

CAREER News



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

Here we are at the end of the term already! Welcome to another bumper edition of Career News, packed full of useful information and advice.



There are a number of really good work experience opportunities (both online and in person), so no matter what future career you have in mind, there's bound to be something to interest you!

For girls in Year 8 and 9, there is a fantastic **FREE CyberFirst** development day on offer - there's never been a better time to explore what a career in cyber security can lead to. Estimates suggest that there could be 100,000 unfilled cyber security roles in the UK by 2022* (prospects.ac.uk) with half of all businesses looking for more technical know-how to protect against cyber attacks and critical security breaches. (CyberFirst is part of the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), a part of GCHQ).

For anyone interested in a career in law, take a look at the event with **BrowneJacobson** - one of the speakers is **Barrister Sean Wallace** aka **The Dark Destroyer** from TV's **The Chase**!

There are reminders about open events at colleges - don't forget that Year 11s should be applying to at least **TWO** colleges - including those students who plan on taking up an apprenticeship position. After the past few years, it's vital to have a back up plan!

Don't forget to sign up to **Pathway** (QR code inside). It's a free service aimed at connecting students with top employers for work experience, internships and support. You can even win a great prize if you sign up this week!

Finally, **MBDA** have opened their apprenticeship application window - if you are looking for a top class apprenticeship, here's your chance. Don't leave it too late ...

Have a great half term holiday. One to one interviews for Year 11s will continue after the break - if anyone would like an early interview, please drop me an email (especially if your surname is at the end of the alphabet!)

Half term:



18 - 31 October 2021



**Mark Mental
Health Day**

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Gain A New Perspective This World Mental Health Day

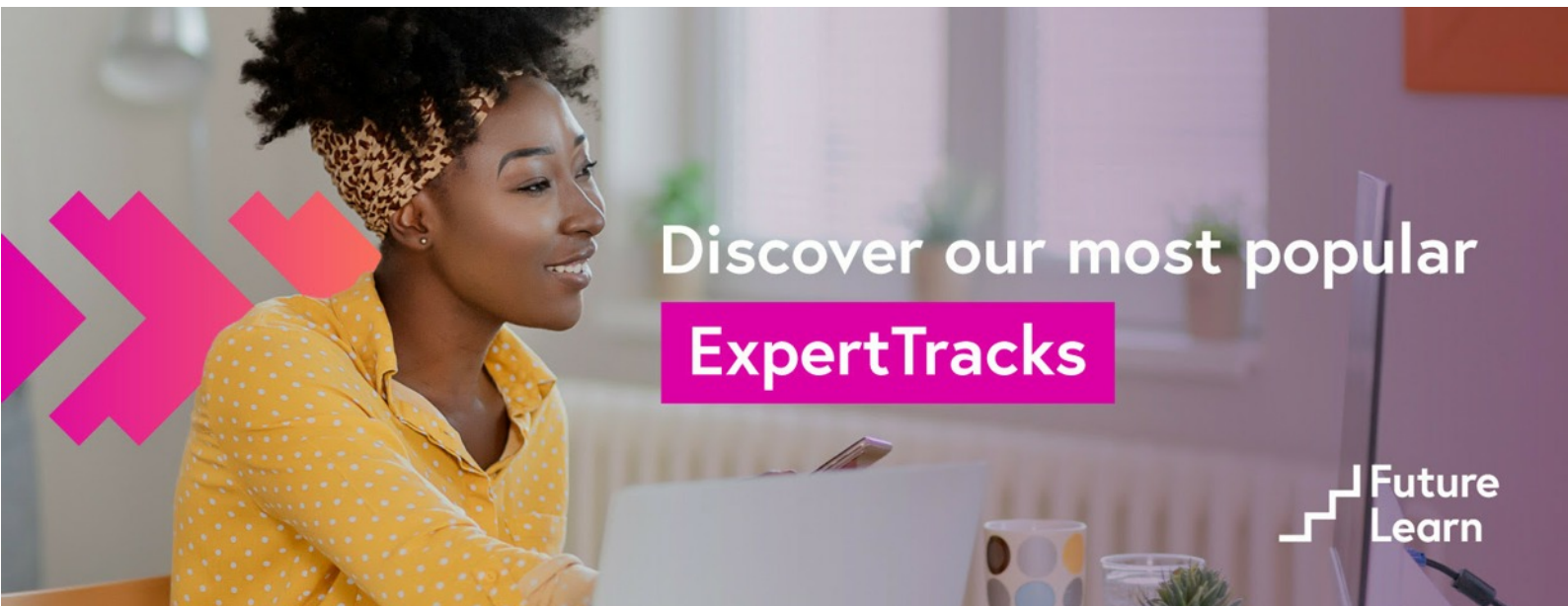
Explore mental illness and better understand mental health

For someone dealing with a mental health condition, stigma and misunderstanding can impact everything from their education and career to their personal relationships.

This World Mental Health Day, we're inviting you to challenge the stigma, start conversations, and share educational resources that will make a real difference to how we talk and think about mental health.

From addiction to workplace stress, explore our curated collection of highly-rated mental health courses, and start challenging what you and those around you know about mental health.

[Discover mental health courses](#)



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[Our Most Popular ExpertTracks](#)

MBDA

MISSILE SYSTEMS

APPRENTICESHIPS

A GREAT START TO YOUR CAREER

Our four-year apprenticeship schemes provide you with a platform to study for a recognised qualification and gain incredible work experience at the same time.

We offer apprenticeships in Engineering, Software and Business areas. You will move around the company in rotational placements where you will gain a wider understanding, build a network within the organisation and define your future career with us.

You will work at one of our MBDA sites and study for your qualification via day release at university or college. In addition, we organise bespoke training courses focused on your development to further enhance and improve your skill set.

Applications are open now!



THE KEY INFORMATION

Our award-winning apprenticeships will provide you with the correct resources, education and support to excel in your future career.

Programme Duration: 4 years

Programme Start Date: September 2022

Applications Open: October 2021

Applications Close: As soon as we have received enough applications for each apprenticeship

Qualifications: Level 3, 4 and 6 (varies by Apprenticeship type)

Functions: Business, Manufacturing, Software and Engineering.

Starting Salary: £14,500 per annum.

Entry Requirements: This will vary depending on the apprenticeship. Please check the job description when applying; we can't consider applications from candidates that do not have the specified entry requirements

Locations: Stevenage, Bristol and Bolton.



[Follow the link here ...](#)



Insight Webinar



Thinking about your next steps after school or college?

Are you 16-18 and looking at your next steps? Want to gain new skills and earn money at the same time? Then join Success at School's FREE student insight webinar on **Thursday 11th November** at 4.30pm - 5.00pm in partnership with BT, where you'll get the lowdown on all things BT apprenticeships.

Hear directly from a BT recruiter and current apprentice on:

- Apprenticeships at BT and the different roles available
- What to expect from an apprenticeship
- Progression opportunities
- Tips on how to apply and make sure your application stands out from the crowd
- PLUS a Q and A session, so you can get all of your burning questions answered

Interested? Spaces are filling up fast, so secure your place by signing up below:

[Sign up now](#)

As you may know, work experience within the legal sector is very hard to come by so we are really excited to be able to share this opportunity with you! Together with BrowneJacobson we have put together another brand new fantastic Virtual Work Experience program to take place on Wednesday 27 October during the October Half Term Holidays.

We get so many messages from students keen to get an insight into the legal world and with the incredible line-up of speakers we've been able to bring together this is set to be one of the best opportunities you'll find if you're interested in a career in law.

BrowneJacobson are a top 50 law firm with offices all over the UK and revenues of £80million. This work experience is going to provide students with a fantastic insight into how a law firm works and makes money, the different departments they have and an opportunity to ask your questions to top legal professionals.

**Law Virtual Work Experience:
Wednesday 27th October, 9am - 4pm**

- Senior Partner welcome talk
- An insight to law, their different departments and areas of work
- Variety of speakers including QC's, barristers & solicitors
- Talk from Shaun Wallace / Dark Destroyer (Barrister) from the Chase (ITV)
- Talk from Lubna Shuja (2022 President of The Law Society) - "The importance of diversity and open access to a legal career for all"

You will receive a Certificate of Completion that you can add to your CV and talk about in your UCAS applications / future job interviews. We will also provide you with a reference from the firm.

This opportunity is open to all students in Y10 and Y11.

Registration Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Browne-Jacobson>





YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

An evening with Mazars - One of the world's largest professional services firms

We are really happy to announce that we have a brand new employer coming on board to share with you!

I would like to introduce you to Mazars; a global audit, accounting and consulting firm employing more than 40,000 professionals in 90 countries worldwide. With over £1.5 billion in revenue last year they are amongst the top 10 largest professional services firms in the world.

Looking for some work experience, want a graduate job or an apprenticeship - then look no further! They have 16 offices all over the UK and offer some of the very best student opportunities, so no matter where you are based, there will be a Mazars office not too far away!

We are hosting a special **Introduction to Mazars Evening Event** on **Monday 18th October from 5:00pm - 6:00pm** to give you an insight into the firm and their excellent and varied student programmes.

They will be bringing some of their senior audit and advisory professionals to guide us through an open interactive session designed to give you a hands on practical experience on what it's like to work in the profession. We will be sending out some pre materials and literature prior to this event so you can prepare in advance!

Registration Link:

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

We're really excited for their opening event and can't wait to showcase to you a completely new international business.

We look forward to welcoming you on the evening!

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Virtual How to Apply Event – Wigan & Leigh College Website, Tuesday 19th October 2021

Our first virtual 'How To Apply' event will be running this coming Tuesday night (19th October) from 6pm-6.30pm. We ran a series of online application events last year and saw very positive engagement with them, therefore we are offering them once again to help your students (and their parents/guardians).

The 'How to Apply' event will go through the ways in which students can make their application to Wigan & Leigh College (step by step). A question and answer session will follow with the School Liaison Team. We do plan to encourage attendees to work through an application as we go through the presentation.

Students can register for this event by clicking this link <https://wiganleigh.onlineopendays.com/schedule/> and selecting 19th October.



VIRTUAL HOW TO APPLY EVENT

- Support on completing an application form
- The admissions process
- Your questions answered

**TUESDAY
19 OCTOBER 2021
6.00PM - 6.30PM**

**Wigan & Leigh
College**

- Don't forget, interviews for Wigan & Leigh College will be held in school, after Christmas.
- The taster day booklets will be given out after the half term holiday, so that you can choose the two sessions you would like to sample. For anyone choosing sessions at the Pagefield Centre (engineering/construction) - all clothing and safety equipment is supplied by the college on the day (the booking form will ask for your shoe/clothing size).
- You will have a tour of the college, lunch and then your two sessions. We will be taken to the college by bus and returned in time for school buses at 3pm. There is no charge for this event.



OPEN EVENT 13 NOVEMBER 10AM - 1PM

**REGISTRATION FOR THE OPEN EVENT WILL
GO LIVE ON 18 OCTOBER SCAN THE QR CODE
FOR MORE INFORMATION**



Our next in person open event is on Saturday 13th November 10am - 1pm.

There is still availability to book on our virtual event on Saturday 16th October -
<https://go.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/form/VirtualOpenDay>

Our online application will go live from Saturday 16th October
for pupils to start applying to Cardinal Newman.



Parents and Carers Pack

October's edition of the Parents' & Carers' Pack is now available [here](#), including articles about T Levels, traineeships, apprenticeships and SEND.

There are also new standards and news from the BAME awards.



Amazing Apprenticeships

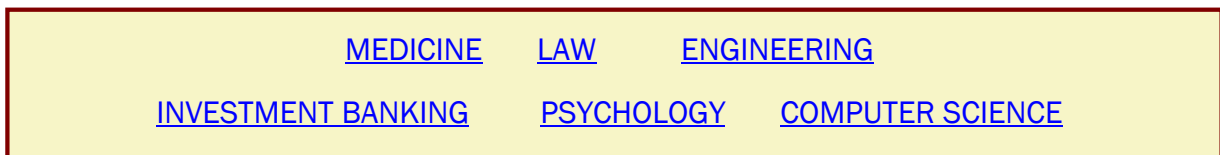
Final Call For Autumn Career Experiences

Ages 12-18 | At UCL & around UK



This is the final call for students wanting to register for this term's weekend career experiences for ages 12-18. We have been inundated with demand following our return to in-person programmes at UCL and beyond.

Registration will close next **Sunday 24th October** for all in-person programmes, so interested students should register immediately. Links to all 28 careers are set out below, which include medical sciences, tech, media, creatives, engineering, law, politics, sport, business and finance.



All Programmes

CULTURE, MEDIA & SPORT

Filmmaking | Writing | Fashion | Journalism | Music | Art | Sport

[VIEW & REGISTER](#)

MEDICAL SCIENCES

Medicine | Psychology | Veterinary | Dentistry | Forensic Science | Nursing

[VIEW & REGISTER](#)

LAW & POLITICS

Law | Politics | International Development | Environmentalism

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Banking | Accountancy | Marketing | Entrepreneurship | Management Consultancy

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TECHNOLOGY

Software Engineering | Video Game Design | Data Science | Cybersecurity

[VIEW & REGISTER](#)

ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE

Engineering | Architecture

[VIEW & REGISTER](#)





Winstanley College

EXCELLENCE SUPPORT INSPIRATION

THURSDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY 13TH OCTOBER

TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

OPEN EVENING - SCAN THE QR CODE
TO BOOK A PLACE!





Don't miss the chance to attend the CyberFirst Girls Development Days, an initiative inspired and led by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) - a part of GCHQ.

It's a fun, scenario-based initiative that aims to support girls interested in pursuing a cyber security career.

The content exposes the girls to cyber security and delivers practical skills in an interactive and thoroughly enjoyable way.

Who can attend? Open to girls in Year 8/9

When are they running? Virtual and face-to-face courses are running in October. There's a variety of dates and locations to choose from.

How much do they cost? They are free to attend.

Is it something you are interested in? Places are filling up fast, so reserve your seats today!

[Sign up now](#)

What does the course cover?

On the day, you will be role-playing as cyber security experts working for a fictitious app company, Sirius Cyberworks. Unfortunately, disaster has struck and there has been a serious breach of the company network – a new flagship app has been leaked. Your role is to work through four different parts of the company, uncovering how the leak happened whilst learning new cyber skills along the way. The course content is designed around four modules.



Digital Forensics

Detect misconduct or trace suspicious activity. Channel your inner investigator to find evidence on computers, mobile phones and other digital devices



Cryptography

Crack the codes. In this exciting module, teams will be challenged to use creative ideas to solve problems and design new systems



Penetration Testing

Stop malicious hackers in their tracks. Discover how to identify different groups that conduct cyber attacks, their motivations and penetration methodologies.



Open Source Intelligence

Find intelligence sources. Everything you do online leaves a digital footprint; how will you protect it?

RIVINGTON & BLACKROD
SIXTH FORM
OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY, 21ST OCTOBER 2021

We are delighted to invite you to our newly refurbished Sixth Form Open Evening on **Thursday, 21st October 2021** from **5.30pm** until **7.30pm**.

The evening provides an opportunity for you to:

- Explore our fantastic new facilities
- Meet subject teachers and some of our students

A welcome presentation will take place at 6pm.

For more information, visit www.rbhs.co.uk/sixth-form.

*Terms and conditions apply. Visit www.rbhs.co.uk/sixth-form for more details.



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THURSDAY, 21ST OCTOBER 2021

FROM 5.30PM UNTIL 7.30PM



Newly refurbished • Guided tours • Refreshments



Find out more online at
www.rbhs.co.uk/sixth-form



Don't forget to sign up to the Pathway programme to instantly be in the draw to win £1000 worth of prizes!!

A reminder of our upcoming prizes!

How it works:

Students who sign up will be entered into every giveaway after they join our programme, for example: If students sign up during the first week they will be entered into all five prize giveaways, the second week they'll be entered into the second, third fourth and fifth giveaways etc.

The prizes we have on offer are:

~~W/c 27th September:~~

~~Work Experience Day with Pathway CTM! (x2)~~

~~W/c 4th October:~~

~~Apple AirPods~~

W/c 11th October:

UE BOOM Bluetooth Speaker

W/c 18th October:

£100 Nike Voucher

W/c 25th October:

Beats by Dr Dre Headphones

Winners will be announced on Friday 29th October!

Sign up easily using our QR code!



How to Land an Apprenticeship

18 October 2021
17:00



Young people can discover what it's like to work in one of the most exciting sectors in the world!

Accenture are one of the world's largest technology consultancies!

After receiving incredible feedback from over 4,000 attendees last year, they're running their online campus Accenture LIVE again this year.

Accenture LIVE is 11 events across October focused on helping young people discover what it's really like to work in one of the most exciting sectors in the world and giving them all the advice and insights they need to successfully apply for roles across the industry.

There are plenty of events to choose from and we wanted to highlight the event below that your kids might be interested in:

[How to Land an Apprenticeship](#)

Monday October 18th at 17:00

Discover what life is like as an Apprentice at Accenture and the impact you could make if you join one of our Programmes. Unsure if an Apprenticeship is right for you? During this event you'll get to hear from our Apprentices on why they chose to do an Apprenticeship and why they chose Accenture. There'll be plenty of opportunities to ask questions and you'll also get the inside scoop from our recruiters on how best to prepare for applying!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

To discover the full schedule, visit the [Accenture LIVE](#) homepage.



Did you know the Creative Industries are one of the fastest growing sectors in the UK today? There's an abundance of job opportunities for new talent breaking into the industry... this could be you!

At Escape Studios our alumni have gone on to work on titles including Star Wars: The rise of Skywalker, Avengers Endgame, 1917, The Lion King and many more...

With so many jobs out there, it can be a difficult industry to navigate, especially for a newbie. We've created an easy guide to help you understand the various pipelines, jobs and work opportunities available!

The Industry Beginner's Guide

Pipelines, careers guide, jargon busters – we've got it all covered!

Grab your free copy: [The Industry Beginner's Guide](#)

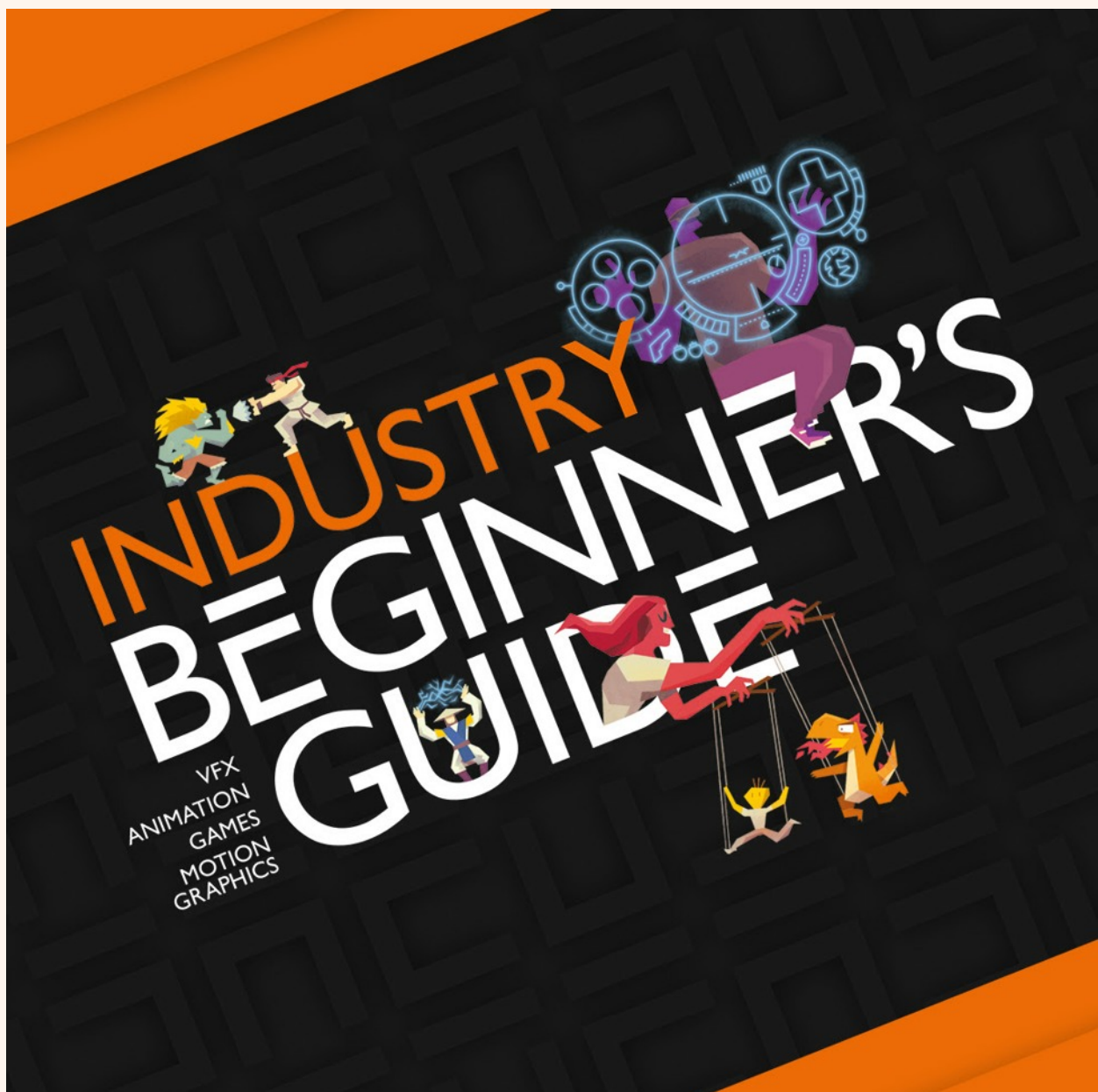


Most of our students begin at Escape Studios with no experience of Animation, VFX or Game Art and many have gone on to work at world-leading studios producing the highest quality work. Don't let a lack of experience put you off, we'll give you all the skills you'll need.

Whether you're an artist, a technology lover or a hard-core gamer there will be a job to suit you!

Download your free copy of the industry beginners guide to find your creative calling.

[Download now](#)





YOUR FUTURE

YEAR 11



Not sure which road to take?

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



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 on the **7th November**.

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/>



Beginners Guide to Job Seeking Sites

Gone are the days of printing out your CV and handing it out to employers. There are times when you can still do this, for example, at career fairs and company events. However, the majority of job seeking is now done online. In some ways, this can be easier. Everything is done in one place; you can do it from the comfort of your own home.

Job seeking sites can feel intimidating at first. The jobs are there, but you have to fill in the correct information to get the right jobs to show up for you. When you don't know exactly what job title you want, or if a role can have various titles, it can be exhausting trying to find the right words to use when searching on a job site.

This guide is all about sharing our tips and ideas on how to use a job seeking site correctly and using it to your advantage. All of the information is there, you just have to learn how to find it!

Different websites - Job site guide

There are plenty of job boards out there to choose from, you just have to pick the right ones for you. There are job boards like E&TJ that specify in industry specific jobs, for an engineer, this would be perfect. This means that the jobs you are looking for are all in engineering, however, this doesn't necessarily mean that you don't have to do any search modifications.

Then there are more generic job boards, like Indeed and Reed. (Plus, many more) Job sites like this are paid to upload and advertise jobs from all different industries, sectors, job levels and even other job boards. It might take you a little longer to find the jobs you are looking for on sites like these, but this guide is going to help you through that.

You don't have to pick just one. You can work your way through a number of job boards to make the most of it. Some employers advertise across a number of job sites and others stick to just one. So, it can really be worth it to explore other sites, even if it means stepping out of your comfort zone.

There is a method to making your way around a job board and we are going to explain it all. To start, it's worth having a little look around the different sites. See which ones may work for you, what resources they offer job seekers and how they can help you find your next role.

Use all resources - Job site guide

Job sites are there to make your life easier. Job seeking sites have a large number of vacant jobs from multiple employers, ready and waiting in the same place for you to view. You don't have to search far and wide for them, but there are resources you can and should be using to ensure you are making it easier on yourself.

Job Alerts – Job alerts allow you to get regular emails about jobs that are relevant to you, without having to search through the actual website to find them. Most job boards will have this resource available, and I highly recommend using it. You are likely to have to fill out a quick form to let the search engine know what you are looking for. You'll have to provide your email address, keywords related to the job title you would like, location, industry and potentially more details if it is very thorough. Some job boards give you the option of daily or weekly alerts, so make sure you pick what is right for you. This is a great way to get a hold of jobs that you may have missed whilst scrolling through!

Use keywords wisely – Usually, the first thing you will do when logging into a jobs board, is to search the job title you are looking for. However, there is usually more than one specific title for a job, so ensure you are using keywords correctly. Have you used every title you could think of that relates to you? You could be missing out by only trying one job title.

Share your location – Location can be important. If you would like something close to home, always enter in your current location to avoid disappointment. The worst thing can be forgetting to add location, finding a job that you love the sound of and finding out it's hours away from you. (Unless you want to relocate) Something that has also been added lately, is the option to add 'remote' to your search to find employers that offer remote working. Something to consider if you find a role with a lengthy commute.

Geo-range – You can also add in a geographical range when searching. If you put in your location or somewhere close to where you live, you can specify how far you are willing to travel before searching. Whether that be 15, 20 or even 30 miles, you can use this tool to really narrow down your search and ensure you are finding jobs that are close to home.

Salary – Salary can be more important to some than others, so if this is something that can make or break a job opportunity for you, make sure you include this before clicking the search button. It can also rule out any roles without salary included in the job description, so be aware of this before using.

Job type & Sector – Job sites really do try and make it as easy as possible for their users. So, make sure to use the job type and sector selection tools. What level of expertise are you looking for? Which sector do you want to work in? Questions you probably know the answer to, so use this tool!

Save your jobs – Job applications can take a really long time to perfect, so if you have either done one too many or you are taking a day off from applications, you can still look on job sites and find potential jobs. If you don't want to apply straight away or you need time to think about it, save the job and go back to it later. We all know the pain of finding a role you like the look of and not being able to find it again at a later date. Save them in your account and you can apply for then whenever suits you best. Just remember to check the application deadline date!

Upload your CV - Job site guide

Uploading your CV to a job board can be a positive or a negative, but something you should definitely think about using. If you are someone that doesn't feel the need to tailor your CV and cover letter to each role, then it can save you a lot of time by uploading a CV to the site and using 'quick apply' if the employer allows it. Always make sure that the CV is up to date and ready before sending it off to any potential employer.

When uploading your CV on to job sites, it often gives you the option to opt in or out of recruiters being able to find your CV. If you don't want to use recruiters in your job search, then the answer is easy, but if you do, click yes, and wait to see if anyone finds you or takes interest in your CV. Recruiters can help you find roles you may not have found otherwise, so keep this in mind.

When uploading your CV, most recruitment sites give you the opportunity to share a link to your LinkedIn page as well. This gives employers and recruiters the ability to find you on the

site and see your LinkedIn 'CV'. A lot of employers are interested in seeing your online presence as well as your CV.

If you prefer to tailor your CV for each role you apply for, then uploading your CV to these sites may not always be a good thing. They can be useful if you're open to recruiters finding you, but if you forget and send it off as part of an application, then you could find yourself feeling a bit regretful. It can be a very good resource to use, but make sure you use it properly and remember to change it if necessary! – Some job boards allow you to have more than one uploaded, so name them appropriately.

When using job boards, it's important to make a note of which jobs you have applied for. Some employers are likely to use multiple job boards to ensure that they are reaching the most engineers they can. The more they share, the quicker they may be able to fill the position.

So, if you are using job boards, LinkedIn and company sites to search for jobs, make sure you haven't already applied for it somewhere else. I like to note down the company, the job title and even the closing date. This is to ensure you have all the details and saves you from submitting 2 applications. Applications can take long enough as it is, you don't want to be wasting time. It can also look unprofessional, so ensure you are taking precautions.

It's also a good idea to keep note of different jobs if you are applying for multiple at once, so you don't get confused if an employer calls you. It can be hard to keep track of everything, after all, you are only human. So, if you get a call or an email from an employer or recruiter about an interview, it's easy to find the details of the job which they are referring to.

Job seeking sites are there to help you. In some cases, they do make it easier to look for jobs and are definitely the way forward. Gone are the days where you could walk in somewhere with your CV or email a company directly about vacancies and get a reply. Online searching is the way forward and job sites try to give you all the tools you need to be successful, so give it a go. If you use everything given to you, you might have your next role in no time!

[Read more here](#)



Your career is what you're paid for. Your calling is what you're made for.

Steve Harvey

quote fancy

CAREER of the WEEK

Interior Designer



After a couple of years on Zoom calls, where people are judged for their tacky or tasteful backgrounds, interior design seems to be a booming career, as everyone rushes to create a home office space!

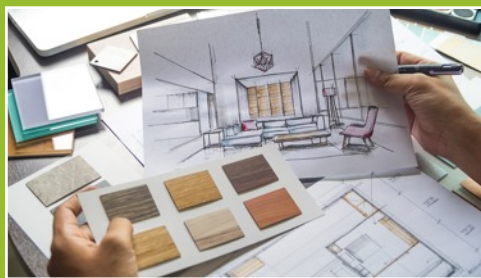
Interior designers plan and supervise the layout and decoration of the inside of buildings.

Average salary (a year): £18,000
Starter to £45,000 Experienced

You can get into this job through:
a university course, a college course,
an apprenticeship or working
towards this role.

You could take a foundation degree,
higher national diploma or degree in a
relevant subject like: interior design,
art and design, interior architecture
or spatial design.

You'll usually need: 1 or 2 A levels, or
equivalent, for a foundation degree or
higher national diploma, 2 to 3 A
levels, or equivalent, for a degree.



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