to find work experience opportunities. Booklets need to be back in school as soon as possible in order to check insurance details and so on. All the details about work experience are on the school website <https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/parents/work-experience>

Have a great weekend



25th - 28th March 2024

APPRENTICESHIPS LINKED TO BUSINESS

- ACCOUNTANT
 - ASSISTANT BUYER & MERCHANDISER
 - CHARTERED MANAGER
 - DATA ANALYST
 - MARKETING EXECUTIVE
 - MARKET RESEARCH EXECUTIVE
 - PROJECT MANAGER
 - PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT
 - SOCIAL RESEARCHER
 - TRADING STANDARDS OFFICIAL
- AND MANY MORE!**



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RUNSHAW COLLEGE



You are invited to our...

STEM & T Level Showcase!

Wednesday **27th** March

6.00pm

Tour our fantastic
STEM Assured
campus

Be inspired
by our STEM
leaders

Get future
ready with
our STEM
employers



Begin your own **STEM** story with us!

runshaw.ac.uk/stem-showcase



We would love to invite your year 10 and year 11 students, who are interested in STEM related subjects or careers, to our STEM & T LEVEL Showcase on Wednesday 27th March at 6pm!

Come along to hear from leaders in our STEM provision at 6pm, then meet a wide and varied range of employers, see our STEM assured campus and speak to our STEM and T Level Curriculum colleagues.

REGISTER NOW



We know that funding your studies is a key factor in your decision to study at Norland. That's why we've compiled some useful information and exclusive insight from students and Norlanders on overcoming the financial hurdles to study our award-winning early childhood degree and diploma course.

Exclusive: watch our new finance films

Find out how the student finance process works, how we support students with their study and living costs, and how we offer a value for money education by watching our new finance films.

Our Head of Finance, Emma Burns, walks you through these important aspects of finance in a series of short films.

[Watch now](#)

Catch up: Norland Unwrapped on Funding

In February, Emma was joined by Sarah, Finance Manager, and three of our students for a Norland Unwrapped webinar dedicated to student finance and funding.

Our student panellists shared their finance experience, insight and tips. Mature student Beth discussed her experience of starting at Norland in her mid-twenties, first-year student Mimi shared how she spent two years working in a nursery to build funds and experience, and second-year student Jess explored how important the Emily Ward Bursary is to her.

Catch up on Norland Unwrapped by clicking the button below. Keep an eye out for the chapters on the YouTube video so you can skim to the sections you're interested in.

[Watch Norland Unwrapped](#)

Read our brand-new funding blogs

Hear from current students on the various ways they've funded their studies, including receiving a bursary, commuting and money diaries to gain a day-to-day insight into student life.

How Fern funds her studies

"The Emily Ward Bursary is extremely important to me. Without this, I wouldn't be able to attend Norland and continue in my studies. I feel so grateful to have received a bursary as a fully self-funded student."

Read Fern's blog on receiving an Emily Ward bursary and why she believes "that the opportunities that Norland leads to completely outweigh the fees."

[Read Fern's blog](#)



Commuter student Mia shares her advice

"I have had the opportunity to stay at home, while still feeling able to have a student social life, and also save money."

Read Mia's blog on why she decided to commute to Bath and why she'd recommend it to prospective students who live close by.

[Read Mia's blog](#)



Jess's daily money diary

"I love to socialise with friends, have movie nights, explore different areas of Somerset and go to the theatre, which I achieve by saving through careful budgeting."

Read Jess's money diary to find out more about budgeting as a student and gain an insight into a typical week for a Norland student on family placement.

[Read Jess's money diary](#)

Funding Q&A with Norlander Liam

One of the many benefits for Norland students is knowing that you will be supported to find paid employment both in your fourth and final year of training and throughout your career as a fully qualified Norland Nanny, enabling you to quickly repay your loans.

We spoke to Norlander Liam, who graduated in 2019, about his experience.

How much did you borrow in total to attend Norland?

Approximately £27,000. My parents took out a loan over an eight-year term, on the condition that I would ultimately bear responsibility for paying it back in its entirety, which meant the principal amount as well as the interest. This loan amount was just for the tuition fees that were remaining after the student loan. During my time studying at Norland, my parents paid the stipulated monthly balance that was due on the loan, every month. Once on my Newly Qualified Nanny (NQN) year, I had to make the payments from then on until the entire balance was paid.

How long did it take you to pay the loans off?

24 months exactly. This meant that I had finished paying it off three years earlier than the agreed loan term.

How did you pay your loans off?

My first two roles as a Norlander were live-in positions, which meant that I had no 'real' living expenses. I calculated what I would need to pay any living expenses (phone bill etc.) and the minimum amount I'd need to enjoy myself a little bit. The remaining part of my wages (usually about two-thirds but could be up to half) I put into paying off the loan, to clear it as quickly as possible.

[Read Liam's blog](#) to find out more about his career since qualifying as a Norlander.

We hope that you've found hearing about our students' various funding stories helpful and it's provided you with some ideas on how you could fund your studies. Find out more about funding options or studying at Norland by chatting to students, contacting admissions and coming along to our next open day.

[Sign up for open day](#)

We hope to see you at Norland very soon!

Applied to Blackburn College?



Secure your place and
accept your offer now.



Scan the QR code to
log into the portal





Apprenticeship Opportunities in Construction with Redrow

APPRENTICE BRICKLAYER

Redrow Homes are looking for an individual who is passionate about bricklaying and other aspects of building to join as an Apprentice Bricklayer. As an apprentice you will be studying towards a level 2 apprenticeship in Bricklaying which will include both theory and practical skills for a duration of 18-months.

Your time as an Apprentice Bricklayer will be split between working on site with an experienced tradesperson learning from their years of expertise and, intensive block release training at the NHBC Brickwork Training Hub in Tamworth or Cambridge.

[Apply Today!](#)

APPRENTICE CARPENTER

Redrow Homes are looking for an individual who is passionate about carpentry and other aspects of building to join as an Apprentice Carpenter. As an apprentice you will be studying towards a level 2 apprenticeship in Carpentry which will include both theory and practical skills for a duration of 22-months.

Your time as an Apprentice Carpenter will be split between working on site with an experienced tradesperson learning from their years of expertise, and intensive block release training at the SMG Group, Coalville, Leicestershire.

[Apply Today!](#)

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STEM Summer Schools

Plus, our podcast special on Women in STEM



An opportunity for students to kickstart their career in STEM with InvestIN's immersive work experience programmes this summer!

Students can choose from 10 exciting careers and work alongside top professionals to master skills such as problem-solving, teamwork, creativity & communication. This unique opportunity not only equips students with a certificate and a valuable industry reference but also empowers them to stand out in university applications.

We're committed to fostering diversity in STEM and inspiring the next generation of women leaders in the field. Don't miss our next podcast episode below exploring Women at Work and inclusion in the STEM sector!

[View & Register \(Ages 15-18\)](#)

[View & Register \(Ages 12-14\)](#)

View STEM summer programme timetables

Shadow medical professionals in a London hospital, trade the stock market from a skyscraper, design your own video game, take apart a petrol engine - and so much more!

[Medicine](#)

[Engineering](#)

[Investment Banking](#)

[Computer Science](#)

[Architecture](#)

[Psychology](#)

[Dentistry](#)


[Veterinary Science](#)

[Entrepreneurship](#)

[Forensic Science](#)

We are over 70% full for Summer 2024.

STEM & International Women's Day Podcast Special



The graphic features a dark blue background on the left and a red background on the right. On the left, the text reads: "New Podcast Episode", "Women at Work", "Inspiring Inclusion, STEM Access and Empowering Youth", and a yellow "Listen Now" button. On the right, there is a portrait of Ruth McAteer, a woman with long brown hair wearing a floral patterned top, standing with her arms crossed. Below the portrait is the logo for "The INVESTIN Careers Podcast".

In our latest InvestIN Careers Podcast episode, we're celebrating International Women's Day and focusing on empowering young minds in STEM. Accredited Careers Counsellor Ruth McAteer joins us, sharing expertise on education and career paths with a 'right fit' approach. As a deaf woman, Ruth offers unique insights, emphasising the importance of inclusion.

Hosts Safia and Caitlin reflect on women breaking barriers in 2024, discussing gender bias, self-efficacy, and the significance of representation in STEM. Together, they explore challenges faced by teenagers and the importance of relatable role models in fostering inclusive environments. Join us in championing inclusion and diversity!

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INSIGHT INTO UNIVERSITY



Thank you to our supporters:



HELP STUDENTS DECIDE WHETHER UNIVERSITY IS THE ROUTE FOR THEM

Insight into University is a comprehensive virtual experience allowing students to explore STEM studies at university and the career opportunities that these subjects lead to. It provides access to information on student life, STEM projects and activities set by leading UK universities and global STEM companies, first year undergraduate lectures, live interactive sessions with academics, admissions tutors, employers and current students.

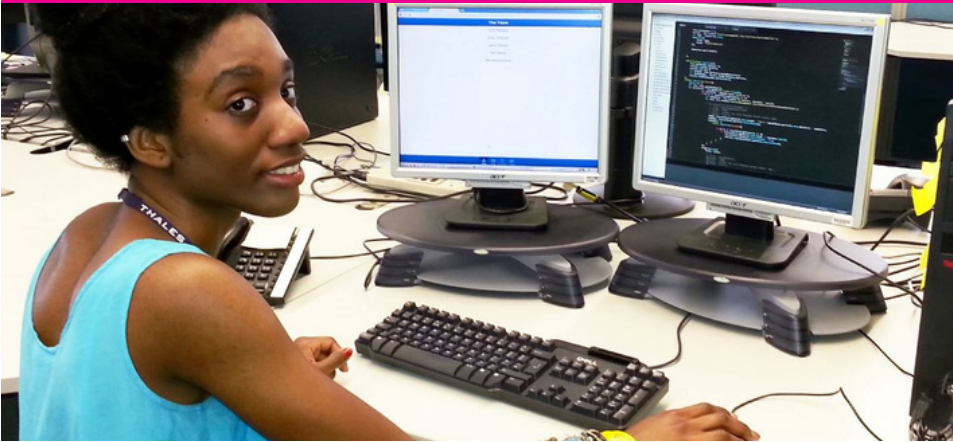
Whether young people are interested in life sciences, chemistry, biomedical, forensic science, robotics, food science, electronics, engineering, physics, computer science, sustainability, materials science, aerospace, built environment, tech or maths, we have something for them. With specially developed content and live sessions from universities including University of **Cambridge, Sheffield, Lancaster, Abertay, UCL, Oxford, Liverpool, Plymouth, Edinburgh, Birmingham, Warwick, Kingston, Nottingham, Strathclyde**. We will also have some fantastic workshops and careers guidance from organisations such as Innovate UK, GSK, GE, Tech Partnership, Rolls Royce and more.

The unique feature of this course is that students are able to access content from a diverse range of STEM subjects and will be able to tailor a course that suits their interest.

On successful completion of the course, which involves 30 hrs of study, students will receive a Silver Industrial Cadets award and be in a position to make a more informed decision for their UCAS application.



INSIGHT INTO UNIVERSITY



When is it?

The experience will run from **1st July until 23rd August 2024** and can be completed flexibly to fit around other commitments and study at a pace that suits individual circumstances.

Who is it for?

The experience is open to all students age 16+ and is suitable for all abilities, with activities that cover different levels of advanced study.

All students need is a genuine interest in STEM and inquisitiveness about what the future can hold for them and how they can help get themselves there.

How to apply?

Applications open on 4th March 2024. Visit our website <https://www.etrust.org.uk/insight-into-university> or scan the QR code to register your interest!

Cost: £95

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



What our students say

"I've absolutely loved every minute of this course. I found the live sessions in particular very inspiring and informative, and all of the taster lectures were both accessible and challenging. I'm really excited to continue with my STEM studies."

"This course absolutely helped me with my future education and career path. The way I was able to choose which activities or lectures I wanted to complete was undeniably useful as it meant I could tailor a course to suit me. This was a thoroughly enjoyable experience."

"I really enjoyed the course and feel much more confident in applying to university having done it. The live sessions were very interesting and I was blown away by the wide range of choice of sessions."

92%

of students felt that the skills and knowledge that they gained from the course will have a positive impact on their future studies and career.

86%

of students felt confident or very confident in making their future study and career choices after completing the virtual experience.

APPRENTICESHIPS LINKED TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- **COMMUNITY ACTIVATOR COACH**
- **COMMUNITY SPORT AND HEALTH OFFICER**
- **GOLF GREENKEEPER**
- **LEISURE TEAM MEMBER**
- **OUTDOOR LEARNING SPECIALIST**
- **PERSONAL TRAINER**
- **SPORTS COACH**
- **SPORTS TURF OPERATIVE**
- **TEACHER**
- **YOUTH WORKER**
- **AND MANY MORE!**

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ARMY HIGHER EDUCATION PATHWAY

Our Officers provide the Army with the leadership and direction we need to overcome pressing challenges in the UK and across the globe.

Whether you are still in school, studying at university, have graduated, or decided to opt for the world of work, there is a place for you as an Army Officer.

University is not for everyone, and most Officer roles do not require a degree. However, if it is a degree you want, minus the student debt. The Army offers a fully funded BSc Leadership and Strategic Studies course in partnership with the University of Reading.

Your 44 weeks at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst will contribute towards a third of your degree, which you can then complete over the next three to six years.

FIND OUT MORE



spectris

Easter STEM Work Experience with Spectris PLC - Wednesday, 3rd of April from 9am - 3:30pm

Apply Today!

We have an unbelievable upcoming STEM Virtual Work Experience Day for your students during the Easter Holidays with Spectris, Malvern Panalytical, HBK and Servomex, on Wednesday 3rd April 2024 from 9:30am

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, 3rd of April from 9am - 3:30pm, 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 2024! 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 registration link below. After the event you will receive a certificate that you can use on your CV's and any job applications that you make.

Registration Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VCP9NZS>

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 Malvern
Panalytical
a spectris company

HBK  HOTTINGER
BRÜEL & KJÆR

SERVOMEX 
a spectris company

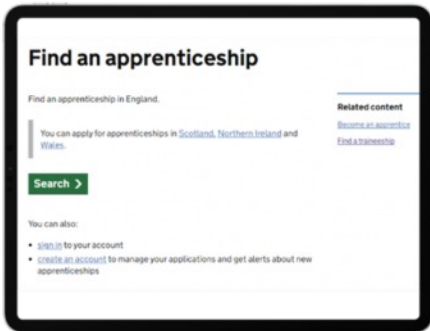
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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Where to look for apprenticeships

The key places to look for apprenticeship vacancies


There are several places where you can find apprenticeship vacancies; make sure you are looking at all of them!



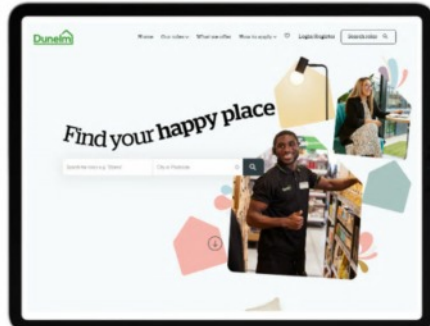
Find an apprenticeship:

Create an account, search for vacancies and sign up for alerts.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



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Employer websites: You will find vacancy information on employer websites, but also there may be information about recruitment events or taster days.



Job websites: Most job websites will advertise apprenticeship vacancies.



Employer social media: Make sure you are following employers you are interested in as they are very likely to share vacancy information on social media.



**Higher & Degree Apprenticeship
Vacancy Listing for
2024 Recruitment**
January 2024

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Higher and Degree Vacancy Listing: Find this list of over 1400 level 4-7 vacancies here <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/higher-degree-listing/>



Friends and family: Make sure everyone knows your child is looking for an apprenticeship – they may have vacancies at their organisation!

Apprenticeships news

Find out what is happening in the world of apprenticeships



Early Years Careers

The Department for Education has launched the 'Do something BIG, work with small children' Early Years recruitment campaign and a new Early Years careers website:

<https://earlyyears Careers.campaign.gov.uk/>



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This includes information on all areas of Early Years work, real-life stories, and the different qualifications you can do to set yourself up for success. Read more about working in the Early Years sector and the training and qualifications that may be required here:

<https://earlyyears Careers.campaign.gov.uk/training-and-qualifications/>



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National Trust competition

The National Trust has just launched the Time + Space Award, offering 16-25 year olds the chance to be inspired and to unlock their ideas at Sir Isaac Newton's home in Lincolnshire, where he discovered gravity and the famous apple tree still stands in the garden. Each award will be up to the equivalent value of £5000. The closing date for applications is 30th April 2024. To find out more, please visit:







<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/who-we-are/news/time-and-space-newton-competition>



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Brand new apprenticeships

At the time of writing, six new apprenticeships have already been approved so far in 2024:

Thatcher – level 2		Digital device repair technician – level 3	
Scenic construction technician – level 3		Legal technician - conveyancing technician or probate technician – level 4	
Publishing Professional – level 4		Embalmer – level 5	



Find out more about these apprenticeships and many more on The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education website <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/>



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Visit [apprenticeships.gov.uk](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk) to find out more.







Apprenticeships uncovered

Keep up to date with apprenticeship opportunities

Apprenticeships are continually created and released through The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education. The list below focuses on the [Hair and beauty](#) route and includes some apprenticeships you may not have considered before. You can find out more on The Institute website: www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards

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<p>Advanced and creative hair professional</p>		<p>Create, plan and promote a collection of hairstyles and looks that reflect their own individuality. Take ownership of work and client lists, accept responsibility, be proactive, flexible and adaptable, plan work and time, and aim for excellence by taking exceptional pride in their work. The work environment can be varied in size, style and ambience, from bespoke salons, the media industry, cruise ships, product houses and manufacturers, to luxury high-end hair salons.</p>	<p>Level 2</p>
<p>Barbering professional</p>		<p>Demonstrate a range of barbering skills tailored to client requirements, whilst providing an outstanding service. Shampoo and condition hair, cut hair using a range of barbering techniques, style and finish hair to create a variety of looks, cut facial hair into shape and provide shaving services. Carry out consultations with clients, demonstrate professionalism, values, behaviours, communication skills, and retail skills alongside the safe working practices associated with the role.</p>	<p>Level 2</p>
<p>Beauty and make up consultant</p>		<p>Work typically in a department store or other retail environment. Use knowledge to demonstrate, promote and recommend the use, benefits and application of a range of retail beauty products, covering: make-up, skin care, nail care and perfumery. Work as part of a team, as well as independently, supported by a department or counter manager, to provide exceptional, bespoke customer service and care in a fast-paced retail environment, whilst achieving sales and profit targets.</p>	<p>Level 2</p>
<p>Beauty therapist</p>		<p>Select, use and apply a range of beauty therapy techniques, products, tools and equipment to provide waxing services (legs, underarms, face and bikini line), hand and nail treatments, foot treatments, facial skin care treatments, eyelash and eyebrow treatments, make-up application and basic massage treatments (back, neck and shoulder). Work environment can be varied in size, style and ambience, from a cruise ship, through to small bespoke salons or luxury high-end beauty salons and spas.</p>	<p>Level 2</p>
<p>Nail services technician</p>		<p>Use a range of techniques, products, tools and equipment to provide manicure services, pedicure services, advice to customers/clients on nail products and services, gel polish services for nails, basic nail art services and nail enhancement services. Work environment can be varied in size, style and ambience, from a cruise ship, through to small bespoke salons or luxury high-end beauty salons and spas.</p>	<p>Level 2</p>
<p>Wellbeing and holistic therapist</p>		<p>Create, implement and adapt tailored holistic and wellbeing experiences, in a variety of environments, meeting and managing treatment and experience outcomes in private, secure and safe environments. Deliver specific treatments such as aromatherapy, acupressure, holistic massage, Indian head massage, lymphatic drainage and wellness experiences. Provide post-treatment aftercare and make future recommendations.</p>	<p>Level 3</p>

Visit apprenticeships.gov.uk to find out more.

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs)

Find out if an HTQ is right for your child



The Department for Education has been working with Springpod to create some resources to help your child find out if an HTQ is right for them.

Visit <https://unlocked.springpod.com/unlocked-intro/higher-technical-qualifications-unlocked> to find the following resources:



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- Watch this short film to find out about HTQs:
- Your child can sign up to take a short course and find out if an HTQ is right for them:

<https://space.springpod.com/sign-in>



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 <p>Free and on demand</p> <p>Complete in your own time!</p>	 <p>Boost your CV</p> <p>Add your completion certificate as experience</p>	 <p>Bitesize modules</p> <p>Answer quizzes and complete activities</p>
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Why take this course?

<p>You'll understand what a Higher Technical Qualification is</p> <p>HTQs are technical qualifications that employers have helped develop so you can get the right training and skills you need to succeed at work. You can study a HTQ full time or part time.</p>	<p>You'll see what careers you can go into</p> <p>You can take a HTQ in a variety of different subjects across a wide range of sectors. After completing a HTQ, you could start work straight away or continue studying in higher education.</p>	<p>You'll be more confident in your decision</p> <p>These short courses are designed to give you the info you need to see if this pathway is right for you.</p>	<p>You'll hear from other Higher Technical Qualification students</p> <p>We've spoken to some Higher Technical Qualifications students about their experiences - so we wanted to share that with you too!</p>
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To find out more about HTQs, you could also join this webinar for parents and carers with the Department for Education HTQs team and Amazing Apprenticeships on **Wednesday 24th April 2024 at 6:00pm** to find out:

- What are HTQs?
- Where are HTQs available?
- How and when do you apply for HTQs?
- How does the funding work?
- Where could a HTQ lead to?
- Where can you find out more?

Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nzJkYxhpRXWcrrxlvqP1mA#/registration



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Visit apprenticeships.gov.uk to find out more.

Apprenticeships with Arnold Clark

Find out more about these exciting apprenticeship opportunities



Founded in 1954, Arnold Clark is Europe's largest independent, family-run car retailer. The company started with a single-car showroom on Glasgow's Park Road, given flight by its founder's simple philosophy: to offer genuine value for money and customer service of the highest level.

Since then, the Arnold Clark Group has continued to grow with over 200 branches in the UK – selling over 200,000 cars a year in locations stretching from Elgin to Southampton. On top of vehicle sales, they offer parts and servicing departments, vehicle rental, an accident repairs division, EV charging solutions, insurance services and more.

At Arnold Clark, they know that getting that first step on the ladder of your career can be challenging. That's why they offer a wide range of apprenticeship opportunities, allowing you to learn new skills or perhaps develop the ones you already have. They want every Arnold Clark employee to realise their full potential.



Their industry-leading benefits include help to pass your driving test, generous annual leave, the opportunity to earn more through hard work and access to various discounts and resources to help improve your overall wellbeing.

Their apprenticeships cover an array of disciplines from **Mechanic, Engineering and Bodyshop** roles, to **Aftersales and Rental Customer Advisor** roles, to positions within their **Parts** department. They also offer a graduate accountancy programme in various branches every year.

Their minimum criteria for the apprenticeship roles vary on discipline and what area of the country they are based in. This is outlined below:

	Mechanics/Bodyshop/Engineering	Aftersales/Parts/Rental
Scotland	National 4 or above in Maths, English and a Traditional Science* or Technical subject.	National 4 or above in Maths, English and one other subject.
England	GCSE Grade 4 or above in Maths, English and a Traditional Science* or Technical subject.	GCSE Grade 4 or above in Maths, English and one other subject.

*General Science, Biology, Chemistry or Physics

As a company built on strong family values, along with their generous benefits package and commitment to local communities, Arnold Clark offers great opportunities and lifelong careers.

To find out more about apprenticeships with Arnold Clark, please visit their website <https://www.ArnoldClark.com/early-careers> or contact the Early Careers team at early.careers@arnoldclark.com



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Visit [apprenticeships.gov.uk](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk) to find out more.

Apprenticeships myths

Tackling misconceptions about apprenticeships

Amazing Apprenticeships has produced a new Rapid Read resource, dedicated to busting some of the myths around apprenticeships.

DISPELLING APPRENTICESHIP MYTHS



There are many apprenticeship perceptions that are outdated and often incorrect. This list of common myths will help you understand apprenticeships better.

- Myth 1: An apprenticeship isn't a real job.**

All apprentices are employed, doing real jobs and earning a salary, with a contract of employment. Apprentices are also entitled to paid time to complete off-the-job learning, equivalent to 6 hours per week.
- Myth 2: Apprenticeships aren't a popular option for young people.**

In the 2022/23 academic year, more than 77,000* young people aged 16-19 started an apprenticeship. (*Gov.uk)
- Myth 3: The range of apprenticeships is really limited.**

There are nearly 700 different apprenticeship standards available, with more in development every day. This includes exciting roles like Zookeeper, Solicitor and even Doctor!
- Myth 4: Apprenticeships are all low paid.**

Although there is a National Minimum Wage for apprentices set annually, this is the minimum an employer can pay, and many employers will pay significantly more than this.
- Myth 5: Employers don't value apprentices as much as graduates.**

Apprenticeships are valued just as highly as graduates, as apprentices have qualifications and direct experience of the workplace.
- Myth 6: You can't get a degree through an apprenticeship.**

There are many degree apprenticeships, that include qualifications at bachelor's and master's level.

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7 **Myth 7: You will have to pay for your training.**
The employer and/or Government pay for all apprenticeship training costs, meaning that the apprentice can gain qualifications and training (including degree level) without gaining the debt.

8 **Myth 8: Apprenticeships are only for those that aren't academic.**
There are apprenticeship pathways that are suitable for just about everyone. The level that you start at will depend on the job role, your prior experience and qualifications.

9 **Myth 9: Apprentices are often 'let go' by their employer after their apprenticeship.**
Approximately 94%* of apprentices remain in employment on completing their apprenticeship. (*Gov.uk)

10 **Myth 10: You can't apply for apprenticeships and university.**
You can apply for as many apprenticeships as you wish, as well as applying for other options including full-time university and anything else you are interested in.

11 **Myth 11: If you've done A-levels, you shouldn't consider a level 3 (advanced) apprenticeship.**
Your next step doesn't have to be at the next level up. The level of an apprenticeship is determined by the job role, so it's important to keep your options open and consider all levels.

12 **Myth 12: Apprenticeships are only for school leavers**
There is no upper age limit for apprenticeships - as long as you are at least 16 and not in full-time education, you can become an apprentice. Lots of people undertake an apprenticeship to upskill during their career.

Discover more about apprenticeships
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BBC Bitesize Careers Survey

The top 10 jobs teenagers want – all accessible via apprenticeships!













BBC Bitesize have just released the results of their annual careers survey. More than 4,000 13-16-year-olds were surveyed, and amongst many other things, this revealed the top 10 most desirable careers for young people. Read more about the survey here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zcjhq2p>

Did you know that of the Top 10 listed below, you can do either an apprenticeship in exactly that career or in the sector!



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TOP TEN JOBS

1	DOCTOR	The first Doctor apprentices will start their apprenticeships in September 2024!	
2	ENGINEER	There are countless engineering apprenticeships, including Aerospace engineer, Robotics engineer, Manufacturing engineer, Network engineer and Marine engineer!	
3	TEACHER	The Government has just announced the launch of the new Teacher degree apprenticeships and there is also a Teaching assistant apprenticeship.	
4	LAWYER	You can become a solicitor through a level 6 degree apprenticeship and there are also apprenticeships to become a Paralegal and a Legal technician.	
5	NURSE	There are lots of different Nurse apprenticeships, for example there is a Registered nurse degree apprenticeship and also a Nursing associate apprenticeship.	
6	VET	You can't yet do an apprenticeship to be a Vet (but you can to be a doctor!), but you can do a Veterinary nurse or a Vet technician apprenticeship.	
7	FOOTBALLER	Professional sports people can undertake a Sporting excellence professional apprenticeship, but there are lots of other sport-related apprenticeships too!	
8	ARTIST	There are apprenticeships in the creative industry, including Storyboard artist, Scenic artist and VFX artist, amongst others.	
9	POLICE OFFICER	Many police forces offer the Police Constable Degree apprenticeship, but you can also become a Police Community Support Officer through an apprenticeship.	
10	BUILDING TRADE	There are numerous apprenticeships in the building industry, from bricklayer to carpenter to architect to town planner and many more!	

Visit [apprenticeships.gov.uk](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk) to find out more.



When it comes to applying for medicine or dentistry, a crucial hurdle in the UCAS application is creating a stand out personal statement. It's all about letting your student's unique personality take centre stage while demonstrating an unwavering commitment and passion for a medical or dental career.

With over 15 years experience in university administration, and having helped thousands of students secure a spot in medical and dental school, I know the secret to a memorable application. That's why I'd like to invite your students to an upcoming Get Into Medicine or Dentistry conference.

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

- **Sunday 24th March from 9:30am - 3:30pm**
- **Sunday 14th April from 9:30am - 3:30pm**

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

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

- **Saturday 23rd March from 9:30am - 3:30pm**

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

At this conference, Dr Kennedy and I'll dive into the specific qualities and experiences that admissions committees love to see in a personal statement, and most importantly, how to make sure your students obtain these experiences in time for their application.

We will also explore:

- Tactically choosing universities
- Entrance Exams: UCAT
- Medical school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Medical Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Building a medical CV
- Applying for scholarships to study medicine

Our aim is to equip aspiring medical and dental students with the tools to sidestep common mistakes and pitfalls and ace their application to university. Students aged 14 - 18 are invited to attend with a parent or guardian, equipped with a working camera and microphone.

For those who can't make it to the next upcoming conference, don't worry. We host these events nearly every weekend to ensure everyone has access to vital information for their applications.

Register for the Get Into Medicine Conference on Sunday 24th March, 9:30am - 3:30pm:

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Register for the Get Into Dentistry Conference on Saturday 23rd March, 9:30am - 3:30pm:

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Kind regards,

Dr Siva, Chief Mentor



ALLIED HEALTHCARE MENTOR

After the success of our recent NHS National AHP Work Experience session, I am thrilled to extend an invitation to your students in years 10-11 year groups for our upcoming session on Sunday 7th April, 8:30am - 5pm, focusing on Communication & Fractures.

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

The NHS Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience offers a unique opportunity for aspiring healthcare professionals. It's a rare occasion for students to hear from our exceptional guest speaker, Melanie Dalby, a pharmacist specialising in haematology and clinical academic research lead for pharmacy at King's College Hospital.

Melanie will provide invaluable guidance to help these future professionals embark on their dream healthcare careers. Following Melanie's talk, students will gain an intimate look at the healthcare industry in the LIVE virtual work experience, delving into diverse roles within allied healthcare and taking a closer look at patient care by following the journeys of two patients from incident through to treatment.

The NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience is the largest programme for aspiring healthcare professionals, having successfully invited over 12,000 students to participate in its programme last academic year - many of which have gone on to study:

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

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

Once registered, students will receive access to their virtual work experience portals. Better yet, every complete session comes with a Work Experience Certificate, and for those who complete the full 6-month programme, there's a Highly Commended Reference – a golden ticket for their apprenticeship and UCAS applications.

Registration will start at 8:30am, with guest speaker Melanie Dalby from 9-10am, then the live work experience session starts at 10am, with an end at 5pm. Plenty of breaks are scheduled throughout.

Students can register at any time throughout the 6-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, or £50 for the full 6 months:

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

I look forward to meeting your students at the next work experience day on Sunday 7th April.



Applications for the free National NHS Virtual Work experience programme have now reopened for spring! 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/>

Crafted in collaboration with Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust, this thoughtfully curated 6-month medical and 4-month dental programme provides a unique glimpse into the medical and dental fields. The E-learning format enables students to fulfil their placements at their own pace, covering ethics, procedures, broader team roles, and fostering direct dialogues with doctors and dentists. This virtual experience creates a strong foundation for students' future careers, not only enhancing their UCAS applications but also strategically preparing them for practical work experience opportunities.

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 10-13/S3-S6/NI10-14, 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 spotlight is on Obs & Gynaecology or Paediatric & Dental Surgery. It's a chance to get a firsthand look into the inner workings of the medical and dental fields, helping your students shape their career aspirations in their chosen path.

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.



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VIRTUAL NHS HEALTHCARE CAREERS **WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME**

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

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CAREER *of the* WEEK

Environmental engineer

Environmental engineers are involved in managing and reducing waste and minimising pollution in order to protect, restore and preserve the planet.

You'll use your background in science and engineering to provide a healthy environment for the world's population by disposing of waste, providing safe drinking water, controlling environmental hazards, improving recycling and decreasing soil, water and air pollution.

Depending on the employer, you may be known under the alternative title of:

- geo-environmental engineer
- safety and environmental engineer
- sustainability engineer
- civil environmental engineer
- public health engineer

Types of environmental engineering

You'll be concerned with issues such as climate change, drought, population growth, urbanisation, pollution, deforestation and the energy crisis. Your work may cover specific areas, such as:

- disposal of waste products such as water and plastics, particularly high-volume industrial waste
- environmental compliance - ensuring minimal environmental impact from spills or emissions
- flood risk and drainage
- infrastructure and development
- management of pollutants that can harm the natural environment
- recovery and cleansing of land which has been damaged, for example by mining, landfill or farming (site remediation)
- water supply and sanitation

Responsibilities

As an environmental engineer, you'll need to:

- gather data from a range of sources through site assessments, environmental monitoring and third party reports
- evaluate the environmental impact of the project, hazard or commercial operation
- write up and present findings, costings, health and safety plans and recommendations on the containment, clean-up process, remediation, recycling and waste disposal, in order to fix environmental issues
- create plans to protect and restore the environment by removing contaminants from water, air and land
- develop site-specific health and safety protocols such as spill contingency plans or methods for loading and transporting raw materials
- provide advice about preventing future difficulties
- implement, manage and supervise the day-to-day tasks of construction and remediation schemes
- communicate with sensitive stakeholders such as local residents in order to minimise the impacts of projects on the community
- regularly liaise with clients and local authorities relating to planning aspects of projects
- provide advice to and work alongside other professionals, such as environmental scientists, planners, construction workers, lawyers and landowners to address environmental problems and promote environmental sustainability
- be familiar with current environmental regulations and guidance



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