



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

Another packed edition of Career News this week, with something for everyone!

LUSoM are offering students the chance to take part in Easter school and revision sessions for those tricky maths exams!

Young Professionals are offering a fantastic webinar with Kuehne + Nagel, one of the biggest logistics companies in the world, as well as a number of events for International Women's Day (STEM, Business and Careers in Property)

Lots of emphasis on healthcare this week: a spotlight on Midwifery and Health & Social Care and a 2-part webinar on studying Healthcare at university.

InvestIN are highlighting more of their amazing summer career experiences across a wide range of careers, from architecture to video game design.

For the technically minded, there is the new Cyber Explorers programme from HM Government - see if you are cut out for a career at MI5!

If that sounds a bit too taxing, how about a relaxing day watching baby lambs being born at Reaseheath College? Find out more about the courses offered at Reaseheath and get back to nature!

Pathway are offering a host of employer events for both parents/carers and students, including virtual work experience over the Easter holidays - ideal to put on those CVs.

Do you understand what the Gig Economy is? Well, if you're not sure, have a read of the article from the Careers Intelligence Unit. There is also an article from the National Careers Service and the latest job vacancy figures for Lancashire (courtesy of Adzuna).

Medics, dentists and vets are catered for by Medic Mentor and their brilliant free E-Learning Work Experience package - along with all other allied healthcare roles and the Allied Healthcare Mentor work experience days.

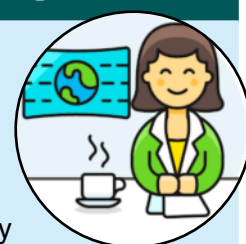
GT Scholars are offering an online careers summit with top employers; a resilience workshop for students and an exciting four day online careers festival for aspiring video games designers and developers. Don't miss out.

Finally - apprenticeship vacancies and Career of the Week bring this issue to a close!

In other news, Year 11s will experience Mock Interviews on Tuesday. A number of local employers are volunteering to interview our students - a big thank you to everyone involved.

On Friday, Year 9, 10 and 11 will attend the annual Careers Fair, where they will meet all the local colleges, a number of universities, apprenticeship and training providers and of course employers. Please encourage your child to make the most of this event - some of these people could be their future employers! Again, a massive thank you to everyone involved, many of whom support us year after year. We could not offer such informative and beneficial experiences without them.

Year 10 will be taking part in Work Experience this year (18 - 22 July) - there will be an assembly very soon to explain more about this. They will also be visiting two local colleges in July for a taster day, sampling courses and finding out about life at college. Much more information to follow. In the meantime, have a good weekend!





Over the coming weeks LUSoM are holding a couple of programmes for Year 10 and Year 11 pupils to support current GCSE Maths revision. We want to make sure that all Lancashire pupils are aware of the events and have the opportunity to access these free resources.

Year 11 Easter School

This event will be held at Cardinal Newman College, over 3 days between 10am - 1pm on 4th, 5th & 6th April with each day exploring a different topic. There will be puzzles, prizes and tips throughout the 3 days.

- Day 1 - Algebra
- Day 2 - Ratio & Proportion
- Day 3 - Geometry

Pupils can attend all three sessions or select the topic that suits them best. For pupils that attend all three, a name will be selected at random to win the star prize!

Pupils wanting to attend any of these sessions, need to register their details by using the below link.

[LUSoM Easter School](#)

Year 10 LUSOM Revise

Starting 24th March 2022 and running for 6 weeks during term time, pupils are invited to meet online at 4pm each Thursday for a 1 hour revision session. Pupils are placed into small working groups to explore various topics in support of GCSE revision. This programme ran last year and received fantastic feedback with most students continuing to join in the current Year 11 revision programmes.

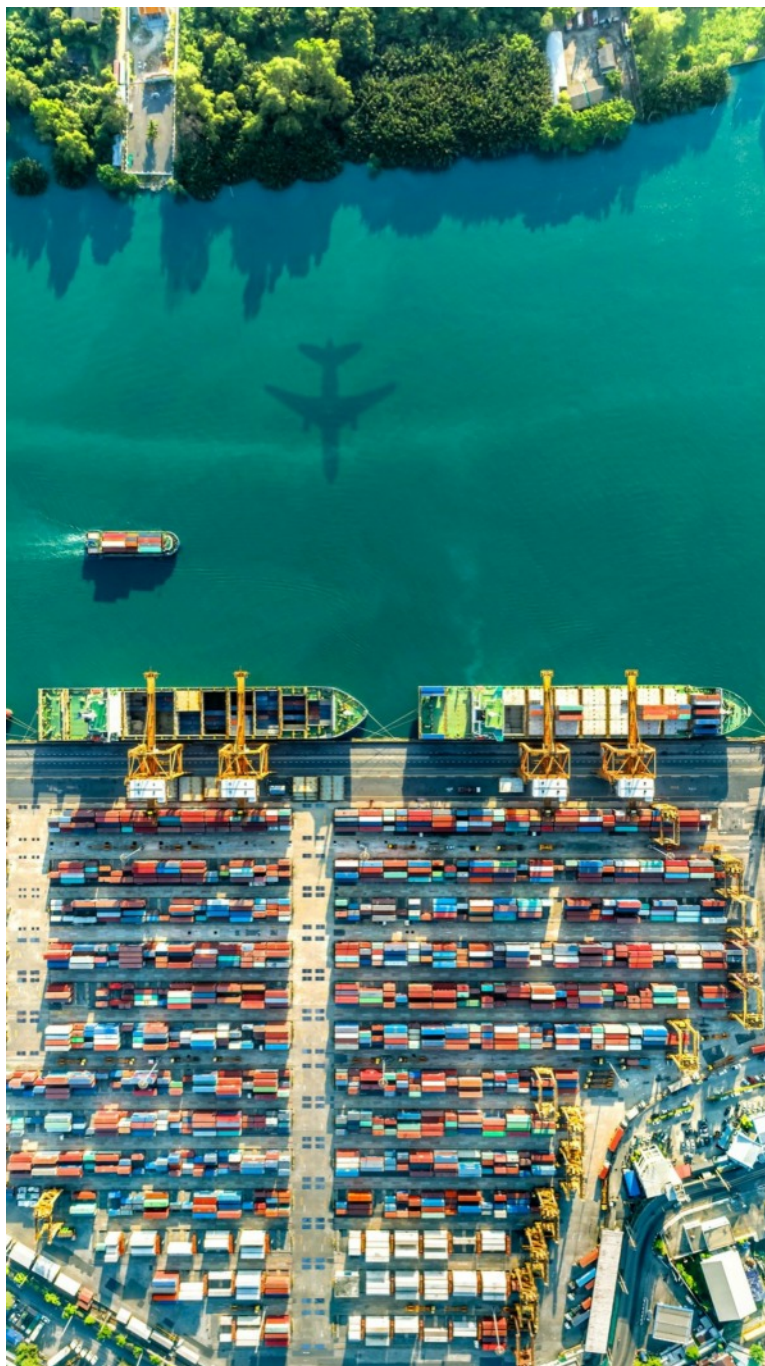
These sessions are aimed at pupils who are currently working towards a grade 6/7 but with a little extra support could increase their grade.

Spaces are limited to ensure the tutors can work closely with each pupil so early registration is recommended. Year 10's can now register to attend these sessions by following the below link.

[LUSoM Revise](#)

We held our aptitude test last Saturday for all applicants but we wanted to make sure you are aware that Lancaster University School of Mathematics are accepting late applications. Therefore, if any Year 11 pupils are considering a specialist Maths School, you are still able to submit an application. Further details on how to apply can be found here.

[LUSoM How to Apply](#)



KUEHNE+NAGEL

Insight Evening

**Careers in Business
& Economics with
a CHF 18 billion
conglomerate**

**9th March
5pm - 6pm**

Do you want to study business or economics? Would you be interested in learning more about the way imports and exports of goods work on a global scale?

If so, we might have just the careers event for you.

On **Wednesday 9th March** from 5:00pm - 6:00pm we're hosting Kuehne+Nagel's first exclusive insight evening with us as they give us a taster of what it's like working for one of the world's most well-renowned logistics organisations.

With over 74,000 employees at 1,400 locations in over 100 countries and global revenues of \$20 billion, the Kuehne+Nagel Group is one of the world's leading logistics companies.

They provide logistics services to virtually all key industry sectors including Aerospace, Automotive, High Tech, Drinks, Event and Hotel logistics, Forest Products, Marine logistics and Food services as well as Industry.

You'll learn more about the movement and transport of goods and the different parties and processes involved at each point right up until they reach their final destination, potentially under your Christmas tree on Christmas Day.

Some of their recent apprentices now work in New York City and Hong Kong with management roles. Kuehne+Nagel have a huge variety of opportunities for school-leavers across the country. Join us to find out more about where a career within this exciting business could take you.

If you'd like to learn more about this fascinating industry click the link below to register:

Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PxY3cPtUR4ymxLgrV0JKFA



Interested in studying a healthcare course at university?

Join us for a two-part webinar that will give you the lowdown on all things healthcare careers, and give you tips on how to ace your application.

Attend both, or attend one - the choice is yours!

Part one: Studying for a career in healthcare

When? **Wednesday 23rd March at 6.30pm**

So, you want a career in healthcare? There are so many options to consider - from Nursing and Midwifery to Operating Department Practice, and from Physiotherapy to Social Work and Occupational Therapy.

Hear from experts in each of these fields as they outline the most rewarding, as well as the more challenging parts of their professions. Highly experienced academic staff will provide detailed information, advice and guidance on their subject areas, and will be poised to answer your questions. Join us on 23rd March and find out:

- The differences between each career pathway
- What it takes, and how to gain work experience
- Hints and tips for higher education research

[Register now](#)

Part two: Making a successful application to study health courses

When? **Wednesday 30th March at 6.30pm**

So, now you've decided you want to study a health course, how do you perfect your application and give yourself the best possible chance of success?

Join us on 30th March, where experts will provide you with essential hints and tips on writing an outstanding personal statement, how to avoid common application pitfalls, and how to perform well at interview.

Register now to find out how you can maximise your chances of success in applying for health courses at university!

[Register now](#)

Midwifery and BTEC Health and Social Care



Midwifery is a demanding yet incredibly rewarding career, requiring real dedication, determination, and a desire to achieve.

More than ever, midwives are needed in the NHS.

The best way to begin a career in midwifery is to progress to Higher Education with a Level 3 qualification such as the BTEC Level 3 National in Health and Social Care.

[Find out more](#)

BTEC
Health and
Social Care



Health and Social Care is part of everybody's life, from birth. Be inspired to work in a sector which has a huge impact on people, providing them with rewarding careers in the process.

With BTEC Health and Social Care you'll have all the support, guidance and training you need to help you along the way.

INVESTIN

Summer Career Experiences in London

Immersive Experiences | 15 industries | Ages 12-18



Following last week's government announcement to end all Covid restrictions, we have been inundated with registrations for our Summer Experiences in London. We are already more than 50% full across the board as students look to finally gain the in-person industry experience they've been waiting for.

Our Summer Experiences offer life-changing opportunities to ages 12-18: immersive work experience activities under the guidance of successful professionals at top industry locations around London. Accommodation at University of London halls is available for those who want it, with all meals and guardianship included.

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

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

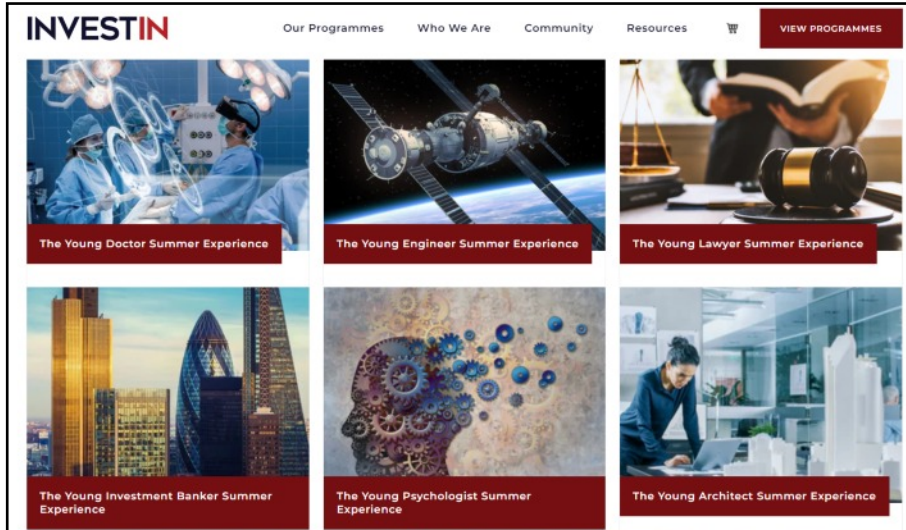
Our summer programmes offer the ultimate, immersive experience of some of the world's most desirable careers. Highlights include:

- **Architecture:** complete design projects in a real studio
- **Art:** present your portfolio to a panel of top artists
- **Dentistry:** drill teeth on phantom heads
- **Engineering:** take apart a petrol engine with F1 engineers
- **Entrepreneurship:** pitch a business plan to top CEOs
- **Filmmaking:** direct a movie scene on a real film set
- **Forensic Science:** explore a simulated crime scene
- **Investment Banking:** trade the markets live in a London skyscraper
- **Law:** argue a case before a judge in the Supreme Court
- **Medicine:** shadow doctors in a London teaching hospital
- **Politics:** design an election campaign and attend a reception with MPs
- **Psychology:** carry out patient consultations in a simulated clinic
- **Software Engineering:** create your own app from start to finish
- **Veterinary Medicine:** examine and diagnose real animals
- **Video Game Design:** design a game and pitch to industry leaders



Watch the Trailer

Click on the video below to see real footage from previous Summer Experiences.





HM Government

Children are the cyber security experts of tomorrow



Use the free cyber security learning platform in your classroom

Visit cyberexplorers.co.uk to find out more

SKILLS FOR LIFE

Introducing Cyber Explorers – a free interactive learning platform for all 11-14 year olds, offering hands-on insights into how digital, computing and cyber security skills are integral to exciting career paths. An initiative led by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).

Tech enthusiasts or not - this fun and truly immersive tool is for all of your Key Stage 3 students. Spark their interest in highly in-demand skills and an increasingly diverse industry. An exciting off-the-shelf addition to your curriculum or after school activities.

Set in a virtual city, Cyber Explorers lets students choose their own journeys, during which they'll encounter an engaging mix of activities, quizzes and challenges, earning collectable badges on the way.

An easy addition to your learning materials

Works alongside classroom teaching, supporting curriculum learning objectives.

Tunes students into new skillsets and big ideas about their futures.

Helps students to discover the benefits of taking Computer Science at GCSE and beyond.

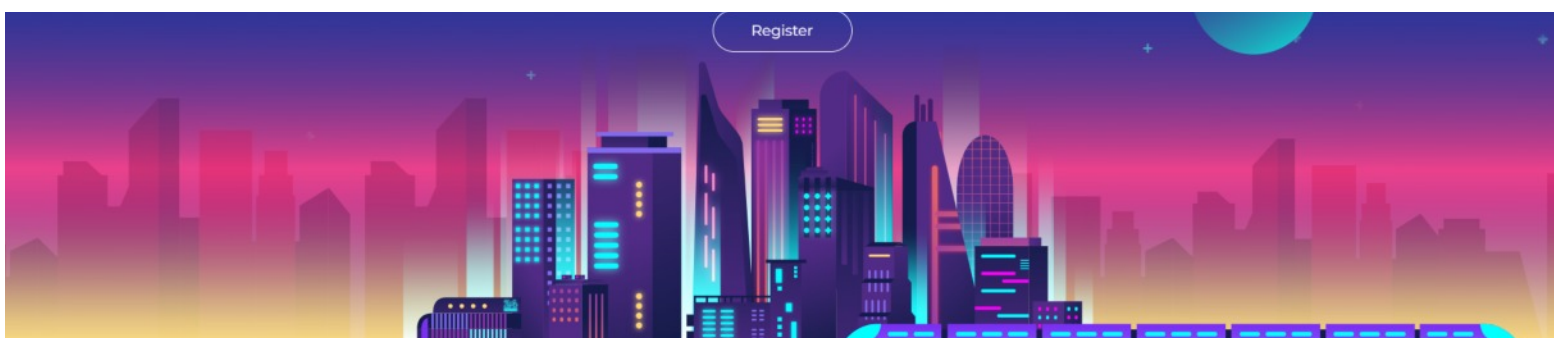
Suitable for at school or at home learning.

10 - 15 min learning time per episode.

With the demand for digital technology skills on the rise from employers, teaching our young people to be digitally competent is no longer enough. We need to develop and inspire our own homegrown, cyber-skilled professionals to step up and become future tech world leaders.

Find out more about Cyber Explorers today.

[Find out more](#)



Register

Careers of the future demand digital skills



International Women's Day

 **pwc**  **spectris**

 **Capgemini**  **gsk**

 **Virgin media**

Wednesday 8th March
5pm - 7pm

Females of the Future - STEM & Business Multi-Employer

The first event is our STEM & Business Multi-Employer event taking place on **Tuesday 8th March** from 5:00pm - 6:30pm.

We have PwC, Capgemini, Virgin Media, Spectris and GSK all coming to speak about life at their respective firms and to showcase the various career paths and school-leaver opportunities.

As you can see we have a variety of organisations coming to speak about business, technology, engineering and healthcare / pharmaceuticals so it's a really great chance for young female students to hear from a range of different employers and see which kind of career path would be most of interest

To register yourself for this virtual event click the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CA8en91aRR6doqAufaxQVg

Careers in Property, Architecture & Design

Our second event taking place again on **Tuesday 8th March** from 5:00pm - 6:00pm is our Careers in Property Development, Architecture and Design.

We have teamed up with FTSE-100 constituent Berkeley St Edward who will be giving us an insight into careers working in property development.

We are also being treated to talks from an architect and a designer or two as they let us know the kind of work they get up to on a daily basis and the best tips on securing a career within this competitive industry.

Registration Link: **https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_19nKptZITNmICEZHfL8x3A**

WHAT'S HAPPENING



INDUSTRY FOCUSED, CAREER READY
Great careers start at Reaseheath



Spring is in the air at Reaseheath with the birth of our first lambs. Our annual Lambing weekends take place 5th/6th and 12th/13th March, further details of the event can be found [here](#)

Course Information Events

Our next open event on the 26th March will be for students wanting to apply for both our college and university courses. Booking is essential and the links to book are:

[Post 16 College Course Information Event](#)



REASEHEATH COLLEGE

LAMBING
WEEKENDS & ZOO

AND
FARMERS
MARKET

Saturday 5 March
Sunday 6 March

Saturday 12 March
Sunday 13 March

PREPAID
TICKETS
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MONTHLY WHAT'S ON

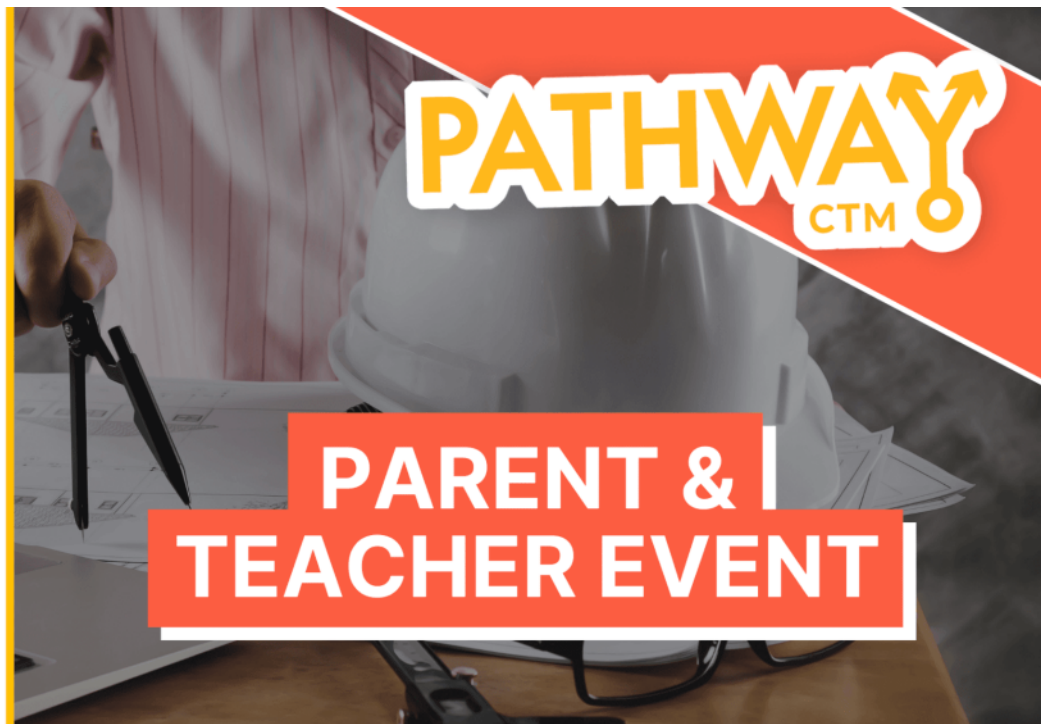
MARCH ISSUE

www.pathwayctm.com | student@pathwayctm.com

This March we are hosting events with global employers including Diageo, ICAEW & UBS - where your students can discover various opportunities in sectors such as finance, tech, engineering and more! We also have career events with NHS and are hosting a new and exclusive insight day with Surrey University, which students can use in their UCAS application and learn about the scholarships that are available to them!

From virtual work experience, to insight events with top employers, we are here to support all young people with their next steps! Share our opportunities page with your students so they can discover degree apprenticeships, work experience and volunteering for all sectors of interest!

Take a look below at our upcoming events for March and make sure to get your students signed up!



Multi-Brand Insight Evening for Parents & Teachers of Future Engineers

Wednesday 16th March | 6pm

Support your future engineers! We want to help you understand more about the next steps for your students who are interested in a career in engineering. Joined alongside with The Dyson Institute, Jaguar & Landover, we will discuss their opportunities for young people, when they should be applying, and how they can prepare themselves to stand out in applications!

[Register here](#)



Discover Diageo | Global Leader in Beer & Spirits

Wednesday 16th March | 6pm

Encourage your students to Join to hear directly from Diageo; one of the largest, multinational producers of beer and spirits with brands such as Guinness, Smirnoff, Baileys and more! Your students will Learn of the many opportunities available to them including their Engineering and Packaging apprenticeships! They will hear about the brand, application process, and get involved in the live Q&A!

[**Register here**](#)



Ask the NHS - Pharmacy Edition

Tuesday 15th March | 6pm

We are hosting an exclusive 'Ask the NHS' sessions specifically for those interested in the pharmacy route! Your students will get involved in an interactive session with the NHS South West Pharmacy that is all about supporting their career paths! Don't let them miss out on the Q&A led by pharmacists and current university students to answer any questions your students may have.

[**Register here**](#)

Work experience for your students

Take a look at what we've got coming up!

Virtual Work Experience Day with Vodafone

Tuesday 5th April | 10am-3pm

This session will involve networking with current Vodafone employees in interactive breakout rooms and hear directly from current apprentice's about their routes into the company. Your students can use this session to receive guidance on top tips for the application process to ensure that theirs stand out! Your students will receive a certificate upon completion to add to their CV.

[Register here](#)



Virtual Work Experience Day with KPMG

Thursday 7th April | 10am-3pm

Push your student to spend the day with KPMG & learn all about who they are as an organisation and their opportunities for young people. This session gives opportunity for young people to network with current KPMG employees in interactive breakout rooms and hear directly from current apprentice's about their routes into the company! Your students will receive a certificate upon completion to add to their CV.

[Register here](#)



The Gig Economy: What is it?

When we talk about the gig economy, the first thing that might spring to mind is an Uber driver or a Deliveroo rider. But the gig economy is much broader than just these workers that are visible to us.

We think of a gig worker as any atypical worker - someone who is not in a traditional employee-employer relationship, and instead might be a platform worker, zero-hour contract worker, temporary or agency worker, or self-employed on low pay.

So what do we know about these workers? A lack of a universal definition means that identifying the characteristics of gig workers and the broader trends of the gig economy is tricky. However, research using a variety of definitions has found:



- The number of gig workers or self-employed workers in low-paid or precarious roles has grown in the past decade. 40% of the growth in self-employment since 2009 has been in precarious sectors and in 2019 just under 10% of all working adults did some form of gig work weekly, up from 4.7% in 2016.
- Precarious workers tend to be aged 18 - 34, underemployed, not have received training in the past three months, not own their own home and live outside the South East of the UK.
- Gig workers have varying experiences of pay. In 2016 45% of self-employed workers earned less than the national minimum wage, rising to 55% in wholesale and retail sector, and 59% in the transport sector. Online jobs are likely to earn less than national minimum wage, and courier services earned the highest levels of hourly income, nearly double the national minimum wage.
- Gig workers don't all agree about their future earnings. In a survey commissioned by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in 2018, 34% of respondents said that their income from gig work would get better in the coming year, 34% said it would stay the same and 16% said it would probably get worse.

These characteristics lead to workers in the gig economy facing the following issues:

- Low pay and unpredictable income: gig workers can end up earning less than the minimum wage, with huge implications for standards of living, mental health and financial resilience. What's more is that given the piecemeal way they are paid, it's hard for workers to know exactly how much they are earning on each job and plan spending against this.
- Lack of prospects or progression: good employers tend to invest in training and development for their employees. There is little incentive for platforms to offer training as workers could easily take new skills elsewhere to a competitor.
- Lack of rights and benefits: as gig workers aren't employees, they aren't entitled to typical rights such as pension contributions, sick pay or holiday pay. On top of this, workers find it more difficult to pressure platforms to improve conditions as the isolated nature of their work prevents them from organising with other workers, and they don't have traditional union support available to them.
- Algorithmic management: gig workers using digital platforms can be at the mercy of an algorithm managing job allocation and therefore earnings. The Institute for the Future of Work highlights this problem in their report, *The Amazonian Era*, and also explores the need for better stewardship of worker data.



A third of adults want to change jobs

Over a third of adults (34%) are looking to change job or career in the next two years, according to the latest results of the largest survey of adult participation in learning in the UK. Learning and Work Institute's (L&W) survey finds that over two thirds (69%) of the people looking to switch say they will need to develop their skills to do so.

The survey finds the pandemic has had an impact on people wanting to switch jobs, with those with a change in job status since March 2020 more than twice as likely to want to change job or career compared to those who have not experienced any changes.

The structural labour market changes brought on by the pandemic are likely to continue and, when combined with longer working lives, are likely to mean people need to change jobs or careers a greater number of times.

Despite this, L&W's Fast Forward report notes that the number of people switching careers has actually fallen since the global financial crisis. L&W's adult participation in learning survey data seeks to understand what is preventing people changing careers and jobs despite such high numbers saying they want to do so.

The survey asked respondents what support would be most useful to change career, and a third of people surveyed would find learning or training helpful (31%). This was followed by a quarter who said they would find financial support towards the costs of learning or training helpful and a fifth requiring support with living costs.

People also want advice to help them choose the right job, training and help to get a job. The survey finds almost a quarter of adults don't know what support would be helpful and 15% said they didn't know where they would go for advice, pointing to the need for more proactive and better awareness of careers advice.

The National Careers Service can help support anyone considering a career change. For a free appointment please call 0800 100 900

[Read more here](#)

North West Vacancies

Lancashire

On 23.2.22 Adzuna was showing that there were 18,218 live job vacancies in Lancashire.

Of these 3,842 were in Preston; 1,529 were in Burnley; 1,425 were in Blackburn; 1,406 were in Blackpool; 1,082 were in Lancaster; and 965 were in Chorley.

The sectors with the most live job vacancies in Lancashire were Teaching (1,897); Construction (1,696); Engineering (1,672); Healthcare and Nursing (1,489); and Social Work (1,349)

All statistics are taken from www.adzuna.co.uk on February 23rd 2022



THE GT SCHOLARS PROGRAMME



GT Scholars Online Careers Summit Coming Soon!

GT Scholars is hosting a free, online Careers Summit that will offer young people the opportunity to explore careers in various industries including Technology, Medicine, Finance, Engineering and many more! This year's online Careers summit is sponsored by BRIT Insurance and our keynote speaker will be Caroline Darker, Head of Talent Development at BRIT Insurance. Our speakers for the summit will be from a range of universities and corporate organisations such as Accenture, Barclays, BRIT Insurance, NHS, and University College London.

A Resilience Workshop for Students

Inclusive Futures Coaching is hosting this free, online workshop for students. The aim of this workshop is to support young people to develop their resilience, exploring when and how they have been resilient in the past and how they can apply their experience, with new tools to their present and future. This event will give your students the opportunity to explore key topics like, "Reframing failure", "Using curiosity to breed resilience", "Healthy risks" and more. It takes place on Monday 21st March 2022 at 4pm.

[You can sign up here!](#)

Into Games Career Festival 2022

Into Games is hosting this exciting, 4-day online careers festival for students who are interested in a career in video games! This event will give them the opportunity to meet representatives from Into Game's studios. They'll also find out what jobs they have and watch panels on topics like breaking into Quality Assurance, Changing your Career Path, and How to Start Applying for your First Job in Games. This free event takes place from Thursday 23rd June 2022 at 10am until Sunday 26th June 2022.



[You can register by clicking here!](#)



GT SCHOLARS
ONLINE
CAREERS
SUMMIT



SATURDAY 5TH MARCH 2022

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Learn from professionals from a range of universities and corporate organisations such as **Barclays, NHS, University College London, The Penny Group, ExTrac, the University of Birmingham and BRIT Insurance**

Open to Parents and Young People aged 13 to 18

<https://careersummit.gtscholars.org>

CONNECT



Learn from university admissions teams, meet professionals from diverse backgrounds & discover careers in high demand

DISCOVER



Join us online to connect with HR professionals, learn about scholarships, bursaries & various opportunities available to you

CREATE



Find out about universities & apprenticeship schemes, how to create an outstanding CV and map out your career pathway

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MEDIC MENTOR



YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

Every Month Medic Mentor, Vet Mentor and Dental Mentor will release a free E-Learning Work Experience session for your students. This means they can access this fantastic resource any time throughout March until their next session is released on 1st April.

Throughout March:

- **Medics will have access to the Obstetrics and Gynaecology session.**
- **Dentists will have access to the Paediatric and Surgical Dentistry session.**
- **Vets will have access to the Equine Veterinary Medicine session.**

Students often struggle when it comes to getting work experience in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine. This is why we have created our FREE Virtual Work Experience Programme. This will help them make that informed decision about their chosen career.

At Medic Mentor we are always striving to level the playing field when it comes to applying to Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary. Once they have complete all sessions they will also receive a certificate which can be used as part of their application to Medical, Dental or Veterinary School.

Medics

Throughout March, applying students in Y10-13, will have access to Medic Mentor's Free Obstetrics and Gynaecology Virtual Work Experience (MEDWEX) session. This is one session out of 6 separate sessions covering different areas within medicine.

What will students be looking at during the session?

In this month's session, they will experience a woman's pregnancy journey, and meet the multidisciplinary team made up of midwives, nurses, and obstetric doctors, who support her every step of the way to becoming a Mum! Held in the state-of-the-art immersion suite at the University Hospitals of Birmingham, they will gain first-hand experience of a midwife booking appointment at the general practice, an outpatient clinic and admission to the delivery suite where one patient goes in and two come out! They will find out about the investigations performed to screen women during the pregnancy to identify pregnancy-related health problems, such as gestational diabetes, and understand how these can be managed to prevent harm to Mum and baby. They will also learn the importance of critical thinking, teamwork, leadership, communication and compassion. Join Medic Mentor for their simulated clinical work experience for the closest example of obstetrics, but from the comfort of your own home. Completely free and specially designed to support students of today to become doctors of tomorrow.

Students can check out our trailer and click "Enrol Now" on the following link:

<https://wexlibrary.yourmedicfamily.org/courses/medic-mentor-work-experience/>



Vets

Throughout March, applying students in Y10-13 will have access to Vet Mentor's Free Equine Virtual Work Experience (VETWEX) session. This is one session out of 6 separate sessions covering different areas within veterinary medicine.

What will students be looking at during the session?

This month our Vet Mentor family have travelled far and wide to bring students an incredible insight into the world of equine veterinary medicine. In this session an equine vet covers the fundamentals surrounding equine clinical practice and general horse care.

Students can check out our trailer and click "Enrol Now" on the following link:

<https://wexlibrary.yourmedicfamily.org/courses/vet-mentor-clinical-equine-practice/>



Dentists

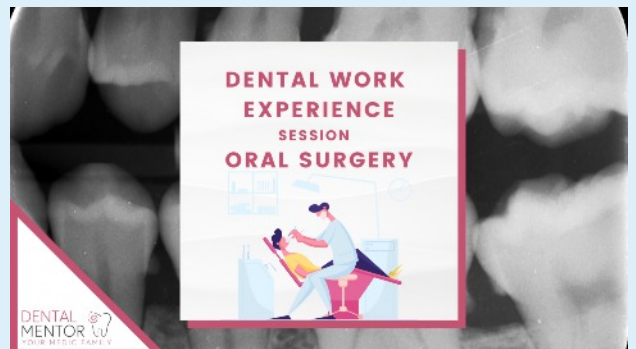
Throughout March, applying students in Y10-13 will have access to Dental Mentors Free Paediatric dentistry and oral surgery Virtual Work Experience (DENTWEX) session. This is one session out of 4 separate sessions covering different areas within dentistry.

What will students be looking at during the session?

Students will get to see a range of both child and adult patient consultations. This includes a possible oral cancer diagnosis, aesthetic solutions and child safeguarding concerns. There will be debriefing sessions of each of the cases.

Students can check out our trailer and click "Enrol Now" on the following link:

<https://wexlibrary.yourmedicfamily.org/courses/dental-mentor-work->





ALLIED HEALTHCARE MENTOR

A quick reminder that the NHS Allied Work Experience Programme is still available for students in years 10 and 11, running one weekend a month.

Students who wish to participate can register individual spaces on the following link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

All students will be awarded with a Work Experience Certificate for participating in the day. This is something that they can include in their UCAS and Apprenticeship Applications. The next Work Experience day will cover the following healthcare careers:

- **Nursing**
- **Midwifery**
- **Paramedicine**
- **Physiotherapy**
- **Occupational Therapy**
- **Dietetics**
- **Radiography**
- **Prosthetics and Orthotics**
- **Speech and language therapy**
- **Pharmacy**

The virtual work experience day will take place through an online portal and run LIVE from 10am-5pm, following 2 patients from their initial accidents through to recovery. Students will see them interact with a variety of healthcare professionals listed above so that they develop an understanding of the multidisciplinary team as well as insights into their own chosen career.

Students will also have the opportunity to interact with the healthcare professionals via a LIVE Chat function and polls throughout the day!

The cost to attend is £10/student per session, which is just an administrative cost to cover the set-up of individual portals, personalised certificates, safeguarding, the technology on the day, such as our servers and chat functions.





L2 Apprentice Welder/Fabricator
Ascot Doors, Bolton
(Alliance Learning)

VC 0706

L2 Lab Technician Apprentice
Roots Dental, Horwich
(Alliance Learning)

VC 0645

L2 Cabinet Maker/Fitter Apprentice
Phase Two Bedrooms, Bolton
(Alliance Learning)

VC 0702

L2 Apprentice Furniture Manufacturer
A and L Furnishings Limited, Leyland
(Gov.UK)

VAC 001826433

L3 IT Technician Apprentice
NETEDI Limited, Leyland
(Gov.UK)

VAC 001826522

L3 Childcare Apprentice
Busy Bees (Brooke Street) Chorley
(Gov.UK)

VAC 1000031613

L3 Apprentice Fabricator/Welder
William Hare Group, Bury
(Alliance Learning)

VC 0700

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How to become a Social Worker

Due to the overstretched nature of services there's a huge demand for social workers, increasing the need for enthusiastic, forward-thinking graduates to fill vacancies. Discover what you need to do to enter this challenging but rewarding profession.

As a social worker you'll work in a variety of settings such as local authorities, NHS trusts or the voluntary and private sectors with a diverse client base including children, adults, the elderly, families and those with disabilities, addictions, learning difficulties and mental health issues.

How do I gain social work qualifications?

Social work is a graduate profession, so you need to be educated to at least degree level in order to qualify.

There are a number of routes you can take to become a social worker. The most obvious is to study for an undergraduate degree in social work. The majority of institutions provide Bachelors courses in the subject, so do your research to find out which is the right one for you.

What skills do I need to succeed in social work?

To become a successful social worker you'll need to be skilled in the following areas:

- Active listening - entails listening, paying attention to and remembering what others tell you and demonstrating this through appropriate body language and responses. It's not only essential to collecting client information but also to establish trust.
- Boundary setting - the nature of the work means it's easy to get emotionally invested in cases. Setting boundaries ensures that professional lines aren't crossed and it keeps you focused on the end goal.
- Critical and creative thinking - being able to think on your feet enables you to make important decisions and solve complex problems based on your knowledge, understanding and analysis of a case.
- Communication - both written and verbal. Social workers need to communicate with a variety of people in a number of different ways, be this talking to clients face-to-face or over the phone, presenting cases to colleagues or making written referrals. All communication must be clear and articulate in order to be understood.
- Interpersonal skills - social work is all about building relationships with clients so being able to work with people from all backgrounds is crucial.
- IT - you'll need to keep up-to-date, accurate records of all cases and complete a substantial amount of paperwork, so proficiency with computers is essential.
- Organisation - social workers have to juggle a heavy caseload and liaise with other agencies on a daily basis, so organisational skills are vital. Organisational ability also enables social workers to cope under pressure and prioritise their cases accordingly.
- Resilience - the work is emotionally challenging and you'll likely have to deal with individuals and families in crisis on a regular basis. Resilience and the ability to look after your own emotional needs are imperative to succeeding in the job.



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