



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

Hello again, and welcome to this week's Career News.

As usual, lots of great events and opportunities on offer, from apprenticeships to conferences, open days to work experience.



- Cardinal Newman College are holding a musical showcase for Year 10 and 11 students, with a pre-show workshop to take part in.
- Bolton Sixth Form are offering an after-school creative art club, running between January and February. Book your place now, as these courses will fill up fast.
- For anyone considering an apprenticeship in the motor industry, Arnold Clark applications are now open. BAE Systems and MBDA also have apprenticeships on offer - check these out and send your applications in as soon as possible.
- The NHS National Work Experience programme will be starting soon. This is a FREE virtual work experience programme run in conjunction with University Hospitals Birmingham - applications are open now, so don't miss out. The medical offer is six months, the dental offer is four months and you will receive a certificate on completion from Medic Mentor and UHB.
- Check out the Routes into STEM virtual experiences with the EDT, for students in Years 9 and 10. This is a 20 hour course, studied in your own time, with live interactive sessions in the holidays and after school. You will complete a project set by a STEM company, and gain your Bronze Industrial Cadet Award.
- Update from Training 2000, explaining the apprenticeship process.
- Have you considered the Army Foundation College Harrogate? They offer over 70 different job roles - there may be one that suits you.
- Or perhaps the Oxford Scholastica Summer School is more for you - find out more and apply now.

Plus much more, including Career of the Week!

Have a great weekend



20th - 24th November 2023



Oxford Scholastica Summer School

As you may know, OxBright is the home for the Oxford Scholastica Academy's online programmes, and combines the best of Oxford Scholastica's history of academic excellence with a future-focused online curriculum to give students the edge for their future, so today I want to introduce you to our Oxford Scholastica Summer School. We'd love to welcome you to Oxford this summer to experience the most memorable summer of your life on the Oxford University campus.

Our Oxford Scholastica Summer School features university-style teaching, academic challenge days, expert-led masterclasses, and cultural adventures. Our world-class tutors help students enhance their academic and interpersonal skills while fostering lifelong friendships and increased confidence in themselves. With a 4.9 rating and 98% of reviewers recommending our academy, we pride ourselves on providing a safe and supportive environment to help students meet their full potential. You can learn more about our Oxford Summer School by watching our [video here](#).

At the end of the programme, students will receive a Certificate of Achievement and a personalised Letter of Recommendation which is an invaluable asset for future university applications.

If this sounds of interest, the next step is to book via our website by [clicking here](#). Just to let you know, some of our most popular courses and dates are nearly booked up, so if you are keen to attend this year I would recommend booking your place as soon as possible to avoid missing out.





Is your child considering a career within the British Army? The Army Foundation College (AFC) is where we train 16 and 17-year-olds to get them ready for their future careers.

The course we offer is split into 4 sections:

1. Military Training (59%),
2. Education (25%),
3. Resilience & Leadership Training (11%),
4. Physical Training (5%).

The College has two intakes a year in September and March and there are over 76 different job roles ranging from:

- **Combat**
- **Engineering**
- **Logistics & Support**
- **Intelligence, IT & Communications**
- **HR, Finance & Support**
- **Medical**
- **and Music**

Unsure of which roles would best suit your child? Find out some potential options [here](#).

What do parents say about AFC Harrogate?

“As a parent, I have found the AFC staff have always been approachable, communicative, and more than willing to help and support us with any questions. Since attending AFC our son has notably grown in confidence, maturity, and self – discipline. The support we were given throughout the entire process squashed all concerns, worries and doubts” – Mrs Lunn, Parent

The Army Foundation College is rated Outstanding by OFSTED and has a higher pass rate in Math's and English compared to the national average. If you are interested to learn more about what the college has to offer, download our **NEW** brochure [here](#).

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT AFC HARROGATE



5th and 6th DECEMBER

7PM

**Newman Theatre, Cardinal Newman College, Larkhill Rd,
Preston, PR1 4HD.**

Can't Stop The

BEAT!

A winter showcase of Musical Theatre and Dance

FREE PRE-SHOW WORKSHOP AND SHOW TICKET

FOR Y10 & 11 on Tuesday 5th December 5.30pm – 6.15pm

Dance or Musical Theatre Workshop. To book your place

email CardinalCollective@cardinalnewman.ac.uk

Showcase for Year 10 and Year 11 - Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December 2023

The showcase will take place at Cardinal Newman College Preston at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased from the College finance department, by calling 01772 460181 £6/£4.

Year 10 and 11 students are also invited to book onto our FREE pre-show Dance or Musical Theatre workshop at 5.30pm, before watching the show for free.

Email CardinalCollective@cardinalnewman.ac.uk to book your place at the workshop and a show ticket!



**CARDINAL
NEWMAN
COLLEGE**

APPLY NOW

FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Our Applications are now open and early offers are being sent to those students who have applied by the first week in December.

Application updates will start to be sent out in December.

RADIOTHERAPY STUDENT OPEN DAY

Saturday 6th Jan
2024



Are you in year 10 or above? or a mature student? Have you thought about a career in Radiotherapy? Would you like to know more about radiotherapy and this fantastic profession?

We are inviting prospective students to visit our radiotherapy open day on Sat 6th of Jan. Situated in the radiotherapy department at Royal Preston Hospital

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



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



KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL

3-18 YEARS



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2023

7.00 PM

ACADEMIC, SPORT, MUSIC & DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

To book your place, please scan the QR code to the right or visit:
<https://kirkhamgrammar.simplybook.it/v2/#book>



01772 684264 email: info@kirkhamgrammar.co.uk

SCHOOL OF **EXPRESSIVE ARTS**

AT THE SIXTH FORM BOLTON



Take part in our fun and creative after-school club.

The Sixth Form Bolton is proud to offer an exciting after-school club for pupils with a passion for Art and Design, and for those interested in pursuing a career within the creative industries.

These sessions will support you to learn and develop a wide range of expressive art skills. In the final week there will be an opportunity to showcase the new skills you have learnt.

Venue: The Sixth Form Bolton

Course cost: £20 per course to be paid in full in advance

Duration: 6-week course

Dates: 11th January 2024 - 15th February 2024

Day: Thursday, 4.30pm-6.00pm

Age group: Year 10 - Year 11 pupils

To book your place please contact us on:

afterschoolclubs@bolton-sfc.ac.uk



SCHOOL OF **EXPRESSIVE ARTS**

AT THE SIXTH FORM BOLTON

WEEKS 1 AND 2: FINE ART

Giant, expressive, colourful, painting workshop: An introduction into working ambitiously. Learn how to enlarge images quickly and then have fun creating a very large-scale painting using expressive mark making and brush strokes.

WEEKS 3 AND 4: GRAPHIC DESIGN

From sketch to vector: An introduction to Adobe Illustrator's image making tools you will get to know the pen tool, shape, colour and gradient tools, as well as shape builder and pathfinder tools to create a vector illustration.

WEEKS 5 AND 6: ART, CRAFT & DESIGN

Create your own sculptural needle felted artwork: Using one simple needle, learn how to sculpt life-like or abstract, soft-sculptural pieces of work, from pieces of food, to animals or a vibrant patterned piece of art!



GIFTED & TALENTED SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of scholarships are available to Year 11 applicants on eligible T-Level/Level 3 courses.

BENEFITS:

£1,000

Over 2 years

FREE

Travel Pass

FREE

College Gym
Membership

Ambassador
HOODIE



Support from our
extensive range
of employer
links



Evidence to
support your
UCAS application

WHAT COURSES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GIFTED & TALENTED SCHOLARSHIP?

- > Accountancy
- > Aeronautical Engineering
- > Applied Science
- > Business Studies
- > Digital (IT) / Media (Film & Photography)
- > Early Years
- > Engineering
- > Health & Social Care
- > Performing Arts - Acting
- > Performing Arts - Musical Theatre
- > Professional Construction
- > Professional Dance
- > Public Services
- > Sport
- > Travel & Tourism with Event Management

CAN I APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

You should apply for a scholarship if:

- > You are currently in Year 11
- > You are applying for one of the T-Level/Level 3 courses listed
- > You meet the entry requirements
- > You have a skill or talent in your course choice

(For example, if you are applying for a sport course, you may volunteer at a local sports club or represent your school/county/country.)

Note: each subject may have additional entry requirements – see the online Scholarship Application Form for more details.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

You can apply for a Scholarship online at www.preston.ac.uk/scholarships

- > All sections of the form must be completed in **FULL**
- > A **Personal Statement** section is included within the form. It is essential that you clearly justify why you are suitable for a Preston College Scholarship - make sure you reach the 300 word count
- > Applications must be submitted before Friday 26 April 2024.

WHAT DO COLLEGE EXPECT IN RETURN?

If your application is successful, Preston College expects:

- > Excellent attendance and punctuality
- > Performance at or above your target grade
- > Support to promote your course to potential learners
- > Any additional requirements as outlined in your scholarship agreement

IF I DO NOT RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP, WILL THIS AFFECT MY APPLICATION TO STUDY AT PRESTON COLLEGE?

No. If you are unsuccessful in securing a scholarship, this will not affect your application to study on a full-time course.

APPLY NOW
www.preston.ac.uk/scholarships

PRESTON
COLLEGE

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



University of Central Lancashire

Training 2000

What happens next... for year 11 students

**Apply to
Training 2000**



From Nov 23
onwards

**Come to our
open evenings**



Wednesday 31st January
& Thursday 1st February

**Interviews with
companies**

**Confirm your
GCSE results**



August 2024

Prepare your CV



From Nov 23
onwards

We'll get in touch



Initial contact in
March 2024 to
book an interview
during the Easter
holidays. If you
apply after Easter
we will be in touch
within a week
to arrange an
interview

Start your Apprenticeship

I'm delighted to invite your students to the next FREE Live UCAS conferences this year.

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

Saturday 25th November, Sunday 26th November

These conferences are entirely cost-free, guaranteeing that students from all backgrounds have equal access to invaluable information that can significantly enhance their university application prospects. During these conferences, we provide comprehensive guidance on interview skills for medical and dental schools, helping students prepare effectively. We also delve into various interview types and the available resources to ensure students excel when the interview phase arrives.

Students and parents can register for free at this link:

Medicine: <https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-ucas-conference/>

All aspiring doctors and dentists in years 10-11 are invited to register. These conferences offer tailored advice for medicine and dentistry, covering a range of crucial topics:

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

We encourage both students and parents to participate in these invaluable sessions. Spaces are limited, so students should register as soon as they can using the link below. For this reason, we kindly request that students only book one conference.

Medical Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Here's how the day will run:

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| 9:30-10.00 | Registration |
| 10.00-11:00 | Quick introduction to Medic 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 (medical/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 Medical/Dental School interviews |
| 14.30-15.00 | Top tips form a successful applicant (medical/dental student) and next steps |

Our doctors, dentists, medical 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://medicmentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/>



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.



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

Allied Healthcare Mentor



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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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the apprenticeship guide



Interested in an Arnold Clark apprenticeship? They are now open to applications to start in March 2024! With over 150 opportunities spread across the UK, there's no better time to embark on a professional adventure.

[The company's apprenticeships](#) cover a wide range of disciplines, ensuring there's something for everyone. Whether you're interested in becoming an automotive technician, a spray painter, a body repair specialist, or a parts advisor, Arnold Clark has you covered. But that's not all! They also offer roles in customer services, giving you a chance to develop vital skills in communication and teamwork.

All apprenticeships advertised on the Arnold Clark website offer a salary of £7.25 per hour – well above the UK apprenticeship wage of £5.28 per hour. Read more about [what kind of wages you can expect](#) as an apprentice in the Apprenticeship Guide's guidance.

[Speaking to Motor Trade](#), Carole-Anne McCann, the group recruitment manager at Arnold Clark, said: "Apprenticeships help unlock skills for life. Not only do apprentices gain a recognised qualification, but they also learn other lifelong skills, such as communication and teamwork, that they can use throughout their career."

Arnold Clark has a track record of nurturing apprentices into successful professionals, both within their own organisation and the broader industry.

Carol-Anne said: "Our apprenticeships allow young people to start on a career path from day one and earn while they learn."

We're proud of our track record of helping apprentices go on to a successful career, both at Arnold Clark and within the wider industry."

To qualify for these apprenticeships, candidates should have gained or be working towards National 4 or above, or GCSE grades 4 to 9, depending on the specific apprenticeship discipline.

In a world that's becoming increasingly competitive, apprenticeships like those offered by Arnold Clark are a great way to gain training, qualifications, and skills necessary to excel in your chosen field. And the best part? You'll be earning while you learn, which means no student loans to worry about.



CAREER *of the* WEEK

Estate agent

Estate agents liaise with clients, solicitors and other property professionals to negotiate sales and lettings on residential or commercial properties.

Working as an estate agent, you'll usually specialise in either sales or letting of residential or commercial properties, businesses or land on behalf of your clients. You'll value and market properties, with the aim of negotiating the best price for your client.

Your role will involve frequent liaison with banks, building societies, mortgage brokers, surveyors, solicitors and other estate agencies during transactions. You may also handle sales taking place via auction.

Types of estate agent

You'll usually specialise in one area of estate agency, such as:

- residential sales
- residential lettings
- commercial sales
- commercial lettings
- rural estate

Responsibilities

As an estate agent in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, you'll need to:

- collect information about a property and arrange for photographs to be taken
- visit and talk to sellers about their property and its special features
- estimate the value of a property
- market and promote properties for sale
- represent the sellers in negotiation with prospective buyers
- monitor sales as they proceed and liaise with all interested parties including mortgage brokers, solicitors, surveyors and other estate agents
- advise clients and help buyers decide what they want to buy
- make sure that the price agreed is acceptable to both buyer and seller
- keep up to date with trends in the relevant property market

If you work in the lettings area of estate agency, you'll need to:

- vet prospective tenants by collecting references and doing credit checks
- ensure properties meet legal and health and safety requirements, e.g. gas safety certificates
- draw up tenancy agreement contracts
- collect or organise rent payments
- act as a property manager and resolve any issues that arise with properties

In Scotland, property sales are usually handled by a solicitor.



[Find out more here](#)