

CAREER News



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

Welcome to another edition of Career News. Not quite as packed as usual due to a change of computer *and* design programme mid-week - which has taken a bit of getting used to! Hopefully back to normal next week once I have ironed out any glitches.



However, still lots of useful information inside including:

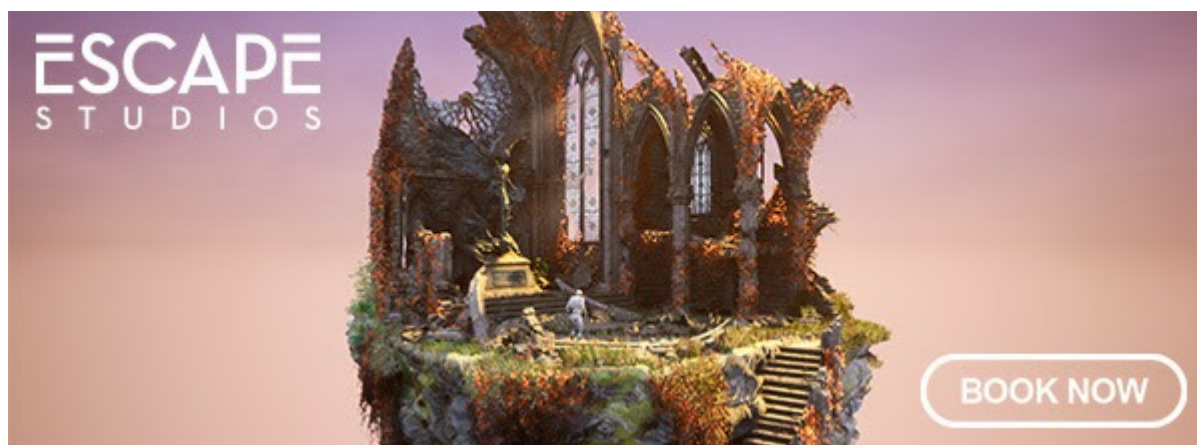
- Vodafone showcase - find out what it's like to work for a multinational telecommunications company - free online event from Young Professionals
- Game Art Careers Evening with Creative Assembly and Climax Studios
- Various online events with Pathway, both for parents/carers and students
- Immersive STEM and Medicine summer experiences - not cheap but well worth investigating
- Live conferences from Medic Mentors - essential for any aspiring medic, dentist or vet
- GlaxoSmithKline - find out more about working for this global healthcare company
- Open Event at Bolton Sixth form college
- Interview advice for introverts
- Information about the new T Levels being offered at colleges
- Virtual work experience with Allied Healthcare Mentor
- and of course, Career of the Week!

Year 11s were introduced to CV writing earlier this week - I shared a document that should help if anyone is writing a draft CV over the weekend (or email me for any help/support).

Don't forget that college applications do **not** need to have final exam grades on - at this stage, you are only booking an interview slot. You can change anything at interview (grades, courses chosen, etc). Preston, Wigan & Leigh and Runshaw Colleges all interview in school. For any other college, interviews are usually in the evening, after school (apart from those requiring auditions or practical demonstrations such as horse riding ability, which might be during the school day).

Finally - any questions about any aspect of careers/colleges/apprenticeships - please email me:
pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Discover the world of Game Art



Join us for our free virtual **Game Art Careers Evening** with **Creative Assembly** and **Climax Studios** on **Monday 22nd November** at 6pm.

Don't miss out on the chance to get vital career advice, learn more about industry-professional software and find out how to get ahead in the games industry.

[Book my place](#)



Who are Creative Assembly?

Creative Assembly are the multi-award winning BAFTA UK games studio behind Total War, Alien: Isolation and Halo Wars 2. They're also one of our industry partners and regularly attend our events with students.

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Who are Climax Studios?

Climax Studios are a British video game developer, best known for their work on the 2004 action role-playing game Sudeki and the 2007 and 2009 survival horror video games Silent Hill: Origins and Silent Hill: Shattered Memories from the Silent Hill franchise. More recent work has included the Assassin's Creed Chronicles!

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FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine Conference

Aspiring medical students in years 10 and 11 are eligible to attend the LIVE VIRTUAL [Get into Medicine](#) Insight & UCAS Application Conference for FREE using the coupon code: **PARKLANDSACADEMY**

Once students have attended, they will be awarded with a certificate from the Presidents at Medic Mentor to acknowledge that they are a student who has gone one step further than others.

The Get into Medicine conference is a significant turning point for Medic Mentor students. It will unlock exclusive opportunities such as scholarships and prizes, as well as help you to make a highly competitive application.

We will be looking at:

- What is it like to be a doctor?
- Perspectives from recent successful and Current applicants
- CV Building
- Getting Work Experience
- Medical Personal Statements
- Medical School Interviews
- UCAT & BMAT Exams
- How to access Medical Medical Awards, Prizes, Leadership Programmes, and Scholarships to study Medicine at University.

Upcoming dates:

Saturday 4th December

Sunday 5th December

Saturday 11th December

Here is an overview of the programme:

09:30 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 - 11:00	Quick introduction to Medic Mentor, overview for the day, competition ratios, application timeline, Awards and Scholarships
11:00 - 11:15	Break
11:15 - 11:45	Presentations from successful Applicants
11:45 - 12:00	Structure of Medical Training
12:00 - 12:15	Break
12:15 - 13:15	Various talks from doctors including GP, Surgery, Hospital and Academic Medicine
13:15 - 13:45	Lunch
13:45 - 14:30	UCAS Application Form, Entry Requirements and CV building
14:30 - 14:45	The perspective of a current applicant
14:45 - 15:00	Break
15:00 - 15:45	Personal Statements and Teacher References
15:45 - 16:00	Break
16:00 - 16:30	Entrance Exams: UCAT & BMAT
16:30 - 17:00	Medical School Interviews
17:00 - 17:15	Harnessing Opportunities and Extracurricular Activities
17:15 - 17:30	Summary and questions



vodafone

An Insight to the
£40 billion British Multinational
Telecommunications Company

1ST DECEMBER | 5PM - 6PM

[SIGN UP LINK IN BIO](#)

On **Wednesday 1st December from 5:00pm - 6:00pm** we'll be hosting Vodafone's big virtual kick-off event to showcase what the company is about and all of their fantastic degree apprenticeship opportunities!

Vodafone are a FTSE-100 British multinational telecommunications company connecting over 334 million people and organisations of all sizes to the digital society.

As a global tech leader, Vodafone connect millions of people and make all kinds of innovations possible – from helping the Internet of Things become a reality, to making the UK's first ever 5G holographic call.

They offer degree apprenticeships in a variety of business departments such as: Software Engineering, Network Engineering, Project Management, Human Resources, Data Analyst, IT Consultancy, Cyber Security & Sub-marine Management. Upon completing one of these Level 6 programmes you'll also come out with a paid-for degree in the relevant field.

If you think you'd like to be a part of this leading, global tech-driven company changing the world with its innovative technology solutions then an opportunity with Vodafone might just be for you!

Register yourself using the link below and join us to learn more about life at this fantastic company.

Registration link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Vodafone-Launch-Event>



Here are some of our upcoming events, including an influencer event specifically for teachers and parents.

Get Into Social Care with the NHS

Thursday 25th November | 6pm – 7pm

Have you ever thought about a career in Social Care? This event will showcase careers available in this sector of the NHS! Join us to hear from Senior Managers and Entry level Employees in the Social Care Sector! Come along with any questions you may have relating to Social Care and we will be sure to answer them!

Link to register: [CLICK HERE](#)



Influencer Evening with Vodafone, Allen & Overy, and BT

Tuesday 30th November | 6pm – 7pm

Parents and Teachers, join us for our first influencer event of the year! We want to help you understand more about the next steps for your children and students. We will be joined by Vodafone, Allen & Overy, and BT to speak on their roles and opportunities for your young people, when they should be applying, and how to be prepared and stand out in their applications!

Link to register: [CLICK HERE](#)



PATHWAY CTM

Did your child manage to catch any of our virtual events last month? Don't worry if they didn't, they can now watch on demand using our video library.

We celebrated Black History month with PwC, discussed careers in the water industry, how the subjects your child is studying at school can help land their dream job and much more!

Coming up in November, we have some fantastic events with employers such as NHS, The Dyson Institute, Severn Trent and ICAEW

Make sure your child doesn't miss out, keep scrolling to get your FREE tickets!



Your Career in Pharmacy



Myth-busting careers in Accounting



Women in STEM with Severn Trent



Everything you need to know about Engineering and The Dyson Institute!



PwC Programmes made for YOU!



Get into social care with the NHS



Instagram Live with Mo T - The Airport Guy!

Wednesday 1st December | 17:00 - 18:00

Is your child interested in Maths, Science or IT? Let them know about our EXCLUSIVE Instagram Live with Heathrow Airport's System Specialist, Mo, to hear about how he turned his passion of Aviation into a full-time career!

He will be on hand to answer all their questions about working in Engineering and all the job opportunities out there for young people.

No need to get a ticket, just head over to our [Instagram](#) and turn our notifications ON!

Work Experience: How to find it and where to start!

Saturday 4th December | 10:00 - 11:00

Is your child in Year 10 and wanting to gain work experience? This virtual event will help your child understand where to start looking in order to gain valuable work experience placements, what they should be looking for and help them understand the importance of work experience.

This event is open to students, teachers and parents and you can sign up for FREE [here](#)

[VIEW ALL EVENTS](#)



Immersive STEM and Medicine Summer Experiences

Use code **SUMMER15** for 15% off by 31st December

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"THE BEST MEDICAL EXPERIENCE
YOU COULD DREAM OF"

"IT'S A WONDERFUL
EXPERIENCE,
ESPECIALLY THE TOP
PROFESSIONALS"
- Alex Fung, InvestIN Alumni

★ Trustpilot ★★★★★

**Architecture | Dentistry | Engineering | Forensic Science | Investment Banking |
Medicine | Nursing | Psychology | Tech | Vet**

We are delighted to present 11 ground-breaking summer experiences in STEM and medicine-related careers for ages 12-18, which students can register for now. **They include hands-on, highly-immersive experiences that students simply cannot find anywhere else.** Examples include:

Young Doctor Summer Experience: we have secured exclusive access for our students to view a live surgery; the surgeon will talk through each step as it happens.

Young Engineer Summer Experience: we have privately hired a Boeing 747 jumbo jet; students will explore it alongside aerospace engineers from the likes of British Airways and Virgin Atlantic.

All experiences take place in London for up to 15 days, with UCL accommodation available.

Places are filling up already. Don't miss out!

CHOOSE FROM 11 DIFFERENT CAREERS

All STEM & Medicine Summer Experiences

- **Medicine:** Work with real patients in a London teaching hospital
- **Engineering:** 'Supercar Experience' with Formula 1 engineers
- **Investment Banking:** Trade stocks live against bankers
- **Psychology:** Experience forensic psychology in a courtroom scenario
- **Architecture:** Design sustainable cities at a real studio
- **Vet:** Perform clinical examinations on farm animals
- **Forensic Science:** Gather evidence, match fingerprints and analyse blood
- **Software Engineering:** Experience robotics and AI
- **Video Game Design:** Build your own video game in Unity
- **Dentistry:** Drill, suture and cast dental impressions
- **Nursing:** Learn to stitch up wounds



**Are you interested in getting into the healthcare sector?
Would you like to know more about careers in science based roles?**

On Thursday 25th November from 5:00pm - 6:00pm GSK will be hosting their first big kick-off event of the academic year to which you're invited to join virtually!

GSK is a science-led global healthcare company with a special purpose to improve the quality of human life by helping people do more, feel better, live longer.

They have 3 main arms within the organisation: Pharmaceuticals, Vaccines & Consumer Healthcare. We'll get an insight into all of these throughout the course of the event.

If you like the sound of learning from some of the world's leading scientists as they take us through the pharmaceuticals and healthcare industry then this is the opportunity you've been waiting for!

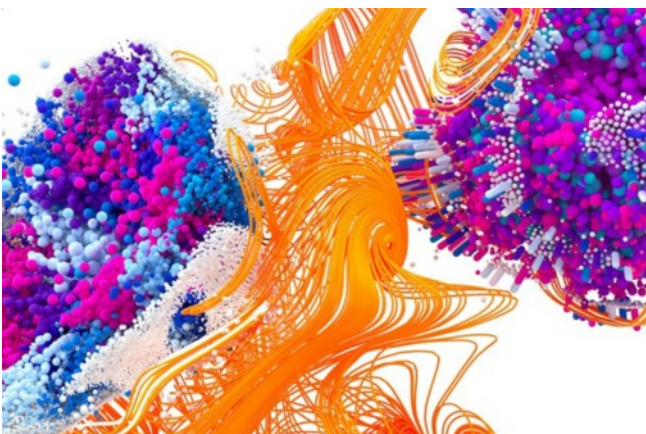
The online event is open to: Y10 and Y11.

If you'd like to apply to this exclusive event, click on the registration link below.
We have very limited places and the event is free to join.

Registration Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GSK-Event>

We look forward to seeing you at the event!



OPEN EVENT



Wednesday 24 November 2021
Open Evening 5.30pm - 7.30pm



For advice or guidance call 0800 052 1460 or visit www.bolton-sfc.ac.uk

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Just to remind you that there's only one week to go until our second Open Event of the academic year on Wednesday 24 November 2021 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. There are very limited places left for the event so please book your tickets as soon as possible if you would like to join us. You can [register here](#)

About this event

On Wednesday 24 November 2021, you will be greeted by our friendly staff and students who will guide you through our subject areas, outstanding facilities including our new social spaces, additional classrooms, quiet study areas and new fitness suite. You can also find out more about our superb enrichment and academy programmes that will enhance your B6 experience.

You also have the option to attend a welcome talk by Principal Stuart Merrills, who will provide you with detailed information about our A Levels, Vocational A Levels, mixed programmes and entry requirements to ensure that you feel B6 Ready when making your application.

We very much look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 24 November.

If you'd like another chance to see our Open Event video, this can be found here: <https://youtu.be/S5Xcm4zNAH8>



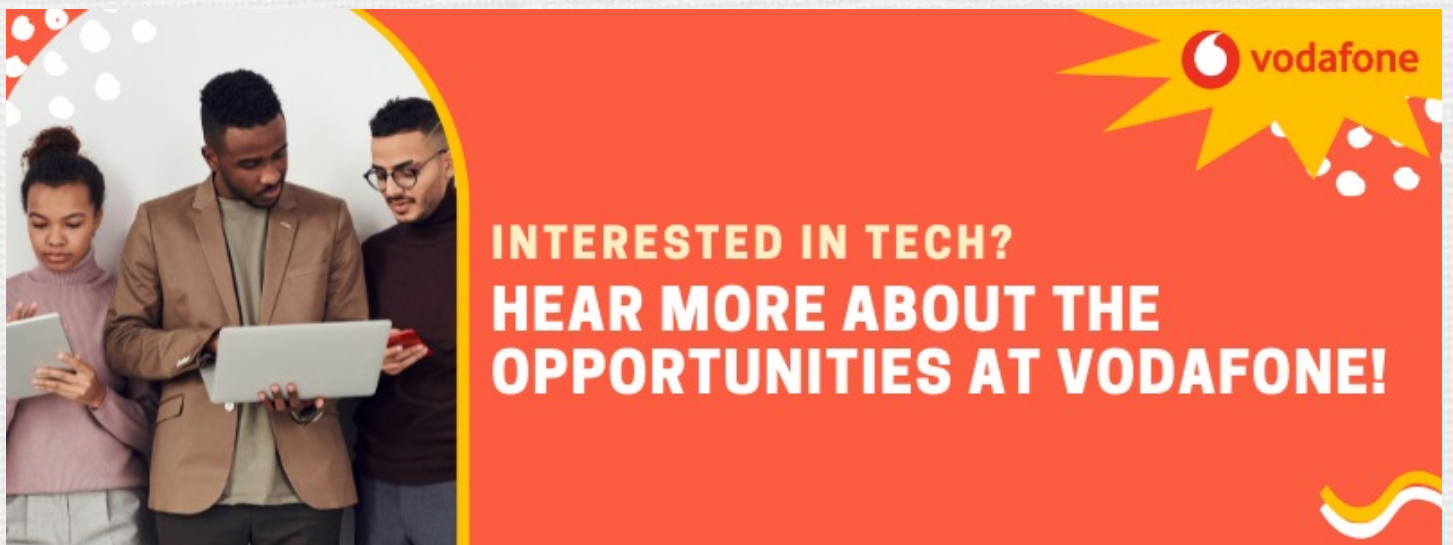


Here's some virtual events for anyone interested in a career in Tech.

The Vodafone and Accenture events are both Female focused, but the Deloitte event is open to all!

I also wanted to let you know about an upcoming event we have for Teachers & Parents with Vodafone, Allen & Overy, and BT, that we would love for you to join us on! Please click here for more info.

▽ **GIRLS! THIS ONE'S JUST FOR YOU** ▽



FEMALES OF THE FUTURE WITH VODAFONE

Have you ever considered a career in Technology and would like to know more about the wide range of roles available in the sector?

On this virtual session we will be joined by an inspiring panel of women from the Vodafone team! They will be there to empower young females that are interested in a career in Tech and fill you in on Vodafone's female focused initiatives, such as their 'Code Like a Girl' programme.

Hear from two current apprentices that got into the Tech industry via two different paths, and ask any questions you may have about their experiences! Find out when to look out for applications, what the recruitment process looks like, and what Vodafone looks for in applicants.

Females of the Future with Vodafone

Tuesday 23rd November | 6pm

[Register here](#)

...MORE UPCOMING TECH EVENTS YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN!

Life of an Apprentice at a 'Big 4' Firm with Deloitte

Wednesday 1st December | 6pm

Deloitte, one of the 'Big 4' companies, are joining us to speak on their exciting roles in Tech! The 'Big 4' is the nickname used to refer collectively to the four largest professional services networks in the world, consisting Deloitte, EY, KPMG & PwC. Hear from current apprentices on their experiences and the different routes they took into the industry.

[Register here](#)



Females in Tech with Accenture

Thursday 9th December | 6pm

For this session we will be joined by an inspiring panel of women from Accenture, a leading UK Tech firm. Hear directly from the Accenture team about programmes they have on offer for females interested in Tech, and how you can earn while you learn on a salary of £17-18k! Finishing with a degree and working towards the opportunity of a permanent position upon graduation.

[Register here](#)



How to have a successful interview as an Introvert

People tend to put themselves into one of two categories, introvert, or extrovert. However, there can be aspects of both qualities in everyone. Sometimes, usually in social situations, one of these traits can shine through brighter than the other. Almost everyone can find interviews stressful but when you have a more introverted personality, the stressful nature can feel like too much.

The idea of meeting someone new, talking about your achievements, selling yourself and trying to make a good impression all at the same time can be overwhelming for most people. In an interview, all of the focus is on you. Being introverted doesn't mean that you will never get the hang of interviews and it definitely doesn't mean that you won't be able to succeed in one. We all need time to take things slowly and although your nerves may get the better of you sometimes, we have some tips for making it through an interview as an introverted person.

To start

First things first, being an introvert does not make you weaker than an extrovert and it certainly doesn't mean that they are more likely to get the job than you. All it means is that you think differently to them and you are not alone. Although it can sometimes seem like the people around you don't feel the same, there are many introverted people out there dealing with the same misconceptions. Being an introvert means that you feel more comfortable and work better when focusing on your inner thoughts and feelings. They are often quiet, reserved, and thoughtful people and sometimes they need time alone to recharge. It does not mean you are not confident; it just takes a little bit more time to feel that way. Extroverts get nervous too and everyone can feel uncomfortable with interviews. Focus on your strengths, not other people's and you will find what works best for you.

Schedule your time

If you feel nervous about interviews or you are just starting out in your job search, make sure you give yourself enough time between interviews and calls to ensure you don't feel over stressed. It's all about time management and understanding the limit to what you can do in a short amount of time.

Plan your time in the morning and sometimes, it's good to have something relaxing planned for after the interview. This way you can have a breather and something to look forward to, kind of like a small reward. Whatever you think will work best for you.

During the interview, make sure to give yourself time to think. It can often feel like everything is going really fast, but you don't have to speed through the conversation. Hopefully the employer will help you to feel as comfortable as possible, so take your time, breathe, and take it one step at a time.

Research is always important

The best advice I can give anyone before an interview, is to ensure that you feel comfortable with the amount of research you have done before attending an interview. Try not to overcompensate here, you can't know or even remember every little detail about a company or employer, but you can do your best to understand what they do and if you find yourself forgetting information you would like to know more about, ask questions! They are there to ensure that you are clear about what it is they do, as well as the job description. Never be afraid

to ask more, interviewers actually prefer when you have questions to ask.

Prefer to take notes? Do it!

During the interview, it doesn't hurt to take down notes. Sometimes having something to do with your hands can not only make you look less nervous, but actually calm your nerves. Make sure you are still listening and showing your interest, but something like this may really help you feel at ease. As well as that, it can help you feel more prepared for a second interview. You can't remember everything the interviewer said about the job, so to help reassure you for the next stages, take down some notes, which will also act as a small but sometimes necessary break from eye-contact, which can make the best of us feel slightly nervous.

It may be a good idea to bring along a portfolio or any other examples of your work that may be relevant to the job you are discussing. It gives you something to talk about if you come across a 'give me an example of...' question and it also shows the employer exactly what you're capable of. Your interviewer might want to keep some of these examples, so if possible, make sure you have copies of your work or direct them to a site where you have your work published.

Give yourself time beforehand

You probably already know that rushing around before an interview, is not the best way to keep you feeling relaxed and ready. So, plan ahead of time, check traffic, double check public transport times and make sure you eat well in the morning. Don't give yourself more reasons to feel uneasy.

If you're still feeling nervous when you get to your destination, take a few minutes, and take deep breaths before going inside. If you have some spare time (and you should) take a quick walk around the area to familiarise yourself with the surroundings as well as getting some fresh air to calm your nerves. Sometimes all we need is just a little extra time.

It may not always feel like it but being an introvert in the workplace can be a fantastic skill, and it definitely has its advantages. There is no job that is off limits because of it and it's probably about time that you realise this. It doesn't mean you're not confident - it means you think logically before making decisions and you listen well to instructions. You can also work perfectly well alone without having to rely on people to help you do your job. You're also more likely to be extremely observant and intuitive.

Interviews are daunting for all types of personalities but if you can take elements of your personality, understand them, and make them work in your favour, you'll keep succeeding at whatever it is you do.



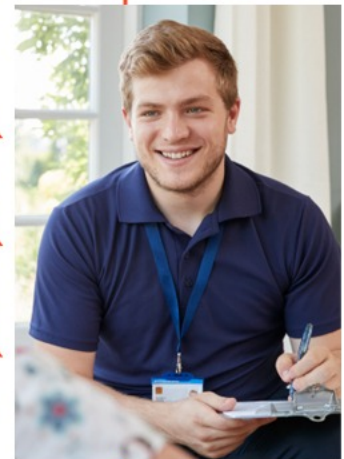
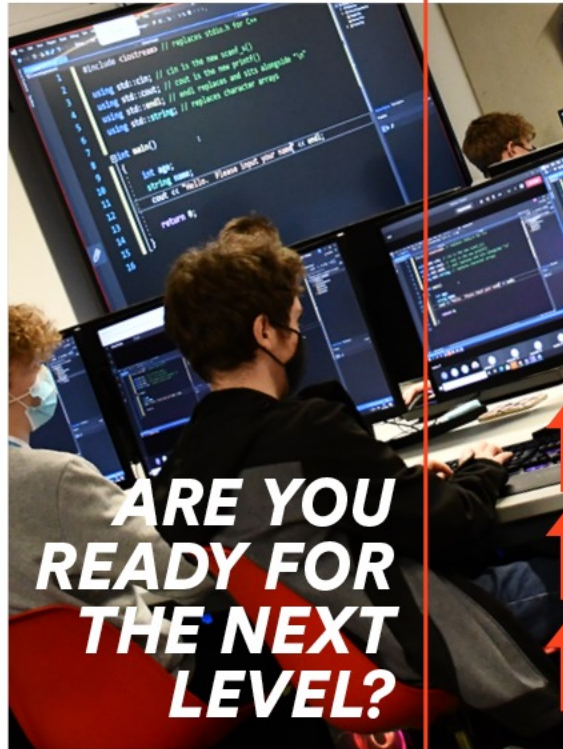
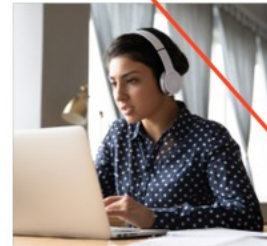
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Health Education England has recently completed a discovery report on virtual work experience programmes, that have concluded that these programmes are a valuable adjunct to in-person work experience, especially in our current climate where in-person 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 December.

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/>





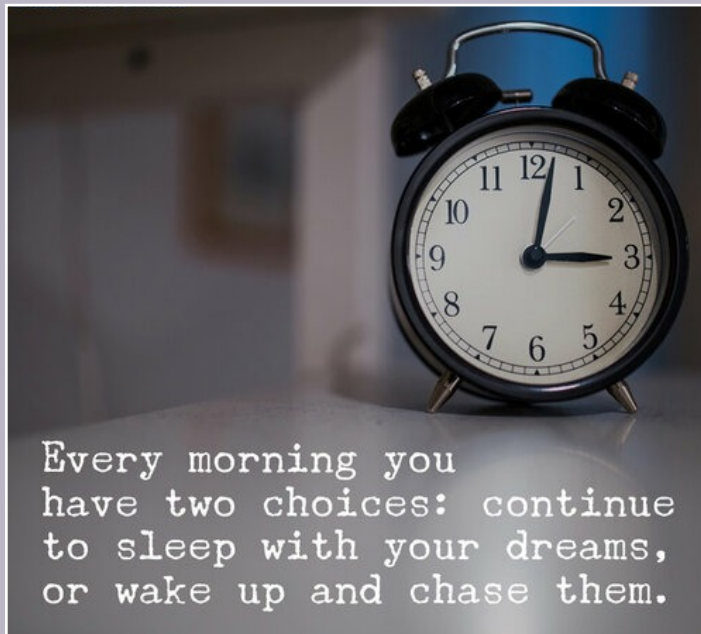
YOUR FUTURE

YEAR 11



Not sure which road to take?

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



Every morning you have two choices: continue to sleep with your dreams, or wake up and chase them.

CAREER *of the* WEEK



Investment Banker

To succeed as a corporate investment banker, you'll need a keen financial mind as well as an understanding of how money is made and invested.

As a corporate investment banker, you'll provide a range of financial services to companies, institutions and governments. You'll manage corporate, strategic and financial opportunities, including:

- acquisitions
- bonds and shares
- initial public offerings (IPO)
- lending
- mergers
- privatisations.

You may also advise and lead management buyouts, raise capital, provide strategic advice to clients and identify and secure new deals.

Types of corporate investment banker

Many investment banks deal in three main areas:

corporate finance – involves providing specialist knowledge and advice on mergers and acquisitions, assisting clients with expansion to increase profitability, safeguard market position, diversify and so on. You could manage the transaction process, assessing the target organisation and the impact of the deal. This involves knowledge of legal and regulatory issues, in addition to sound financial knowledge and an in-depth understanding of the client's industry.

debt capital markets – this involves working with lenders such as financial institutions, agencies and public and private companies in order to design and restructure debt obligations.

equity capital markets – involves advising clients on how much capital to raise, from where and when, through research and analysis of products and markets.

