



CAREER News

2022

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

Here we are, almost at the end of January already. It may be cold outside, but there's lots of red-hot events and opportunities on offer this week!

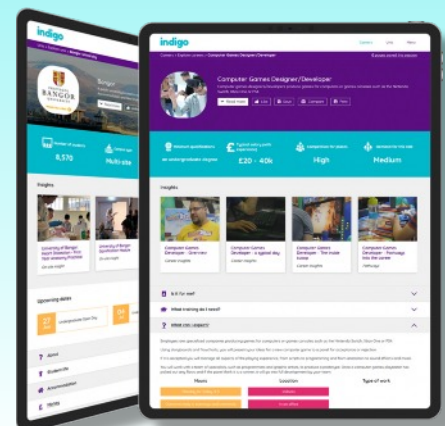
- Have a look at the careers in banking, with Barclays; there are roles available in many different business areas.
- Or how about finding out about retail management with M&S, established in 1884 and now with an online presence in over 100 countries.
- Lots more events for parents with InvestIN - expert advice and support from career experts.
- College events galore coming up - a virtual open event at Preston College; football taster sessions with Myerscough College, plus a course advice morning next Saturday; sports academy sessions with Cardinal Newman College and finally, an in-person open event at Wigan & Leigh College.
- Some great opportunities for aspiring medics, dentists and vets, with the Virtual Medical Society, Insight into Medicine conferences and the return of work experience with Medic Mentor.
- The NHS are also offering a virtual careers insight programme, covering many allied healthcare professions - running over February half term, so no need to miss out.
- With the emphasis on carbon net zero, have a look at the apprenticeships in the Energy and Utilities sector, with companies like National Grid and United Utilities.
- For those interested in automotive careers, check out the apprenticeships with the Volkswagen Group (includes Audi, Seat, Skoda and VW).
- Aspiring lawyers should be signing up for the latest Pathway sessions with Allen & Overy and KPMG. You can also win a £50 Amazon voucher - sign up to find out how!
- Finally, this week's apprenticeship vacancies (91 currently available within 5 miles of school!) and, of course, Career of the Week!



Happy reading and don't forget to sign up for as many opportunities as you can. The vast majority are completely free and will really give you an insight into different careers.

Don't forget that every student has access to Indigo - our careers package in school. There are over 600 different career profiles featured, showing entry routes and requirements, progression options and much more.

There is also a Unis section, showing all the degree courses available with the UCAS requirements - ideal for a bit of forward planning!



31st January - 4th February 2022

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Think differently about our world

Barclays Apprenticeships have been introducing people to the future of banking and technology for over 10 years now. Our programmes are established, developed and give you the experience you need to discover your passions and create your path.

Our programmes

There are roles available in many different business areas, throughout our Operation, Technology and Functions departments, throughout our Operation, Technology and Functions departments. You simply need to choose your starting point.

Think differently about what you can achieve

Many Barclays professionals now in senior roles joined us as apprentices. Are you ready to embark on a rich and rewarding career driving the business forward?

[Apply here](#)

M&S

EST. 1884

We have an excellent insight evening with one of the most recognisable and popular retail brands across the globe - M&S. On **Tuesday 1st February** from **5:00pm - 6:00pm** we'll be getting an insight into one of the UK's largest multinational retail operations as they take us through the runnings of their multibillion-pound business.

M&S are a unique retailer delivering top quality food, clothing, home products and financial services. They employ over 80,000 people who serve over 32 million customers. The company has been investing heavily in digital marketing and now M&S have a presence in online marketplaces in more than 100 countries.

We have some fantastic opportunities to share with students who might be considering a more hands-on approach once they leave school by giving them the opportunity to join the M&S Business Retail Management programme. The whole programme is designed to train students leaving school to one day run and manage their very own M&S store responsible for generating millions of pounds in revenue each year! It's an exciting opportunity for someone to have, especially at a school leaver level!

During the event students will find out more about this programme as well as having a mini business workshop focused on the Environment & Sustainability which is at the core of everything M&S do.

If you'd like to hear more about M&S and their opportunities and are in school or college, then click on the link below to register for the online event!

Registration Link:

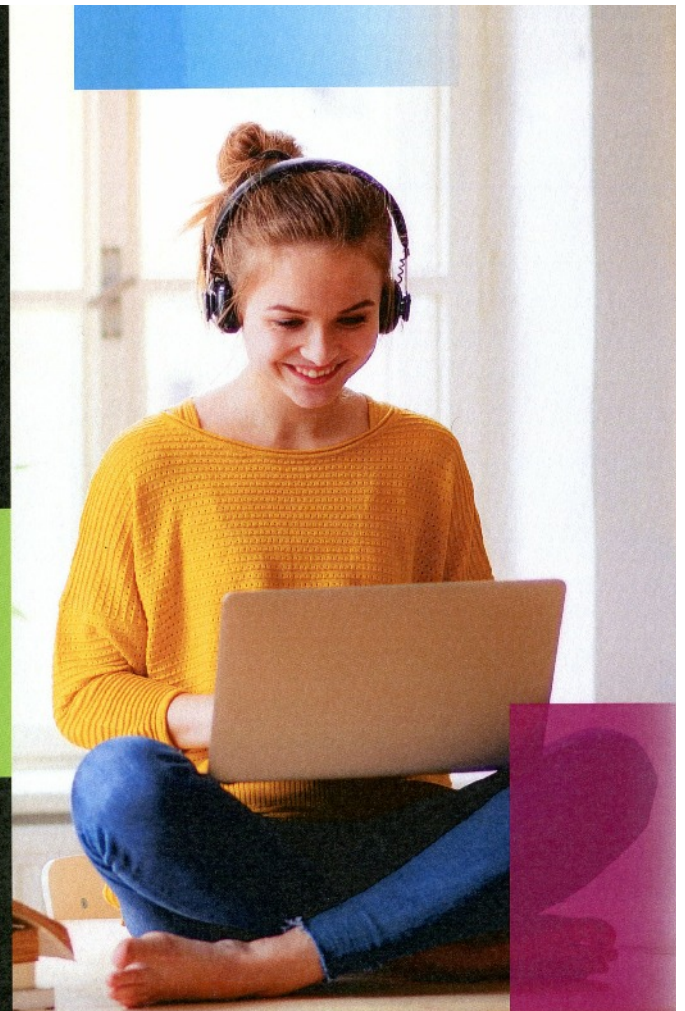
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MandS-Business-Event>

PRESTON
COLLEGE

**YEAR 10 & 11
VIRTUAL
OPEN EVENT**

**MONDAY
21 FEBRUARY
4-7PM**

**VISIT
WWW.PRESTON.AC.UK**



Monday 21st February Virtual Open Event 4-7pm,
(with live presentations from all Curriculum areas) Year 10 & 11

[Virtual Open Event](#)

Also coming up ...

Wednesday 9th March 4-7pm
ONSITE College Open Event

Registration required - <https://www.preston.ac.uk/events/year-10-11-open-event-09-march-22/>

PRESTON
COLLEGE



Invitation for Parents: Success Beyond School



We are delighted to announce the first events in our Success Beyond School series for 2022. These are free-of-charge, live online seminars featuring career experts, designed to help parents amplify their children's career potential.

We have some fantastic seminars this term, including topics such as 'How to help your child choose their career' and 'How to inspire young women to become entrepreneurs.' These events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and are free to attend.

Wednesday 9th February: Making it in Medical Sciences

Expert advice on breaking into medicine, dentistry and veterinary science.

Wednesday 9th March: Women In Business

Inspiring entrepreneurship in our young women

Wednesday 23rd March: The Ultimate Career Experience

Everything you need to know about InvestIN's life-changing Summer Experiences

Wednesday 6th April: The Career Workshop

Helping your child to choose their future with confidence

[Register Now](#)

About Us

Over 50,000 students from 100+ countries have already taken advantage of InvestIN's once-in-a-lifetime career programmes designed to help students make confident choices about their futures. Learn from expert professionals, gain top career coaching and experience unparalleled industry simulations not normally available to school students. Find out more below.

[Learn More](#)

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FEMALE FOOTBALL TASTER SESSION



- Currently in Yr 11 and serious about your education & development as a player/coach?
- Love football & want to learn in a high quality environment with amazing facilities?
- Register your attendance for our half term taster session.



Myerscough
College

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

*Date: Wednesday
16th February
Time: 10am - 12pm
Venue:
Myerscough
College*



Next course advice session coming up on Saturday 5th February. If you haven't visited Myerscough College, book yourself on to this session and have a look around!

They are so much more than an 'agricultural' college - find out for yourself just how many different courses they offer, from arboriculture to veterinary nursing, floristry to photography.



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APPLY NOW

PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2022 ENTRY

Top 3 LAND-BASED COLLEGES IN THE COUNTRY FOR 16-18 PASS RATES (NART 2018/19)

LIVE CHAT SUPPORT AVAILABLE

MYERSCOUGH.AC.UK

Educat Awards Most Inspirational 16-18 Provider

WINNER 2021

WINNER AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL & ANIMAL CARE APPRENTICESHIP PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR DIVERSITY
#6
TOP 100 MOST INCLUSIVE WORKPLACES
FROM AWARDS 2021

Ofsted
Good Provider

OUR NEXT COURSE ADVICE MORNING: **SATURDAY 5TH FEBRUARY**

FOOTBALL TASTER DAY



- Currently in Yr 11 and serious about your education & development as a player/coach?
- Love football & want to learn in a high quality environment with amazing facilities?
- Register your attendance for our half term taster day.

Date: Wednesday 16th February

Time: 10am - 2pm

Venue: Myerscough College



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OUR NEXT COURSE ADVICE MORNING: **SATURDAY 5TH FEBRUARY**

SPORT ACADEMIES AT NEWMAN



FOOTBALL

BASKETBALL

NETBALL

<https://go.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/form/sports-academy>

Attention Year 11

If any students that have applied/going to apply to Newman are interested in trying out for the Basketball, Netball or Football sports academies they can complete the link on the form below and the sports coaches will be in touch with trial dates.

<https://go.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/form/sports-academy>



**WE ARE
NEWMAN**

OPEN EVENING

31 JANUARY
FROM 4.30PM



Learn more about:

A Levels

Vocational &
Technical subjects
including T Levels

Apprenticeships



Wigan & Leigh
College

Wigan & Leigh College Open Event, Monday 31st January, 4.30pm - 7.30pm – WIGAN Centres

Our third Open Event of the academic year at our Wigan Centres is now just under a week away! Once again, our informative presentations will be available for visitors to attend, and the details are below:

- “Your Qualification Explained” - 5pm
- “Advanced Level Options: A Levels or Technical?” - 5.30pm & 6.15pm
- “Apprenticeships & Wigan & Leigh College” - 5.30pm & 6.15pm

Registration for the Event can be found by following this link:

<https://www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk/events/Open-Evening>

with bookings for the talks above taken on the night.



Your Medic Family Weekly Update

We have an exciting week ahead for your student to get involved in. Your students can join us each Tuesday at 5.45pm for our [Virtual Medical, Dental and Veterinary Societies](#)

Last week we had over 700 students on the VMS meeting which is amazing! However, this overwhelmed our website servers and some students struggled to login. Therefore, we recommend that students copy and paste the zoom link from their portal, somewhere safe ahead of the meeting.

Students do not need to have their camera switched on or a parent/guardian present through this meeting. However, parents are always welcome to attend too!

We welcome all year groups to join.

Insight Into Medicine & UCAS Conferences

Students can log into the [Get Into Medicine UCAS conferences](#) on either 29th/30th January from 09.00am - 13.30pm using the zoom link in their portal. If they have already attended and received a UCAS certificate they do not need to attend again.

They will get the chance to speak to more doctors at the [Insight Into Medicine Conference](#) on the 29th January, particularly if they are interested in Renal Medicine, Anaesthetics and General Practice. This will take place from **14.00pm - 17.30pm** and the links are already in their student portal.

Please note:

- They will be awarded certificates for attending these conferences.
- They will need to have a camera switched on and a parent/guardian with them throughout the conference.
- They can choose to attend one or both of these conferences.
- These conferences are suitable for students in 10-11

Work Experience has dropped!

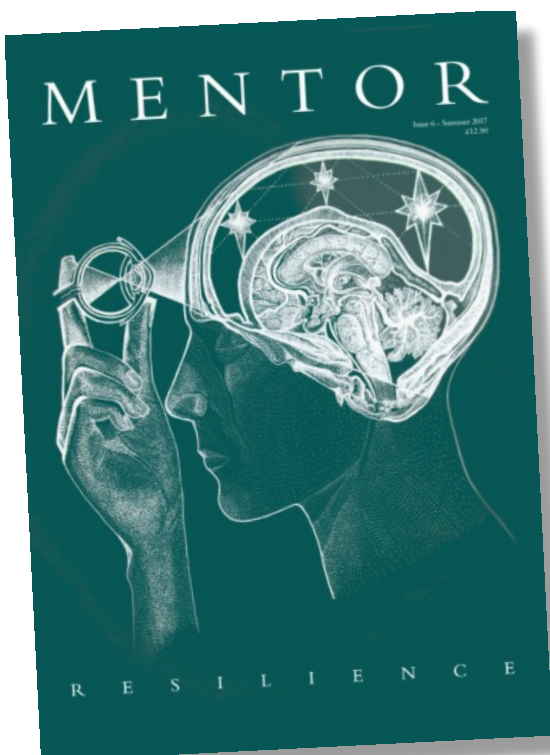
Students can now access free work experience programmes by clicking on the links below. They have until the end of February to complete this session and they will receive a certificate once they have completed all of the work experience sessions (6 sessions for Medic Mentor Work Experience, 6 sessions for Vet Mentor Work Experience and 4 sessions for Dental Mentor Work Experience).

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

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

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

These are suitable for students in Year 10-11. As it is an E-Learning course, students can work through this in their own time.



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VET
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DENTAL
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YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

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Your aspiring medical students years 10/11 students are eligible to attend both of the LIVE VIRTUAL UCAS Get Into Medicine Conference and the Insight Into Medicine Conference for FREE. Students who attend both conferences will also automatically be enrolled onto the FREE Medic Mentor Work Experience programme.

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. Both conferences are a significant turning point for students. It will unlock exclusive opportunities such as scholarships and prizes, as well as help you to make a highly competitive application.

UCAS Get Into Medicine Conference 09.00am-13.30pm

We will be looking at:

- Medical UCAS Application
- Medical Personal Statements
- Medical School Interviews
- Getting Work Experience
- UCAT & BMAT Exams
- CV Building
- How to access Medical Medical Awards, Prizes, Leadership Programmes, and Scholarships to study Medicine at University.

Upcoming dates:

Saturday 5th February, Sunday 6th February, Saturday 12th February, Sunday 13th February

Here is an overview of the programme:

09:00 - 09.30 - Registration

09.30 - 10.15 - Quick introduction to Medic Mentor, overview for the day, competition ratios, application timeline, Awards and Scholarships.

10:15 - 10.25 - Break

10.25 - 11:25 - UCAS Application Form, Entry Requirements and CV Building

11:25 - 11:35 - Break

11:35 - 12:15 - Personal Statements

12:15 - 12:25 - Break

12:25 - 12:40 - Entrance Exams: UCAT & BMAT

12:40 - 12:55 - Medical School Interviews

12:55 - 13.25 - The Perspective of a Current Applicant

13:25 - 13:30 - Summary & Questions

Students in years 10-11 can register for FREE using the coupon code: **teacher22**

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/medicine-national-healthcare-weekend/>

Insight Into Medicine Conference - 14.00pm - 17.00pm

At our Insight into Medicine conference, students will have a unique opportunity to interact with doctors from a range of different specialities. From surgeons and hospital physicians to anaesthetists and GPs. Students will get to hear first-hand experiences from our doctors.

Upcoming dates:

Saturday 29th January

Renal medicine - Dr Beatrix Tan

Anaesthetics - Dr Rachael Penrose

GP - Dr Monica Lowrie

Saturday 5th February

A&E - Dr Elmahdi Darbi

Psychiatry - Dr Nikhita Handa

Trauma and Orthopaedics - Mr Joe Esland

Saturday 12th February

Obstetrics & Gynecology - Dr Clare Astbury

Oncology - Dr Muhammad Haris

Paediatric surgery - Dr Jack Eklid

Students years 10-11 can register for FREE by completing the online application form

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/insight-into-medicine-conference/>

Students currently in year 10-11, should make every effort to attend both conferences, to give themselves a head start. Our Mentors look forward to meeting them and their parents.

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MEDIC MENTOR
YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

**Insight Into
Medicine.**

CONFERENCE



There's an event coming up on the NHS Careers Platform. This event is aimed to highlight different NHS Careers for students and will be hosted virtually during February half term.

You will need to sign up to the platform in order to gain access to the programme. Keep an eye out for the scheduled timetable - coming soon!

The poster features a blue and white color scheme with abstract shapes. At the top, it includes the NHS logo, the Lancashire and South Cumbria Health and Care Partnership logo, and the '350 Careers One NHS Your Future' logo. The main title is 'FEBRUARY HALF-TERM VIRTUAL CAREERS INSIGHTS PROGRAMME'. A large blue bubble contains the text 'Register for this event!'. A green box lists professions featured, and a blue box lists dates. A blue box at the bottom contains social media handles.

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Health and Care Partnership **350 Careers One NHS Your Future** **CARE**

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM VIRTUAL CAREERS INSIGHTS PROGRAMME

A wide range of healthcare professionals will be delivering live sessions each day from 9.00am to 3.30pm.

Join us during February Half-Term break for 3 days of Virtual Careers Insights into Health and Social Care careers.

You can use this opportunity to enhance your CV, ask questions to healthcare professionals and gain insights into the vast array of careers available.

Suitable for 14+

Register for this event!

Dates:
Monday 14th February 2022
Tuesday 15th February 2022
Wednesday 16th February 2022
9.00am to 3.30pm

Professions Featured

Orthoptist	Ambulance Service
Pathology	Careers in Social Care
Speech & Language	Podiatry
Pharmacy	Occupational Therapy
Paediatric Physiotherapy	Adult Nursing

And More...

Anyone can register on our platform. We have lots to offer, from virtual work experiences, opportunities, case studies and careers advice. Visit us at www.nhscareersnw.co.uk

These sessions can be put on a UCAS form as work experience!

Follow us on Twitter! [@HLSCCareers](https://twitter.com/HLSCCareers) [@ELHTCareers](https://twitter.com/ELHTCareers) [@BCTCareers](https://twitter.com/BCTCareers)
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**ENERGY &
UTILITIES** *jobs*



This year's National Apprenticeship Week is about building the future, and with the national pledge to cut carbon emissions to net zero by 2050, there's never been a better time to consider an apprenticeship in the energy and utilities sector.

Apprenticeships provide a means by which you can receive on-the-job training and qualifications while earning a wage.

Average salaries while in training for most energy and utilities-related apprenticeships are higher than the average salaries for apprentices across all other sectors in the UK.

An apprenticeship in the energy and utilities sector is an opportunity to train for a new role in a fast-developing set of industries at the forefront of the fight against climate change.

[Click here for more information](#)



Apprenticeships



**Gas Engineering Advanced
Apprentice (E&I), Gas Transmission**
nationalgrid



We have the following two events coming up next week with Allen & Overy and KPMG - however, unfortunately due to one of the events being rescheduled, they are on the same night! The Allen & Overy event will be purely focused on careers in law, whereas KPMG offer a wide range of roles across multiple sectors, including law. So I would say the A&O event is best for students who 100% know they want to pursue a career in law, whereas KPMG is better for those that are considering law but still have their options open.

(Both events are suitable for any age, although the 2 apprenticeship opportunities listed are only for Y13).

Gain insight into Careers in Law and learn about the different routes in!

We have teamed up with one of the world's TOP law firm, Allen & Overy, PLUS global consultancy firm KPMG, to help YOU figure out your next steps towards your career in law. Take a look below at the exciting sessions we have coming up and get registered to secure your spot!



Routes into Law with Allen & Overy

Tuesday 1st February | 6pm

Hear from the Allen & Overy team about what it's like to work at one of the UK's leading law firms and be amongst the first to hear about their brand new Solicitor Apprenticeship scheme starting in September 2022! Their new scheme is an amazing opportunity to earn while you gain your degree, and join a company with an impressive reputation and offer a competitive salary!

[Register here](#)



Careers for School Leavers at KPMG

Tuesday 1st February | 6pm

If you are interested in a career in law, but not necessarily working at a law firm, KPMG are one of the 'Big 4' global accountancy firms and they also offer a Level 7 Law Apprenticeship! KPMG offer opportunities in a wide range of sectors within their business. So this is a great one to attend if you are considering law, but still want to learn about other options. To hear more about KPMG come along next Tuesday to meet the team!

[Register here](#)



**2x £50
AMAZON
VOUCHERS
TO
GIVEAWAY!**

During both of these events we will be giving away TWO £50 Amazon vouchers! Be sure to tune in to find out how one could be yours ...





Volkswagen Group apprenticeships - find out more and apply

The Volkswagen Group apprenticeship programme offers the opportunity to learn and earn through gaining a nationally recognised qualification while working for one of the world's leading automotive brands such as [Audi](#), [SEAT](#), [ŠKODA](#), [Volkswagen](#), [Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles](#), [Volkswagen Group Paint and Body](#) or [TPS](#).

There are a number of different apprenticeships available with the Volkswagen Group apprenticeship programme which include the Service Technician, Service Advisor, Parts Advisor, Paint Technician, Vehicle Body Repair Technician, Mechanical, Electrical and Trim (MET) Technician and Parts Sales Executive roles.

For most of the brands above, the minimum entry requirement to join the apprenticeship programme is GCSE (or equivalent) grades 9-4 (A-C) or equivalent in English, Maths and Science.

The minimum entry requirement for the Mechanical, Electrical and Trim (MET) Technician role offered with the Volkswagen Group Paint and Body brand is GCSE (or equivalent) grades 9-4 (A-C) or equivalent in English, Maths and Science.

For the Paint Technician and Vehicle Body Repair Technician roles offered with the Volkswagen Group Paint and Body brand, the minimum entry requirement is GCSE (or equivalent) Grades 9 – 4 (A –C) in English and Maths and a minimum of GCSE (or equivalent) Grade 9 – 3 (A –D) in Science.

To find out more about the apprenticeship programme, please visit the [Volkswagen Group apprenticeship programme website](#). This website will link through to all of our individual brand websites.

Applications to the apprenticeship programme can be made by visiting one of our individual brand websites and clicking on the Apply Now button at the bottom of the page.

Got any questions about the Volkswagen Group apprenticeship programme?

Contact us via phone on 0800 587 3051, or email us on:

[**info@vwgroupapprenticeships.co.uk**](mailto:info@vwgroupapprenticeships.co.uk)



L2 Childcare Apprentice Busy Bees Chorley Brooke Street	VAC 1000027452
L2 Nursery Nurse Apprentice Teddy Towers Nursery	VAC 001814345
L2 Apprentice Childcare Practitioner Tiddlywinks Pre-School (Leyland) Ltd	VAC 001812023
L2 Commis Chef Apprentice La Corte Limited, Leyland	VAC 001780443
L2 Warehouse and Logistics Apprentice Thyssenkrupp Aerospace Ltd	VAC 001813613
L2 Animal Care & Welfare Assistant Beauty without Vanity Ltd	VAC 1000028570 (Start date August 2022)
L2 Equine Apprentice Earnshaw Livery Yard	VAC 001809263
L3 Apprentice Vehicle Damage Panel Technician Fix Auto Wigan (Standish)	VAC 001785304
L3 Lathe Turner/Engineering Machinist Apprentice Northern Engineering Services Ltd (Standish)	VAC 001813095
L3 Business Administration Apprentice Tilemaster Adhesives Ltd	VAC 001810613
L3 Automotive Glazing Apprentice Markerstudy Ltd	VAC 1000026178
L3 IT Support Analyst Apprenticeship Cegedim Rx Ltd	VAC 001779913

These are just a small selection of the vacancies currently available on the [Gov.UK](https://www.gov.uk) site. Create an account (takes less than 5 minutes) and you can then apply directly. Don't forget, you will need a CV!

Don't forget the fantastic opportunities at Leyland Trucks (advertised previously) as well as BAE Systems - but be aware that the closing dates are coming up!

There are also vacancies advertised with Alliance Learning, Training 2000 and with the various local colleges.

Finally, check out the various jobs at NHS Careers: <https://nhscareersnw.co.uk/>

CAREER *of the* WEEK

Water Engineer

Water engineers are responsible for the supply of clean water, the disposal of wastewater and sewage and the prevention of flood damage

The provision of clean water will be your main concern as a water engineer but you may work with a variety of other liquids as well. Asset management will play a major part in your work and you'll be involved in the repair, maintenance and building of structures that control water resources. Examples include sea defence walls, pumping stations and reservoirs.

You may become involved in broader water-related issues, such as global warming, ageing infrastructure, population growth and quality of living standards.

Water engineer is a generic title given to engineers who specialise in water-based projects. Many have a civil engineering or environmental background.



[Follow this link for more information](#)