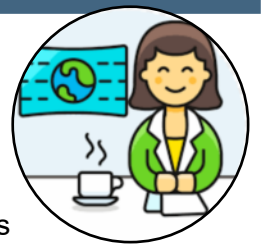




Your weekly guide to careers information, advice and news from Parklands High School

Well, here we are almost at the end of another half term. It's been a very busy few weeks, with pupils taking part in all sorts of career-focused activities, like the NHS Careers Day last week. One group went to Runshaw for the A Level Masterclasses, another group competed in the Sociological Dragons' Den event (collecting some gold winners trophies in the process!). The Year 8 EDT Bronze Industrial Cadet team visited NSG Environmental to find out more about the nuclear industry and on the last day of term, a number of pupils will visit the Persimmon Homes site in Bamber Bridge before trying out construction skills at Preston College. Of course, next term we have taster days to two colleges, as well as work experience for the whole of Year 10 (15th - 19th July).



Inside this issue:

- Last chance for pupils to sign up for InvestIn's summer career experiences
- In-person work experience at BAE Systems - hurry - limited places available
- Open Events at Blackburn College and Myerscough College - not too late for Year 11s to sign up
- Virtual work experience at Channel Four and John Lewis - sign up for either, or both if you like
- Wigan & Leigh College announce the opening of their brand new Skills Academy
- Lots of advice and information on apprenticeships from Training 2000 and from the British Army, the largest provider of apprenticeships in the UK
- CareerZone introduce careers in health and safety - and this week, we have launched our new Safety Team in school, with the aim of taking part in the Safety Groups UK competition (a competition we won back in 2020) and, of course, ensuring that all children leave school with an understanding of how to keep themselves and others safe in the workplace. More to follow after half term on the Parklands Safety Group.
- Virtual work experience on offer from Medic Mentor and Allied Health Mentor - don't miss out

There are still a few places available on the NHS Work Experience week at the LIFE Centre at Chorley Hospital, plus I now have five places available on the MPCT military academy work experience programme. See Miss Berry (top office) for more details and an application form for either of these great opportunities.

Have a great half term



Half term week : 27th - 31st May 2024



What Careers Link to Art?


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CONVERSATION STARTER: ARCHITECT

- Architects in the UK design buildings, bring ideas to life and work on various projects like homes, offices, and schools.
- They collaborate with clients to understand their needs and study the site.
- They create detailed drawings using computer software and make sure the design meets building regulations and safety standards.
- Architects also work with contractors during construction, manage timelines and budgets, and provide guidance to others in their team.

Qualification Routes

A Levels: Maths, Physics, Art & Design, Design and Technology, Geography

University: Architecture, Naval Architecture with Ocean Engineering, Civil Engineering and Architecture

Apprenticeships: Building services engineering technician, Architect, Architect Assistant

T Level: Building Services Engineering for Construction, Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction

Job openings by 2027:



40,000

Projected growth/retirement by 2027:



58.1%

Annual median advertised salary:



£48,360

Skills needed: creativity and design, analytical thinking, attention to detail, IT skills, problem solving

ART DEALER

- Buys and sells works of art, working as the go-between for artists and people/institutions looking to purchase pieces of art (collectors, galleries, museums)
- Needs an in depth knowledge of current artistic trends and art history
- Can work for an organisation or set up their own business

Qualification Routes

A Levels: Art and Design, History of Art, Business Studies

University: Art Management Degree, Fine Art, Art History

Apprenticeship: Assistant Curator

T Level: Craft and Design

Job openings by 2027:



53,900

Projected growth/retirement by 2027:



58.5%

Annual median advertised salary:



£50,440

ANIMATOR

- Produces a series of images (known as frames) which then create the illusion of movement
- Can work digitally (think The Simpsons!), or use hand-drawn pictures or even models
- Give life to drawings and computer generated characters

Qualification Routes

A Levels: Animation, Art and Design, Graphic Design

University: Animation, Animation and Stop Motion

Apprenticeship: Junior Animator

T Level: Digital Production, Design And Development

Job openings by 2027:



59,100

Projected growth/retirement by 2027:



58.5%

Annual median advertised salary:



£31,200

FASHION DESIGNER

- Use their creative skills to design original clothing and fashion ranges
- Can work for fashion brands, or they may create their own independent fashion labels
- Keep up to date with latest fashion trends

Qualification Routes

A Levels: Art and Design, Photography

University: Fashion Design, Fashion Design and Development

Apprenticeship: Fashion Student Assistant, Fashion and Textiles, Fashion Buying

T Level: Craft and Design

Job openings by 2027:



49,600

Projected growth/retirement by 2027:



58.5%

Annual median advertised salary:



£32,240

Task: Can you think of any other careers that link to Art?

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Why join an InvestIN Summer Experience?

Our summer programmes offer the ultimate, immersive experience of some of the world's most desirable careers. Highlights include:

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Investment Banker: Enter the trading floor and trade the London stock market live in an iconic London skyscraper

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All requests are reviewed so please ensure you provide as much relative information as possible to support your submission.

There are two cohorts going ahead in Summer – one is for students in years 10 and 11, the other is for students in years 12 and 13 (college /sixth form). Please bear this in mind when applying.

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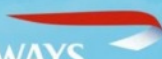
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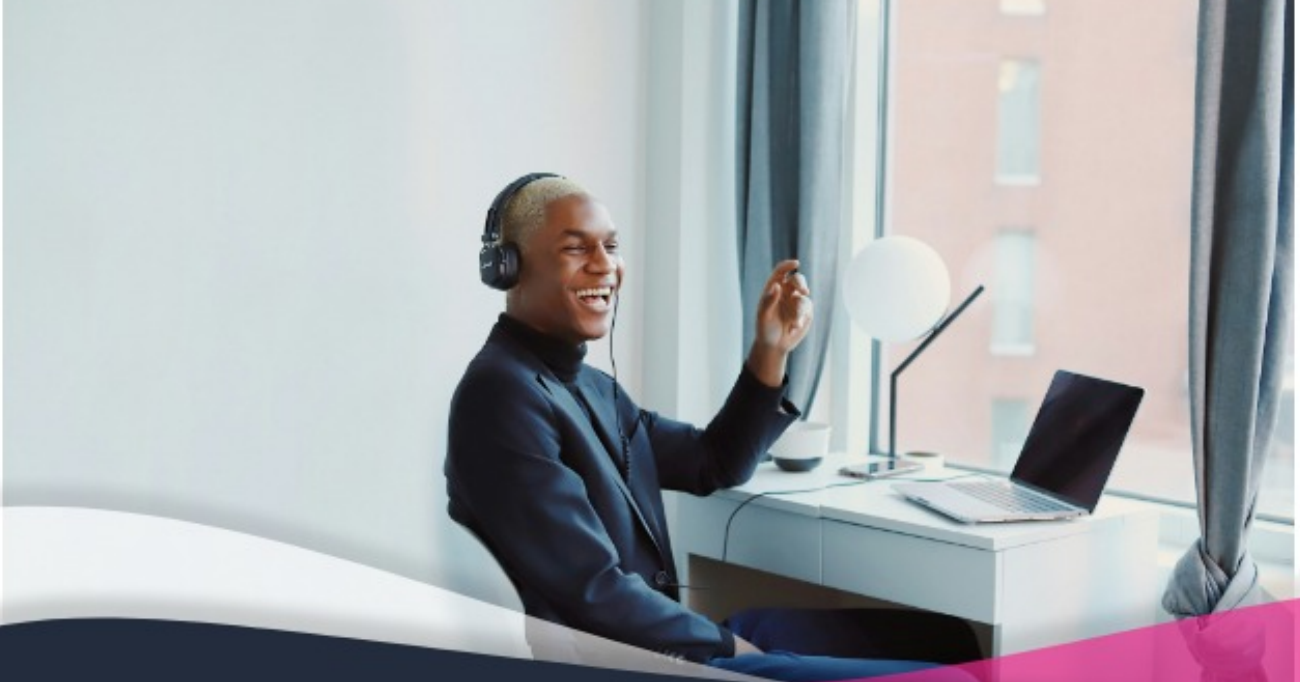
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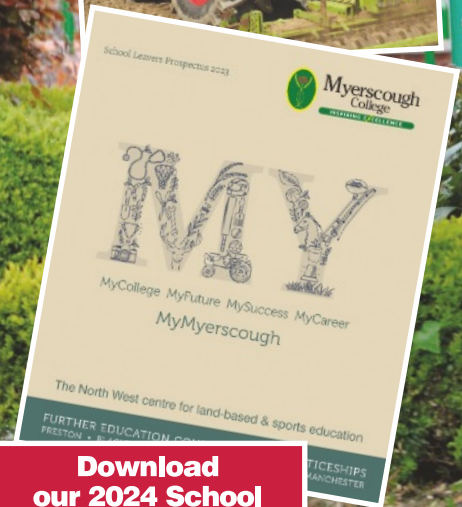
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Types of Apprenticeships

Your apprenticeship will be on one of the following areas: Public services and health, Engineering, Communications & I.T, Animal care, Logistics, Construction, Business Administration. The type of apprenticeship that you will do, will depend on your chosen role in the Army.

APPRENTICESHIP LEVELS

There are three levels of apprenticeships for entry level soldier roles.

LEVEL 2

Intermediate apprenticeships are the first level of apprenticeship. An Intermediate apprenticeship is equivalent to five good GCSE passes. If you have not got GCSEs in Maths and English at 4-9, we'll help you gain level 2 functional skills qualifications. The apprenticeship normally takes 12-18 months.

LEVEL 3

Advanced apprenticeships (Level 3) are equivalent to two A level passes or a T level pass. If you already have Level 3 qualifications, including A levels, the Advanced apprenticeship is a great way to gain practical, work-based skills and experience in a particular job and sector. Entry requirements vary, but typically you will need at least five GCSEs with grades 9 to 4/A* to C, including English and Maths. The apprenticeship takes 18-36 months. You'll start your training in initial trade training before completing the qualification putting your knowledge into practice with your Field Army unit.

LEVEL 4

Higher apprenticeships (Level 4) are an equivalent to a foundation degree they can be; an NVQ Level 4, a Higher National Certificate (HNC), a Higher National Diploma (HND), or foundation degree. There is also the opportunity to progress to Level 7, postgraduate degree level.

A higher apprenticeship can take up to five years to complete, Entry requirements for a higher apprenticeship may include at least five GCSEs grades A* – C (9 – 4 on the new grading system), including English and Math's. The course takes 18-36 months.

MORE QUALIFICATIONS



Every job in the Army offers the opportunity to progress to gain professional skills leading to higher qualifications, including full Bachelors and Masters Degrees. Technical Corps, will support you in gaining civilian qualifications, such as gaining Chartered Engineer status.

FIND OUT MORE

Click on the links below to learn more about Army apprenticeships and what being a Regular Soldier in the British Army can offer.

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Working in Health and Safety



What roles are available?

Health and safety coordinators: working to reduce accidents, injury and health problems in the workplace.

Quality, Health, Safety & Environment (QHSE) professionals: this role also covers the quality customers expect and environmental regulations organisations have to follow.

Building safety regulatory lead: this job comes with a lot of responsibility, making sure your organisation sticks to the law when it comes to building safety regulations.

Fire safety professionals: you make sure organisations minimise the risk of fire and have a plan to deal with fires if they occur.



What skills do I need?

Communication: You'll be able to communicate important safety information to colleagues and clients – people's lives could depend on it.

Problem solving: As well as identifying health and safety challenges in the workplace, you'll be able to recommend solutions colleagues can put into action.

Project management: You may be tasked with designing a safer workplace, so you'll need to be able to see a project through from start to finish.

What subjects could I take?

You can pursue a career in Health and Safety no matter what academic route you go down – but here are some ideas about how your school/college subjects can help you develop the skills and understanding needed to succeed in this career path.

Business studies

Understanding how businesses work will help you foresee the kinds of health and safety challenges you may be faced with – as well as the businesses goals your clients are focused on.

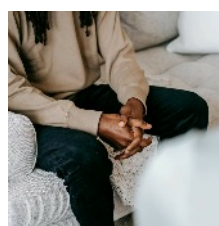
Physical education

Studying PE will help you build an understanding of the body's capabilities, limitations and how it is affected by physical strain – essential knowledge for any Health and Safety professional.

Psychology

A priority for many within the Health and Safety industry is convincing employers and employees to adapt their behaviour. Understanding what makes people tick will help with this task.

A whole range of school subjects can equip you for a Health and Safety career. Maths, for example, can provide you with those all-important problem-solving skills, while Design and Technology could help you come up with healthy workplace adaptations and practices.



Uni or Apprenticeship?

University

Industry body [NEBOSH](#) offers a [level 6 National diploma](#) for Occupational Health and Safety Management Professionals (equivalent to a Bachelor's degree), covering occupational health and safety. NEBOSH offers two types of Master's degrees, jointly with the University of Hull, for those who already have a diploma. There is a range of [MSc qualifications](#) to choose from, or alternatively, you could do the more research-based [MRes degree](#).

Apprenticeship

With a level 3 health and safety apprenticeship, you could complete qualifications such as the NEBOSH national general certificate as part of your programme. Check out [NEBOSH's interview with Faye](#), who did just this with Caerphilly Country Borough Council in Wales. Faye took two weeks out to complete her certificate – qualifying aged just 19 and extending her apprenticeship by 12 months.

Top Tip

If you're interested in a career in Health and Safety, consider completing the NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety. It is a great stepping stone to further qualifications and is recognised internationally!

Other things to consider...

Health and Safety offers you a way into a whole host of other areas of work – for example, you could work at a music venue, on a film or TV set or in the fashion industry.

If you work for a consultancy, your role could be varied – giving you the chance to visit a different kind of workplace each week!

Check out the full [Health and Safety Career Zone](#) on our website for more details. By creating a Success at School account and logging into your profile, you can add relevant articles and opportunities to your favourites:

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What Careers Link to Biology?



CONVERSATION STARTER: LANDSCAPER

- Did you know that there are more microorganisms in one teaspoon of soil than there are people on earth? These are the kinds of facts that will be good to know as a landscaper!
- You'll likely have individual properties that you look after as a gardener, or you'll work for an organisation looking after their gardens, grounds and general ecosystem.

Qualification Routes

A Levels: Biology, Art, Geography, Design and Technology

University: Garden and Greenspace Design, Horticulture, Sustainable Horticultural Technology

Apprenticeship: Horticulture or landscape construction operative

T Level: Science

Job openings by 2027:	Projected growth/retirement by 2027:	Annual median advertised salary:
146,700	99%	£22,880

Skills needed: Adaptability, able to work outdoors, physicality, horticultural knowledge, passion, creativity

MICROBIOLOGIST

- Study microorganisms to understand how they affect our lives and the world around us
- Medical microbiologists prevent, diagnose and treat illnesses caused by microorganisms like viruses and parasites
- Can identify the best treatment for particular infectious diseases, ensure food is safe, and even research the role that microbes play in climate change

Qualification Routes

A Levels: Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Physics

University: Microbiology, Biological Sciences, Biomedical Sciences (Immunology)

Apprenticeship: Laboratory Technician, Laboratory Scientist (Bioscience) degree apprenticeship

T Level: Science

Job openings by 2027:	Projected growth/retirement by 2027:	Annual median advertised salary:
42,600	42.6%	£42,120

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT

- Provide expert advice and evaluations on environmental projects for their clients, e.g. the government, businesses
- Analyse data and conduct research to write scientific reports and present their findings
- Consider factors like pollution, effects on plants and wildlife, climate change, waste management and recycling among others

Qualification Routes

A Levels: Biology, Geography, Environmental Science

Degree: Environmental Science, Environmental Studies, Biology

Apprenticeship: Environmental Practitioner

T Level: Agriculture, Environment and Animal Care

Job openings by 2027:	Projected growth/retirement by 2027:	Annual median advertised salary:
14,900	42.5%	£40,560

OCEANOGRAPHER

- Study plants and animals in the marine environment and how the ecosystem operates
- Collect samples from the ocean and analyse them to understand how the oceans are changing
- Use their research to predict changes that may happen, and work out the most sustainable methods to utilise resources

Qualification Routes

A Levels: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics

Degree: Oceanography, Ocean Sciences, Marine Conservation

Apprenticeship: Research Apprenticeship

T Level: Science

Job openings by 2027:	Projected growth/retirement by 2027:	Annual median advertised salary:
12,000	42.6%	£47,840

Task: Can you think of any other careers that link to Biology?

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Work experience is a crucial aspect of a student's journey into a medical career. Not only is it beneficial to observe doctors or dentists in action but what sets someone apart is truly understanding their roles, decision-making processes, and the dynamics of working within a multidisciplinary team.

I'm excited to share the new rotation of our Virtual Work Experience (WEX) is now available! This month, your students have the opportunity to delve into General Practice or Public Health & Oral Pathology, gaining invaluable insights into these specialised areas.

More details can be found here:

<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.

This programme has supported over 30,000 secondary school students to 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.

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.

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

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

Plus, upon completion of all 6 medical or 4 dental work experience sessions, students will receive a 'Highly Commended' reference certificate, something that students can proudly showcase on their UCAS applications.

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

Being in the midst of exam season and with this academic year rapidly coming to an end, we recognise the challenge of attending any upcoming conferences. We want your students to focus on their studies and achieve the grades they deserve. Which is why we are thrilled to introduce our new Get Into Medicine E-Learning, available for FREE for aspiring medics who are applying this year and may have missed out before.

With the May bank holiday weekend coming up, this is a perfect opportunity for your students to sign up to this E-Learning and receive vital medical application support and structure they will need in the upcoming application cycle.

Students in years 12/13 re-application students can register for the FREE Get Into Medicine E-Learning with the coupon code 'getinto24' here:

<https://wexlibrary.yourmedicfamily.org/courses/the-get-into-medicine-conference-e-learning/>

The FREE Get Into Medicine E-Learning provides a comprehensive overview of the application process, including the latest UCAT, Personal Statement, and reapplication updates for the 2025 entry. Dr. Kennedy and I will delve into each step of the medical application journey, covering areas like:

- Tactically choosing universities
- Personal statements
- UCAT Entrance Exam
- Medical school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Building a CV
- Reapplication into Medicine
- Applying for scholarships



Tailored for flexibility, this e-learning allows students to learn at their own convenience, fitting seamlessly into their busy schedules. It alleviates the stress of the medical application process, offering invaluable guidance for crafting an outstanding application to medical school.

The Get Into Medicine E-Learning is only available until the 31st May, so use the coupon code 'getinto24' and make sure to take advantage of this opportunity to get ahead of your medical school application journey!

Register here today:

<https://wexlibrary.yourmedicfamily.org/courses/the-get-into-medicine-conference-e-learning/>

By participating, students not only acquire knowledge and insights to boost their chances of securing a medical school offer but also receive a certificate to proudly display in the 'conferences attended' section of their UCAS application.

We encourage parents to also watch the E-Learning so they are aware of the important aspects of the medical application process, but this is not a requirement.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to drop me an email education@medicmentorfamily.org or call our team on 01530 417299.

Warm regards,

Dr Siva



ALLIED HEALTHCARE MENTOR

After the success of our recent NHS National AHP Work Experience session, I am delighted to extend an invitation to your students in years 10-13 or S3-S6 year groups for our upcoming session on **Sunday 2nd June**, from 8:30am - 5pm, focusing on **Paediatric Pathways**.

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 an exceptional guest speaker with a wealth of knowledge and insights to share to better the understanding of the allied healthcare field.

Our speaker will provide invaluable guidance to help these future professionals embark on their dream healthcare careers. Following the talk, students will have an intimate look at the healthcare industry in the LIVE virtual work experience, delving into the many roles allied healthcare has to offer and taking an in-depth 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 our guest speaker's talk happening 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 2nd June**.

Kindest Regards,

Dr Siva, Chief Mentor



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Level 3 Apprentice Teaching Assistant Manor Road Primary School, Clayton le Woods	VAC1000250471
Level 3 Business Administration Apprentice Clearview Home Improvements Limited, Leyland	VAC1000242863
Level 3 Finance Assistant Apprenticeship Busy Bees Nurseries Limited, Chorley	VAC1000248033
Level 3 IT Support Apprentice ESG Global (Energy) Ltd., Chorley	VAC1000248059
Level 3 Business Admin Apprentice ESG Global (Energy) Ltd., Chorley	VAC1000248071 x 2
Level 3 Light Vehicle Apprentice Pendragon PLC, Chorley	VAC1000224559
Level 3 Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Peter Williams (Withnell Pharmacy) Ltd.	VAC1000250705
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Level 2 Apprentice Customer Service Assistant Chorley Electrical Traders Ltd.	VAC1000241748
Level 2 Grounds Maintenance Apprentice Envirocare Maintenance Solutions Ltd., Leyland	VAC1000244881 x 2
Level 2 Childcare Apprenticeship PK Kids Day Nursery Ltd., Eccleston	VAC1000249488
Level 2 Sports Coach Apprenticeship SC Education Ltd., Leyland	VAC1000247812
Level 2 Apprentice Pharmacy Assistant Peter Williams (Withnell Pharmacy) Ltd.	VAC1000239359
Level 2 Production Chef Apprenticeship The Olive Garden, Standish	VAC1000249156
Level 2 Sales Assistant Apprenticeship Inscape Interiors Ltd., Chorley	VAC1000250991

These vacancies are all advertised on www.gov.uk and are within 5 miles of the school, most starting in September. There will be a different training provider for each: some will be colleges, some will be internally assessed, others will have online training. [CLICK HERE](#), input your postcode and search for vacancies.

Training 2000 (Blackburn) have a number of vacancies on their website: <https://www.training2000.co.uk/>

Alliance Learning (Horwich) have a large selection of engineering and business admin apprenticeships: <https://www.alliancelearning.com/page/apprenticeships>



CAREER *of the* WEEK

Politician's assistant

Work experience and a commitment to politics are more important than your degree subject when gaining work behind the scenes as a politician's assistant.

Working as a politician's assistant, you'll provide administrative support to an elected politician. You'll help with secretarial tasks, research and publicity.

You may be referred to as a politician's assistant, a parliamentary or constituency assistant (depending on where you're based), a personal assistant (PA) or an executive officer.

Although job titles and locations vary, the basic task is to do whatever behind-the-scenes work is necessary to enable politicians to represent their constituents. Politicians generally have between one and three assistants.

You can work for the Members of Parliament (MPs), Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs), Members of the Welsh or Northern Ireland Assembly.

Responsibilities

Although tasks vary depending on whether you're based in the local constituency office or parliament (London, Belfast, Cardiff, Edinburgh), you'll need to:

- respond to enquiries - known as progressing casework - from constituents, other politicians, the media, lobbyists and pressure groups
- perform secretarial duties, such as managing the politician's diary, making travel arrangements and taking minutes at meetings
- undertake all administrative duties, such as filing, ordering stationery, responding to correspondence and updating databases
- carry out research into local, regional, national and international issues as required, and ensure the politician is made aware of any relevant matters
- arrange surgeries for constituents and offer support on the day
- write press releases, newsletters and mailshots to promote the politician's work and update their website
- assist with campaigns before and during elections
- provide administrative support in relation to expenses and help to deal with budgets
- attend public and private functions to assist the politician and sometimes stand in when the politician is unable to attend
- liaise with members of government and local government, party headquarters, other politicians and their staff, embassies, commissioners, relevant interest groups, the media, relevant voluntary sector organisations and constituents
- help draft amendments for reports and prepare briefing material
- provide the politician with the support needed to get an issue on the political agenda, such as research or liaising with key individuals or groups.



[Find out more here](#)