

CAREER News



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

We are very nearly at the end of the autumn term already! How quickly the time goes by. This will be the last Career News for 2021 although it will return in the New Year, with lots more opportunities and events.



Even though it is nearly Christmas, there are still a number of online events happening:

- **HSBC UK** are offering a 'Managing Your Money' session, with finance experts giving us the rundown on how to ensure we look after our spending during Christmas and throughout life
- Applications are open now for the **IBM School Leaver Schemes**, so don't miss out
- **Norland Nannies** are offering the chance to win a weekend in Bath and to find out more about their unique childcare diplomas
- **Aspiring medical students** can check out the **2022 UCAT handbook** - be prepared early for the tests that medical students have to sit
- **Careermag** features the lifelong learner - so if you fancy a career change or just want to stay up to date, check out the magazine by clicking the links
- Find out more about **Bolton College's** huge array of courses and qualifications with a virtual open event. From Apprenticeships to T levels and everything in between, you can take part from the comfort of your sofa!
- **Pathway and BAE Systems** are offering a parent/teacher event, with current apprentices talking about their roles and experiences, and the chance to give your opinion on what young people are saying about their future
- **North West vacancies** are featured with statistics taken from Adzuna. Twitter featured an advert from **Manchester United FC**, seeking a **Culinary Procurement Assistant!**
- **InvestIN** are still offering their **Summer Career Experiences**, but are now more than half full. If you are interested, don't delay. There is also a great **Christmas Careers advent calendar** with **12 Days of Industry Insights!**
- Finally, check out **Career of the Week**, **Indigo** and the lunchtime drop ins!

Have a fantastic Christmas and New Year. I have been learning Finnish all year, so hyvää joulua ja onnellista uutta vuotta!



13th - 17th December 2021



HSBC UK

Our colleagues at HSBC have decided to run a Christmas special event. On **Monday 13th December** from 5:00pm - 6:00pm they'll be hosting a virtual 'Managing your Money' evening designed to educate us with some tips and tricks for best financial practice.

We'll be hearing from the finance experts themselves as they give us the run-down on how to ensure we best look after our spending during Christmas and throughout life. Financial education is extremely important and something we believe the school curriculum should be offering to students across the UK.

You'll hear all about savings, investments and about different aspects to intelligent banking.

If banking and finance is something you think you might be interested in, events like these are a great addition to a CV when applying to positions within financial organisations to show an interest in the industry at such an early age.

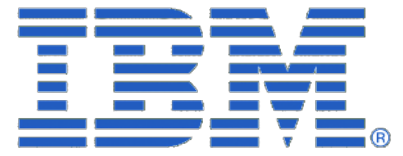
The online event is open to students in all year groups.

If you'd like to apply to this event,
please click on the registration link below.

Registration Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HSBC-Financial-Education>

We look forward to seeing you there!



At IBM, work is more than a job - it's a calling: To build. To design. To code. To consult. To think along with clients and sell. To make markets. To invent. To collaborate. Not just to do something better, but to attempt things you've never thought possible. To lead in this new era of technology and solve some of the world's most challenging problems.

Why work at IBM?

If you are exploring your options post-education, our IBM School Leaver Schemes will enable you to gain the experience, skills and contacts you need to start building a bright future. The choice of scheme is yours. We have Level 4 Apprenticeships, Degree Apprenticeships and Gap Year Intern roles, but whatever, path you choose, you'll work on real projects, with real clients and real bottom-line deliverables. Our opportunities will give you everything you need to build a successful career.

You do not need to have any prior work experience; instead, we're looking for enthusiastic, driven and innovative individuals, with a passion for business and technology.

It's time to define your career.

Applications will open w/c 7th February 2022, but register your interest today to be sent details on how to apply.

[REGISTER YOUR INTEREST](#)



Welcome to Norland News!

Win a weekend in Bath!

We're delighted to launch our competition to win a weekend in Bath to coincide with our open day on Saturday 7 May 2022 for Year 11, 12, 13 and Level 3 students studying in the UK. This competition offers those considering a career working with children from around the UK the opportunity to enjoy a weekend in Bath for two and attend our open day to find out more about our BA (Hons) Early Years Development and Learning degree and Norland diploma integrated course. [Click here to enter](#)



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Norland Unwrapped - 15 December 2021

We are delighted to host our fourth Norland Unwrapped session on Wednesday 15 December, 5-6pm on Zoom.

This session will be focused on the final module of the Norland diploma; the Newly Qualified Nanny (NQN) year.

During the NQN year, which is unique to Norland, students spend 12 months as a probationary nanny in paid full-time employment with a family arranged and fully supported by the NQN team and don't pay any tuition fees.

During this relaxed session, we'll be joined by members of the NQN team who support students throughout their probationary year, a student currently doing their NQN year and one who has recently qualified and earned the professional title Norland Nanny or Norlander.

Find out what it's actually like for our students in a working environment and being able to put what they have learned into practice in a fully paid and fully supported first job.

Bookings for this are now live and we would love to have you join us for this relaxed and in depth look at the day-to-day working life as a nanny in training.

[Book now](#)

Watch our virtual open event back

We recently held our virtual open event and the recording is available for you to watch. It was a great opportunity to find out more about what it's like to be a Norland student and important information about applying to study at Norland. It was great to hear from Jessica, one of our current third-year students and listen to her journey to Norland.

[Watch now](#)



Important Update: Summer Career Experiences

Updates on availability and December early-bird offer



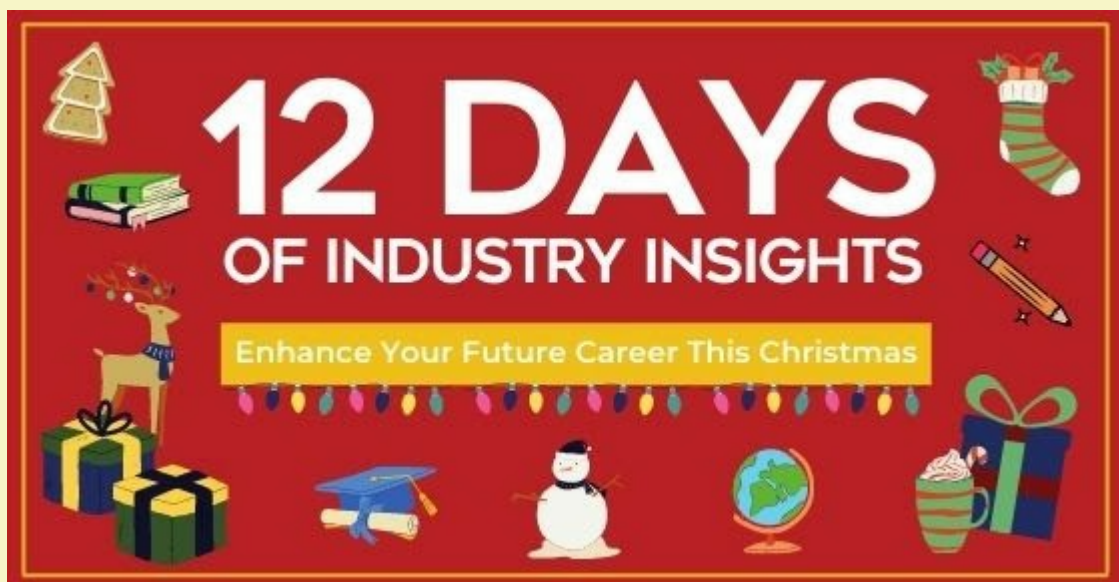
Shadow doctors in a hospital. Explore a supercar with Formula 1 Engineers. Trade the stock market against investment bankers...

- 1) The [Young Doctor](#), [Young Engineer](#) and [Young Investment Banker](#) Summer Experiences are **already more than 50% full** so interested students should register as soon as possible.
- 2) The early-bird discount offer of **15% off all summer experiences will end on 31st Dec**. Students can use the code **SUMMER15** at checkout to benefit.

[View All: Ages 15-18](#)

[View All: Ages 12-14](#)

Christmas Careers Content



We are delighted to offer students a free Christmas gift, which can help guide them on their journey to a successful career. Our elves have been working hard behind the scenes to compile a careers-themed advent calendar: 12 Days of Industry Insights!

The calendar is packed with helpful hints, worksheets, resources and advice from leading professionals across 12 different industries, tailor-made for students aged 12-18.

[View Content Now](#)

Attention prospective medical students!

Although this is not something you need to do before college, it is helpful to know a little about the UCAT test that aspiring medics have to sit. See the information below from Dr Alex Argyros ...

Here are some common questions about the **UCAT test**:

1. What's the format of the UCAT?

The UCAT is a 2-hour computer-based test consisting of 233 multiple-choice questions divided into 5 subtests - Verbal Reasoning, Decision Making, Quantitative Reasoning, Abstract Reasoning and Situational Judgement.

2. Should students train for the UCAT?

From my UCAT teaching experience, students perform better after they practice the online exam format and question styles. Your students are invited to create a [free account](#) to try theory lessons, quizzes, and complete a free full UCAT exam on our online exam simulator.

3. When should I start studying for the UCAT?

Students become busy during Year 13 with the demands of the A-Level. Many successful students start UCAT study in the December - January school holidays to minimise the workload during their final year of schooling.

4. Which universities require the UCAT?

The UCAT is used to assist with the selection of students into Medicine and Dentistry at the following universities:

University Of Aberdeen

Anglia Ruskin University

Aston University

University Of Birmingham

University Of Bristol

Cardiff University

University Of Dundee

University Of East Anglia

Edge Hill University

University Of Edinburgh

University Of Exeter

University Of Glasgow

Hull York Medical School

Keele University

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Newcastle University

University Of Nottingham

University Of Plymouth

Queen Mary University Of London

Queen's University Belfast

University Of Sheffield

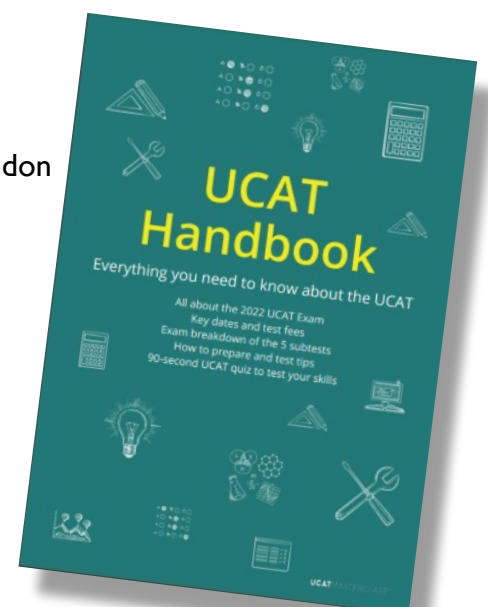
University Of Southampton

University Of St Andrews

St George's, University Of London

University Of Sunderland

[Download the 2022 UCAT Handbook here](#)





Careermag for Lifelong Learning

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Careermag for Lifelong Learning is LIVE!

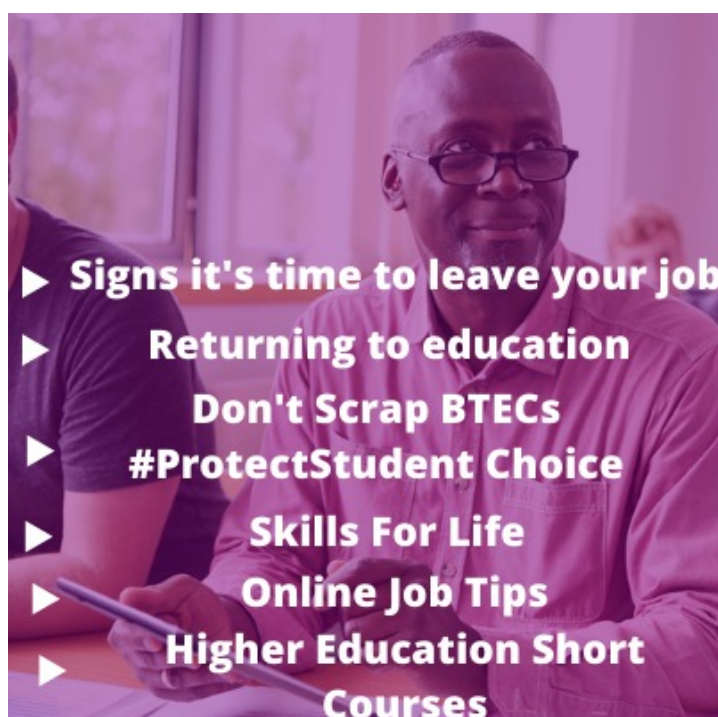
Whether you're looking for a career change, thinking of returning to education, or looking to expand your skillset, Careermag for Lifelong Learning can support you on your journey.

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Bolton College's Virtual Open Event

Explore our programmes and hear from students and staff from the comfort of your own home.

[Find out more here...](#)

Young People's Guide

View our Young People's Guide and learn more about our exciting Study Programmes, T Levels and Apprenticeships.

[Find out more here...](#)



Have an enquiry?

We're sorry we don't get to chat in person, but you can still speak to a member of staff. If you have any questions regarding your chosen Study Programme, T Level or Apprenticeship, complete our enquiry form and a member of staff will get in touch!

[Click here to fill out the form](#)





North West Vacancies

All statistics are taken from www.adzuna.co.uk on December 1st, 2021

Lancashire

On 1.12.21 Adzuna was showing that there were 20,102 live job vacancies in Lancashire.

Of these 4,450 were in Preston; 1,522 were in Burnley; 1,426 were in Blackburn; 1,279 were in Blackpool; 1,169 were in Lancaster; and 1,116 were in Chorley.

The sectors with the most live job vacancies in Lancashire were Teaching (2,005); Healthcare and Nursing (1,913); Logistics and Warehousing (1,688); Social Work (1,596); and Engineering (1,431)

**What a job title! Chance to work at #MUFC in a #catering related role I think #Manchesterjobs
Culinary Procurement Assistant at Manchester United FC in #OldTrafford
To apply, see the @ManUtd careers page: <http://ow.ly/2Arb50H5VPv>**





BAE SYSTEMS



PATHWAY
Careers Training & Mentoring

BAE Systems Parent & Teacher event with Pathway CTM

**Come and find out from BAE Systems how they can help your students/
young people with their future.**

Tuesday 14th December 4pm - 5pm

Online Event

SIGN UP FOR FREE!

Are your students/young people looking for their first career
and coming to you for guidance?

We're running an event to help you, help them!

Join the team at BAE Systems to learn more about the company, the programmes
we have available and hear from existing apprentices to get their insight.

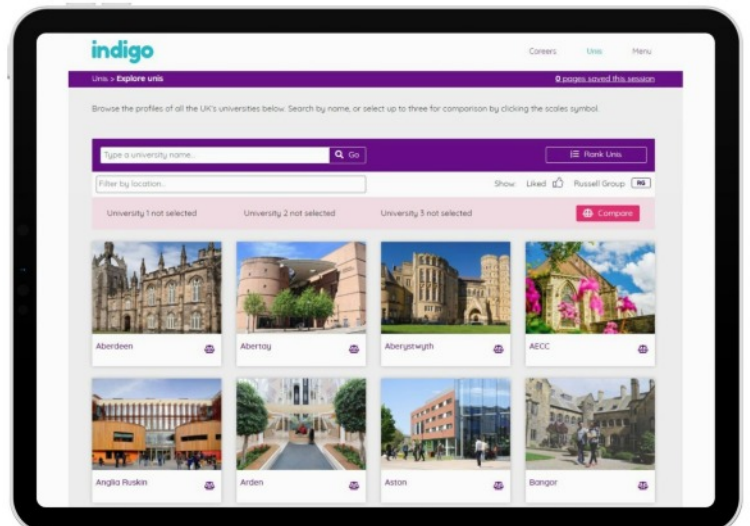
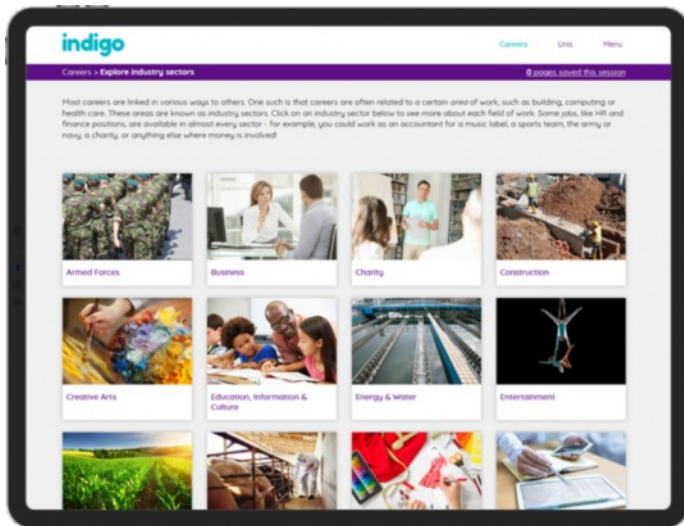
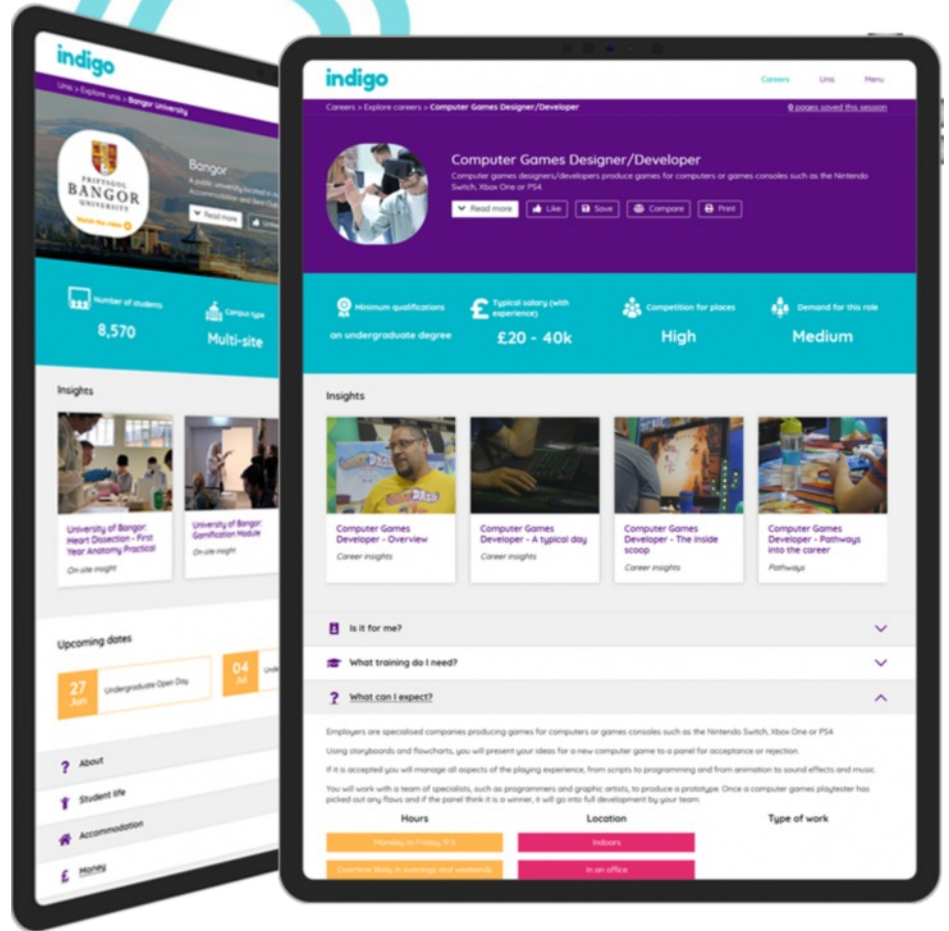
We also want to hear from you. What can we do to help provide you with the right
information to advise your students/young people, tell us what they're saying
about their future, and give your opinion on how we can help encourage
more females into a STEM career.

You'll also have the chance to ask our team questions with a live Q&A session.

SIGN UP FOR FREE!



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Indigo is our careers programme here at Parklands. Every student has a unique username and can log in on their phone, tablet or PC, at school or at home.

Students can explore and research careers - there are over 600 featured, although these can be filtered via a series of questions. They can also look at universities and degree courses - which is far easier than ploughing through hundreds of prospectuses!

There is a personal statement builder on the site, a magazine with lots of topical issues, videos and blogs. Check it out today. If you have forgotten or lost your log in details, please email Miss Berry (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)



Health Education England has recently completed a discovery report on virtual work experience programmes, that have concluded that these programmes are a valuable adjunct to in-person work experience, especially in our current climate 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, with the next session taking place in January.

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. You can learn more and students can register for the programme here:

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





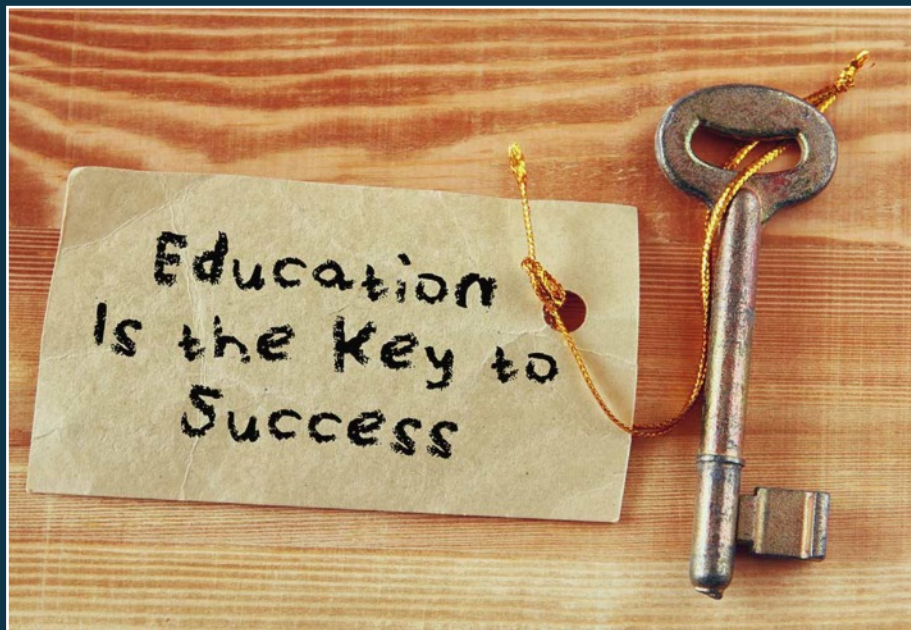
YOUR FUTURE

YEAR 11



Not sure which road to take?

Careers drop in every Friday in A21, 1.20pm - 2.00pm



CAREER of the WEEK



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.

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

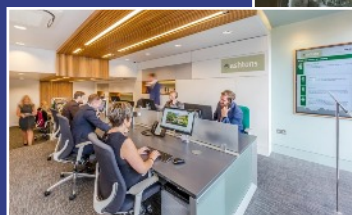
Monitor sales as they proceed and liaise with all interested parties including mortgage brokers, solicitors, surveyors and other estate agents

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

Estate Agent



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