

CAREER News



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

Well, here we are - the final issue of Career News for this academic year! Lots of exciting and useful information packed into this summer holiday edition - why not pour yourself a cold drink, settle down in the shade and have a read!



Inside this week's issue there is news of a virtual open day at Training 2000 for those school leavers hoping to do an apprenticeship; something a little different on offer at LJMU for students set on an environmental career; Skills Bootcamp for anyone needing to re-skill or up-skill; a virtual work experience offer with Northumbria Health Sciences (not limited to students in Northumbria!); an open event at Access Creative College; information about the brand new Youth Card from Speakers for Schools; an update from Medic Mentor concerning Allied Healthcare work experience; an invitation to join Pathway's free programme; a look at Josh's engineering story; lots of apprenticeships in the local area and a Career of the Week with a difference!

If there is anything you would like to see covered in Career News next term, please drop me an email (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Have a great summer!





**LIVERPOOL
JOHN MOORES
UNIVERSITY**



Why study Wildlife Conservation at Liverpool John Moores University?

- Accredited by The Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES)
- Opportunities to observe wildlife first-hand in natural habitats on UK-based field trips, a residential field trip and international trip. Destinations currently include the primeval forests of Poland and volcanic landscapes of Iceland.
- Option to undertake a 4 to 6 week placement and/or a 12 month sandwich placement in the UK or overseas
- Teaching from conservation experts involved in collaborative research projects and consultancy, including primate conservation, large African mammal conservation, human wildlife conflict, species reintroduction, biogeography and species distributions, bird social behaviour and ecosystem services
- Learn practical skills including field surveying, animal and plant identification, Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and recording animal behaviour
- Learn conservation practice skills, such as Habitat Management Plans, protected area designation, zoo conservation and conservation technology
- £6 million invested in state-of-the-art teaching facilities, including specialist GIS and animal behaviour observation software
- Excellent career prospects in areas such as: nature reserve management; conservation NGOs; zoos and wildlife parks; conservation charities; conservation and environmental government bodies; and ecological and environmental consultancies
- This degree is available to study following a foundation year

Watch the video ([click here](#)) to find out more about the programme.

How a Skills Bootcamp could fast-track you to a better job



If you are looking to quickly increase your skills in a specific area and fast-track into a new job or get ahead with your current employer, a Skills Bootcamp could be the right choice for you.

Skills Bootcamps are flexible courses of up to 16 weeks, giving people the opportunity to build up sector-specific skills and fast-track to an interview with a local employer.

They are being developed as part of the Government's Plan for Jobs in partnership with employers, providers and local authorities, to help people develop the skills that are in demand in their local area and get a new job or better position at work. Skills Bootcamps are available in regions across England for adults aged 19 and above, with a range of digital courses, technical skills courses and green courses like Electrical Vehicle Maintenance and Construction and Retrofitting, which are currently on offer.

After you've completed the course, you could use your new skills to get a new job, or you could take a Skills Bootcamp with the support of your employer to move into a higher-skilled role in your existing place of work.

If you're not sure whether doing a Skills Bootcamp would fit around your life, hear from adults who have taken up the opportunity.

Will I be able to switch into a new sector after doing a Skills Bootcamp?

Skills Bootcamps have been set up to give you the essential sector-specific skills needed to enter a new industry. There's a range of digital, technical and green courses available, so if you're considering a new type of work like coding or welding, but you have no previous experience, don't let this deter you. Skills Bootcamp courses will help you gain the key skills needed.

Carl McIntosh previously worked in printing, but when the pandemic hit, he lost his job. This gave him the chance to pursue his interest in coding and tech, but with no experience Carl needed a course that would teach him the essential skills. After completing a Skills Bootcamp in Coding, Carl said he can now "go on to specialise in a range of areas, because the course covers front-end and back-end technologies."

As a result of the fast-track interview offered at the end of his course, Carl gained a position as a Junior Software Engineer at Wise and reflects that "everyone around me knew I needed a change in career, and I'm so glad I decided to go for it – I'm now much happier and more passionate about my role."

Will learning new skills through a Skills Bootcamp genuinely lead to better job?

Skills Bootcamps are designed in partnership with local employers to help meet skills needs in your area. The skills you learn on a Skills Bootcamp will put you in a strong position to get a better job with more stability and a higher salary in the area you have chosen. Many of your existing skills are also more transferable than you think and will help boost your employability.

I'm already employed, can I take a Skills Bootcamp?

Most Skills Bootcamps are available whilst you're in employment so you can develop skills to help you get into a new team or role. It's worth asking your employer about participating in a Skills Bootcamp. They will be able to help you decide if it's something that could benefit you in work and if they would be happy for you to study alongside your job.

Will the skills help me get ahead in work?

The skills you learn on a Skills Bootcamp could help you advance in your current profession. If you joined a company without a lot of experience, but you're keen to input more and progress, then a Skills Bootcamp could boost your understanding and ability. It will also show your employer that you are enthusiastic about getting ahead and contributing to the company.

How can I get started?

Visit [gov.uk/free-courses-for-jobs](https://www.gov.uk/free-courses-for-jobs) to find out if a Skills Bootcamp could fast-track you to a better job.

If you would like help choosing a course or advice on your job options, get in touch via webchat at nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us or by phone on 0800 100 900.



Northumbria Healthcare Sciences Work Experience

August 2, 2021

Springpod 

When is it?

This programme will start on 2nd August, 2021.

When is the deadline?

The deadline for applications is 27th July, and applicants will hear back regarding their application on 28th July.

Am I eligible?

All students aged 14-18 are welcome to apply.

What's involved

Live workshops with employers: You'll meet professionals in live workshops and be able to ask them questions.

Work and assignments

You'll complete activities and work assignments to develop skills and knowledge.

Fits into your schedule

Complete all work and assignments at times that are suitable to you.

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Welcome to Youth Card

One free app, endless life-changing opportunities for young people in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Brought to you by Speakers for Schools and co-led by leading charity partners; UK Youth and Young Enterprise.



Putting power into young people's hands

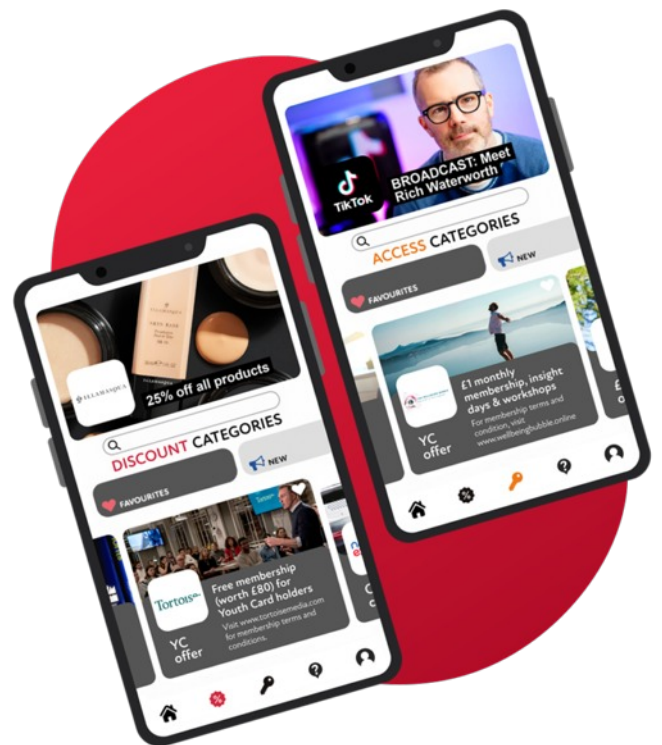
Imagine how much better life could be if young people could do more to help themselves. More to improve their own employment prospects, more to expand their horizons and more to help them kickstart their own careers.

Sounds good, right? And that's exactly what Youth Card does.

What is Youth Card?

Youth Card is a free mobile app that acts as a one-stop shop for amazing opportunities and has been designed specially to benefit young people aged 11-25 who live in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

By downloading the free app, young people gain instant access to thousands of opportunities in their local community and beyond. No strings attached.



Who's behind Youth Card?

Youth Card is the result of a one-of-a-kind collaboration between educational equality charity Speakers for Schools alongside youth charities UK Youth, Young Enterprise, Young Scot and the European Youth Card Association.

Our shared aim is to provide a safe and fully scalable way to help level the playing field for all young people aged 11-25, so that geographical location and economic background are no longer barriers to success.

Successful versions of Youth Card already exist in Scotland and throughout Europe. By becoming a Youth Card holder, young people will join a network of over 7 million young people from over 40 countries throughout the UK and Europe.

WHAT IS YOUTH CARD?

Youth Card is a free mobile app that provides a one-stop shop for 11-25-year-olds for self-led discovery of educational, career and personal development opportunities in a safe environment.



Youth Card is uniquely placed to help students by offering:

- Free access to UK-wide work experience placements and workshops with leading employers, including: Spotify, Bentley Motors, bp, Google, NHS, Virgin Atlantic, The Financial Times, Santander and the BBC.
- Free access to UK-wide financial and enterprise programmes.
- Free access to a UK-wide network of 7,000 youth organisations.
- Free access to inspiring podcasts, broadcasts and short films by heads of industry and high-profile speakers like:
 - Nick Ross (TV broadcaster)
 - Rich Waterworth (GM of TikTok)
 - Shai Weiss (CEO of Virgin Atlantic Airways)
 - Gareth Southgate (England football manager)
 - Roger Federer (professional tennis player)
 - Dame Kelly Holmes (former Olympic athlete)
- Free access to a wide range of youth-friendly discounted services in the UK and Europe.



We aim to improve the social mobility of 1 million young people through Youth Card by August 2022-2023.

DOWNLOAD THE YOUTH CARD APP TODAY!

To find out more about Youth Card, visit www.youthcard.org





Important update
from Medic Mentors
for any aspiring
medics...

MEDIC MENTOR



YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

Although directed at college leavers, much of this is useful information for students in Y9, 10 and 11 who plan to follow medical careers.

It has come to our attention that a lot of students have NOT been diversifying their experiences as much as they need to for their applications to medical school this year.

Whilst nearly all of our students have been laying a strong foundation with the free Medic Mentor virtual work experience programme, they have neglected to explore allied healthcare careers. The Medical Schools Council have issued some important guidance on this in their 'Understanding Medicine' info sheet, where it says:

'You should also build your knowledge of medicine by talking to people involved in healthcare or undertaking research. Practising healthcare professionals, such as nurses or healthcare assistants, and current medical students can give invaluable insight into life as a doctor. Speak to people who are involved in health across a range of setting such as the community, in laboratories, hospitals and hospices. Understand and think about the differences, and how these different settings change the delivery of healthcare' - The Medical Schools Council

We feel that this is especially important for interviews this year, based on the sorts of questions that started to evolve from last year's medical school interviews. So we are strongly encouraging students to get some experience within allied healthcare careers. This may be a challenge during the pandemic but here are some useful suggestions.

Speak to friends and/or family members who work in healthcare settings (who are not doctors) and ask them about their work.

You can also consider getting involved in the Allied Healthcare Work Experience Programme here: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

There is a small cost for this programme (£10 for a day), but it is virtual, safe and provides a range of insights into a variety of healthcare careers. Some very keen students may wish to complete all 6 sessions, if they have the time. Each session is completely different and follows different patient journeys in a range of settings from the hospital to the community, so it gives them the chance to tailor the programme to their time commitments. Please note that the next **Allied Healthcare WEX** is on the **8th August**, so if you are considering this programme, you must enrol within the next week and a half or you can wait until September for the next WEX date.

If you do not have the time or opportunity to see healthcare professionals in action, you can also conduct some wider reading on different healthcare careers on the NHS Careers website here: <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk>

Please ensure that students have taken steps to gain a 'well-rounded' experience this summer because it will strengthen their application to medical school, rather than undertaking more and more medical work experience.



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Licence to drive

After finishing school, Josh Brough decided he wanted to earn and learn at the same time. He took an apprenticeship with Siemens and now works on the electronic and electrical devices that help drive rollercoasters!



When he left school, Josh Brough decided he wanted to earn and learn at the same time. This led him to an apprenticeship with a well-known global company with more employees than there are people living in the Bahamas!

Josh is a problem solving electrical engineer and he helps his team produce variable speed drives.

These keep all sorts of important machines moving at the right speed, from rollercoasters to the Twin Towers Memorial Fountain in New York.

We quizzed Josh on how he got onto this apprenticeship and what he enjoys about it.

What first got you interested and involved in engineering?

Many of my family members are plumbers, electricians or engineers, so from a young age I was interested in these types of jobs. When I was at school I spoke to my technology teacher. He used to be an engineer and he suggested that I would be suited to a job in engineering with my skills.

Where do you work?

I work at Siemens Congleton where we produce different types of Variable Speed Drives. These are used to move an object at a set speed, no matter the weight. For example, moving a rollercoaster at the same speed no matter how many people are on the ride.

Another example of a variable speed drive is the Twin Towers Memorial Fountain, which now operates in the area where the Twin Towers used to sit. The pumps are driven by Variable Speed Drives made in Congleton.

Tell us about your job at Siemens

My job requires me to design and implement solutions to help solve issues on our factory shop floor. This can be anything from programming sensors to designing and building small tools that we need through Computer Aided Design. My job will change every day, the one thing that remains constant is that I will review any failure data from the previous day to help determine what issues I should be focusing on that day. By doing this it helps me plan my work to give the best possible aid to my colleagues.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I most enjoy the problem solving side of the job and the ability to design a custom solution, complete the installation and then reflect on my work. I'm always attempting to improve the quality of work I do.

How did you get into this job?

I finished school after completing my GCSEs and when I left school I decided to give my details to a company called Connexions. Through them I was contacted frequently regarding potential apprenticeships for me, and when the opportunity to work for a major company like Siemens became available, I jumped at the chance!

Through the Siemens apprenticeship I then completed a BTEC National Diploma in Electrical/ Electronic Engineering where I studied maths, business studies, Programmable Logic Controllers and electronics. I also undertook an engineering project. I am now completing my final year of the Foundation Degree in Electrical Engineering.

What subjects did you find useful at school?

Graphic design is helpful when I am required to draw models for potential engineering solutions. Technology classes were also a great chance to get used to using the basic tools (which I now use day in and day out) such as screwdrivers and files.

How did you find an apprenticeship useful?

The apprenticeship scheme has always been the ideal route for me. When I finished my school education I was keen to begin earning money, but at the same time I wanted to further my education. An apprenticeship offered me the best of both worlds.

An apprenticeship is a great way to gain on-the-job experience whilst learning at college. By doing an apprenticeship you have the chance to apply the techniques and skills you've learnt at college or university to work.

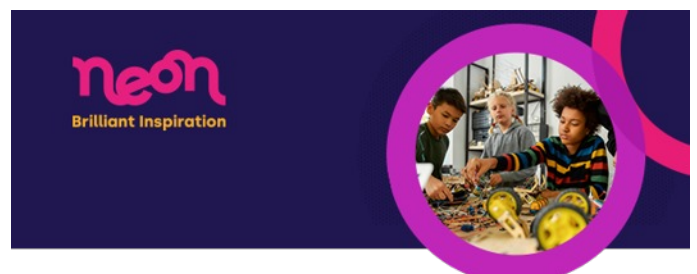
What personal qualities are important for being an engineer?

Good communication skills are very important. An engineer should be able to gather the required information from people they're working with. A good strategic approach to problem finding is important too.

As an engineer gains experience, they will begin to discover what solutions are available and apply their engineering techniques to solve the issues at hand.

If you could go back in time and invent anything from the history of engineering, what would it be?

For me, one of the greatest feats of engineering was the Concorde aircraft. It was something that smashed the boundaries of what we thought possible - I would have loved to be a part of that.



BE IN CONTROL... of your career

RESULTS WEEK 2021

COME AND TALK TO US:

- about your options
- to confirm your grades
- to discuss your next steps

Don't worry if you've not achieved the grades you were hoping for, come and speak to us for one-to-one support

10th & 12th August | 12-4pm

visit www.training2000.co.uk/virtual to register

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Apprenticeships



Traineeships

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Attention Year 11 - Training 2000 are holding virtual Open Days during Results Week, on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th August from 12 - 4pm

Tutors will be on hand to talk to anybody that may need a little advice and guidance with regards to apprenticeships and how they work, the courses that T200 offer or just general queries.



Apprenticeships currently available this week



- Level 3 **Apprentice Agricultural Technician** at Cornthwaite Agricultural Ltd. - VAC001623006
- Level 3 **Motor Vehicle Mechanic Apprentice** at Parkside Direct Ltd. - VAC001724933
- Level 3 **Office Support Administrator** at The CBS Office Group Ltd. - VAC001738121
- Level 2 **Hospitality Apprentice** at Tiny Teacups Play Cafe - VAC1000015858
- Level 2 **Childcare Apprentice** at Emma Appleton Childminding - VAC001735591
- Level 2 **Apprentice Nursery Practitioner** at Dowry House Nursery School - VAC001686768 (x 2 vacancies)
- Level 2 **Apprentice Early Years Practitioner** at Rainbow Day Nursery, Croston - VAC001716882
- Level 2 **Apprentice Furniture Manufacturer** at Gemini Kitchens Ltd. - VAC001743127 (x 2 vacancies)
- Level 2 **Hairdressing Apprentice** at Revitalize - VAC001722941

All the above are available at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Preston's College

Level 2 **Groundworker Apprentice** at ECK Civil Engineering Ltd. (see website for details)

<https://www.preston.ac.uk/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-vacancies/>

Runshaw College

Level 2 **Apprentice Early Years Practitioner** at Rainbows Day Nursery, Leyland - Ref: CC23

Level 3 **Apprentice Receptionist** at Cardinal Newman College, Preston - Ref: BA29

Level 3 **Digital Marketing Apprenticeship** at Suzy Wong Creations, Chorley - Ref: DM03

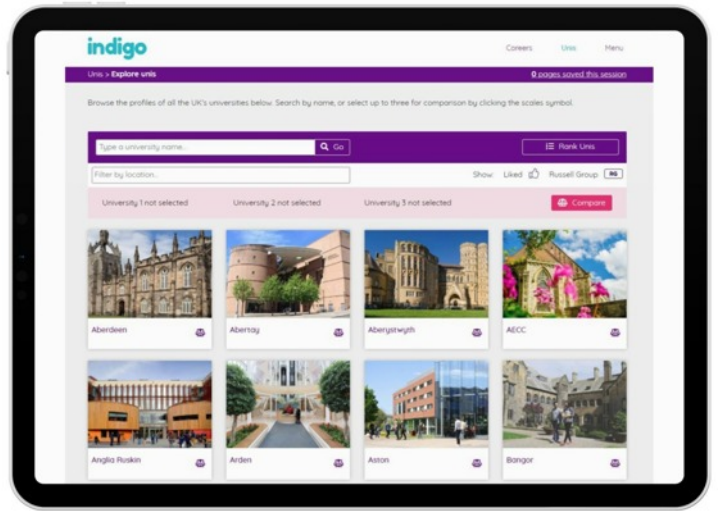
<https://www.runshaw.ac.uk/study-at-runshaw/apprenticeships/>

Don't forget you will need a CV - if you need any support with this - email Miss Berry

If you haven't yet logged into Indigo, then why not do so this weekend?

It's an easy to navigate website that showcases hundreds of different careers, with videos and case studies, as well as showing the top employers, whether a job is in high demand, what sort of salary you could expect and much much more.

There is the option to explore universities all over the country: what kinds of courses they offer, what students think of them and the qualifications you might need to take a certain degree.



If you have lost or forgotten your Indigo username or you'd like to log in for the first time, email Miss Berry for a reminder. You can use Indigo on a PC, tablet or phone, at school or at home. Check it out!

<https://indigo.trotman.co.uk/default/>

CAREER of the WEEK



Summer Jobs

While the summer months are usually synonymous with free time and fun, consider putting the break from studying to good use. Summer jobs are a great way to build up your finances and can have a positive effect on your career in the long run.



<https://careeroftheweek.wordpress.com/>