

# CAREER News



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

Welcome to the first edition of Career News for the new academic year. This is a weekly newsletter, highlighting dates for college open events, labour market information that shows the jobs that are in demand (and will be in the future), helpful hints and advice, blogs, competitions, links to useful videos and websites, work experience and volunteering opportunities, apprenticeship updates and vacancies - and lots more for everyone from Year 7 to 11 - and beyond!



We will shortly introduce the Year 7s to our careers programme, so that they can start to explore jobs and careers - and the pathways that lead to these careers - so by the time they leave school, they have a wealth of knowledge about the possibilities open to them.

It is really important that the Year 11s try to attend as many open events at colleges as they can - each one offers different options and what suits one person may not suit another. Even if someone is intending to take up an apprenticeship, they need to have a full time college course in place as a back-up. In the next few weeks, Year 11s will hear from all the local colleges and training providers, either in assembly slots or during their Elevate sessions.

Year 10s will hopefully get to take part in a work experience programme during the summer - however, it is never too soon to start thinking about the type of job they would like to experience. Using Indigo, answer the questions and narrow down the list of possibilities, then start to search for local companies who may offer this type of job. If they leave it too late, other schools may have the same WEX week and get in first!

The date for our annual Careers Fair is Friday 11th March 2022. If any parents/carers would like to showcase their company/career/business at this event, please get in touch. There are usually over 60 exhibitors (colleges, universities, training and apprenticeship providers and employers) and all of Year 9, 10 and 11 attend. It is a brilliant way for students to see the vast range of opportunities and talk to inspirational people.

Email: [pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk) if you would like to be involved in any way.

Finally, if there is anything you would like to see covered in a future issue of Career News, then please let me know. If you would like children to know more about your particular industry, drop me a line. 'You can't be what you can't see' - if children are exposed to lots of diverse careers, they are likely to make a more informed and satisfying choice in the future.

**Have a great week!**

13 - 17 September 2021

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TO JOIN!**

# JOIN OUR FREE PROGRAMME!

Don't know what to do when you leave school/college? Or maybe you do, but you want to make sure you stand out when applying. Pathway CTM are here to help you with your next steps! Sign up to our FREE programme and kickstart your future!

Be the first to hear about upcoming virtual **WORK EXPERIENCE DAYS** with awesome brands

Online events with employers speaking to you directly about what they do, upcoming job and apprenticeship opportunities they have available, and how to stand out when applying!

1-2-1 support with your applications when applying for jobs and apprenticeships

Learn more about all the different options you have available to you once you leave school/college

Sign up [HERE](#) or scan our QR code below!

Here's just a few of the brands we partner with!



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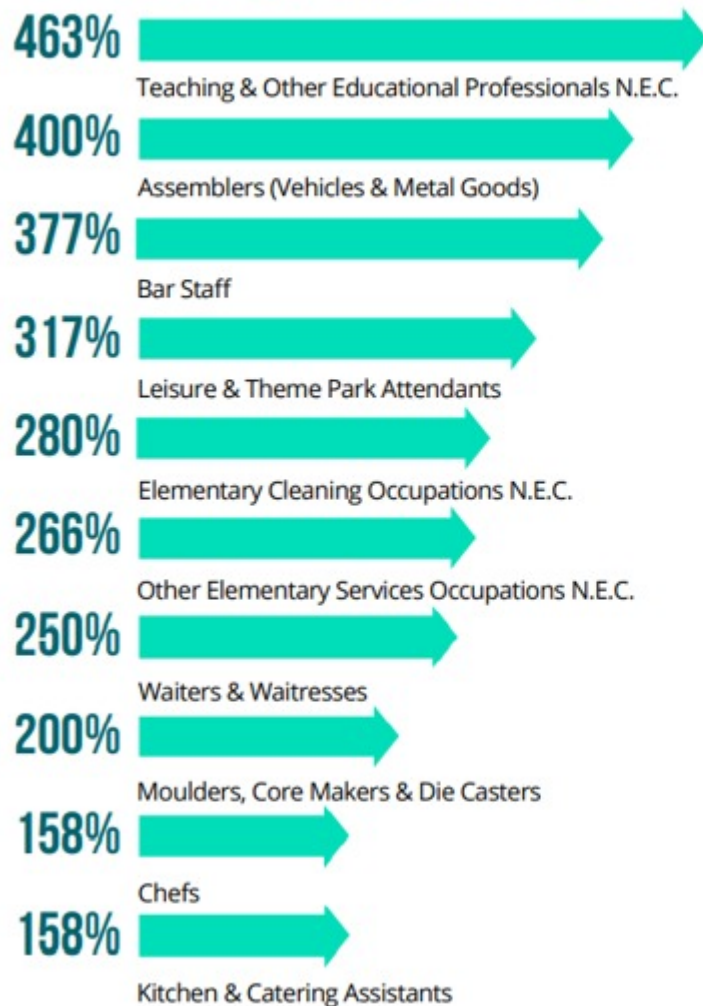
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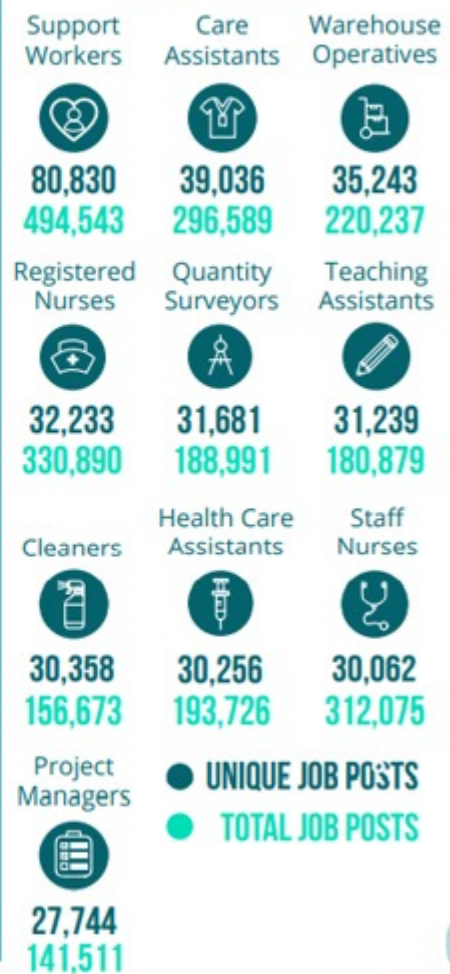




## TOP 10 FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS



## TOP 10 MOST POSTED JOB TITLES



## Job postings in Liverpool and Manchester according to EMSI

The chart above shows the national picture - according to EMSI - with regards to the fastest growing occupations and the 10 most posted job titles.

Liverpool has experienced a 12% increase in unique job postings between January and June 2021. In January Liverpool was advertising 19,020 unique job postings and by June this had increased to 21,260. Liverpool advertised a total of 50,950 unique job postings throughout this time.

The Top 10 posted job titles in Liverpool (with the number of postings in brackets) were Support workers (516), Solicitors (448), Teaching assistants (299), Recruitment consultants (283), Staff nurses (258), Health care assistants (253), Cleaners (213), Quantity Surveyors (209) and Business development managers (196)

Manchester has seen an 18% increase in unique job postings since January 2021, increasing to 68,744, from 58,622 by June 2021. Manchester advertised a total of 159,597 unique job postings between January and June 2021.

The Top 10 posted job titles in Manchester were Solicitors (1,552), Recruitment consultants (1,049), Quantity surveyors (1,049), Business development managers (995), Project managers (830), Support workers (789), Account managers (581), Building surveyors (511), Lawyers (469) and PHP developers (459)

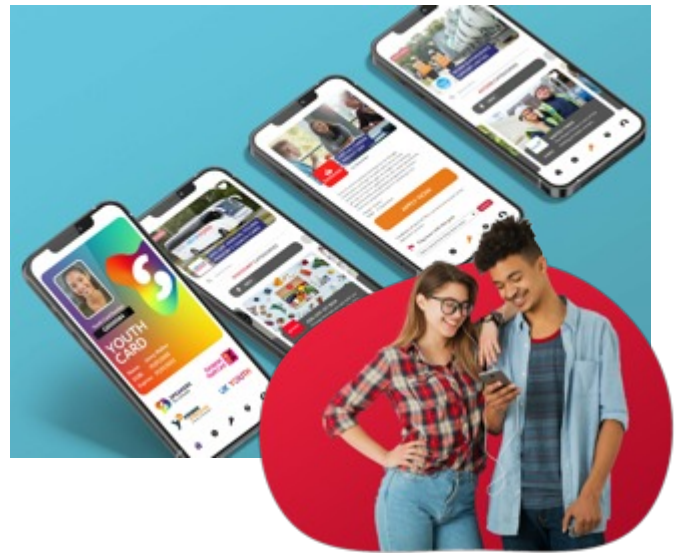
[Read more here](#)

## Over 15,000 Youth Card downloads!

We're over the moon that Youth Card, our latest support programme for young people, has racked up over 15,000 downloads since its national release in early July. We're determined to support 1 million young people by the end of 2022-2023.

From free work experience with big-name employers like Tesco, the NHS, L'Oréal, the RAF and Santander to local youth clubs and exclusive discounts on youth-friendly brands, there are lots of ways your students can help themselves through Youth Card.

So make sure you download Youth Card to access meaningful educational, personal and career-preparing resources from Google Play or App Store.



## Joyce speaks up for young people on the BBC news

Our charity's mission to raise career ambitions and make high-quality work experience accessible to students in state schools and colleges has never been more crucial.

We were delighted to see Joyce, one of the young people we have recently supported, take centre stage alongside musician Nile Rodgers in a recent BBC national news story on the importance of opening up opportunities for young people.



## Placements your students won't want to miss...

Our Experience team have been busy lining up more fantastic opportunities for your students this academic year and here is just a small selection of those on offer.

Fly high with a career in the RAF. Find out more about the 23 apprenticeships available through one of three Insight Days in October.

- RAF Insight Day 1 - 11 October 2021
- RAF Insight Day 2 - 12 October 2021
- RAF Insight Day 3 - 13 October 2021

We will continue to offer a wide range of online work experience placements this term. More in-person placements will be introduced as soon as this becomes possible.

Please keep [checking our portal](#) to see the latest placements on offer and apply now to avoid missing out!

Following successful pilot schemes held last spring, we have over 30 leading employers offering UK-wide work experience placements for young people with SEND/ASN/ALN. Employers taking part include Morgan Sindall Construction, the Financial Times, Cambridge University Press, University of Law and United Utilities.

We expect demand for places to be high, so we'd advise you to act quickly to avoid disappointment.

You can also tune in to one of our Access All Areas broadcasts taking place throughout October. Speakers taking part include:

- Jessica Taylor-Bearman (Author, Artist, Blogger)
- Robert Wainwright (CEO, WWA Consultants & Former Chair, POhWER)
- Paul Maynard (MP, Blackpool North and Cleveleys)



For more information on the dates and details of these upcoming broadcasts, please email: [inspiration@speakersforschools.org](mailto:inspiration@speakersforschools.org)



# SCHOOL LEAVERS

## HOW COULD AN APPRENTICESHIP BENEFIT YOU?



**EARN A REAL WAGE**



**GET A RECOGNISED  
QUALIFICATION**



**SET YOURSELF UP FOR THE  
FUTURE**

## WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

An apprenticeship is a genuine job and under all circumstances an apprentice will be employed from day one. Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study.

An apprentice will:

- work alongside experienced staff
- gain job-specific skills
- earn a wage and get holiday pay
- be given time for study related to their role (the equivalent of one day a week)

**Tel: 01257 449181**

**Email: [info@nemaltd.org](mailto:info@nemaltd.org)**

**Web: [www.nemaltd.org](http://www.nemaltd.org)**



## APPRENTICESHIPS WE OFFER:

- Business Administrator Level 3
- HR Support Level 3
- HR Consultant & Partner Level 5
- Customer Service Practitioner Level 2
- Customer Service Specialist Level 3
- Learning Mentor Level 3
- Assessor or Coach Level 4
- Team Leader & Supervisor Level 3
- Operations and Departmental Manager Level 5

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**Don't see anything you like? Send us an email with your suggestion and we'll see what we can do!**

## REGISTER YOUR INTEREST:



Choose a course that interests you



Email us with your details and course of interest



Sit back and we'll find you an employer!

## WHAT CAN YOU EARN?

The National Minimum Wage (NMW) for apprentices is £4.30 per hour (from April 2021). The apprentice NMW applies to apprentices aged under 19 or aged 19 and over, in their first year of their apprenticeship. Apprentices aged 19 or over and not in their first year are entitled to NMW for their age. This is the legal minimum pay per hour, most receive more but this is up to your employer.





50 of the biggest  
sustainability questions,

answered!

[#ThisIsFutureLearning](#)

## 50 Most-Asked Sustainability Questions, Answered!

*Everything you ever needed to know about sustainability*

The amount of information about sustainability online can be overwhelming. We're here to break it down for you, helping you to start or continue your sustainable living journey armed with all the right information. From food and fashion to construction and careers, we've answered 50 of the biggest sustainability questions.

[Read the article here](#)



### This is Future Learning

Learn 100% online with world class universities and industry experts. Develop hobbies, new skills and career-changing expertise with our flexible courses.



Expert teaching delivered by world-class universities and organisations

[Explore courses here](#)

# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

## BUSINESS, ACCOUNTING & FINANCE EVENING

14TH SEPTEMBER, 5PM - 7PM



MORE COMPANIES TO BE ANNOUNCED

Are you interested in business, accounting, or finance? Do you want to work with some of the biggest employers in the world? If so, then look no further as we have an incredible 'Business, Accounting & Finance Evening' coming up on Tuesday 14th September and you can register now for your place!

This packed evening will provide students with a phenomenal opportunity to hear about the latest work experience and apprenticeship opportunities from some of the biggest companies around the world, including PwC and HSBC! There will also be mini workshops and activities throughout the evening, as well as a certificate of completion at the end for all attendees.

This will be our first event back following the summer holidays and we have an amazing line up of clients who will be joining us also with some of their most senior business leaders!

**Event Details: Tuesday 14th September, 5pm - 7pm**

### **Business, Accounting & Finance Insight Evening**

- Hear from senior leaders and partners from Grant Thornton, PwC, CIMA, HSBC, St James's Place and others!
- Workshops and mini-insight sessions to the industry
- Opportunities to gain work experience over the school holidays
- Certificate awarded after the event

If you'd like to apply to this event, please click on the registration link below.

[Click here for Registration Link](#)





## Are there any budding artists at Parklands?



We're inviting children and young people aged 16 and under to take part in a special competition to design festive additions to our range of e-cards. The cards will be sold on the charity platform *Don't Send Me A Card*, helping to raise funds and awareness of our work with bereaved families.

The competition is open to children and young people in the age groups 5 and under, 6-10 years, and 11-16 years. Each winner will receive a £25 Amazon voucher and one winner will be selected at random to receive a tailored training package from us for their school.

*We can't wait to see all your creative ideas!*

For more information on taking part, visit:

[www.childbereavementuk.org/design-a-christmas-card](http://www.childbereavementuk.org/design-a-christmas-card)

**PRESTON**  
COLLEGE

As you may be aware, Preston's College has now reverted back to the original title of Preston College.

There are a series of college events/open days coming up - hopefully all on-site this academic year. Keep an eye out for postcards coming soon.

For now, put these dates in your diary ...

- **Wednesday 6th October 2021 4-7pm**
- **Saturday 6th November 2021 10am-2pm**
- **Wednesday 9th March 2022 4-7pm**

Year 10 and 11 should try to attend as many open events as possible, so they can make an informed choice post-16.



## Virtual apprenticeship events

AUTUMN 2021

*Choose from various virtual sessions, which are all free to attend!*



**Accountancy insight session**

**5th October 2021, 6pm**

Global accountancy firm, MHA MacIntyre Hudson, is hosting a virtual insight evening! Find out more about this forward-thinking and dynamic, top 12 independent accountancy firm and their school leaver and graduate programmes.

**[REGISTER](#)**

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# ATKINS

Member of the SNC-Lavalin Group

**Engineering Consultancy insight session**

**3rd November 2021, 4.30pm**

Atkins, a member of the SNC-Lavalin Group, is a leading global consultancy with over 80 years' design and engineering expertise. You'll get the opportunity to find out more about apprenticeship opportunities with one of the largest global engineering and project management consultancies, and how you can make a difference to people's lives all around the world.

**[REGISTER](#)**

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# Rolls-Royce®

**What are Degree Apprenticeships?**

**11th November 2021, 4.30pm**

Come and find out about degree apprenticeships at Rolls-Royce. We will have degree apprentices who can talk about their degrees and can answer questions.

**[REGISTER](#)**





## Apprenticeship Opportunity

One Sweet Day bakery in Chorley, are looking for an enthusiastic reliable person of 16yrs and over to join their team. The hours are 35-37 per week, Monday - Friday.

Telephone:  
Annalise Cottrell on 01257 469358

Sadly, Year 11s are too young to apply currently, but if anyone has older brothers or sisters who may be interested, please let them know about this great vacancy!

# CAREER *of the* WEEK

## Reiki Healer

The term “reiki” comes from the Japanese words “rei,” meaning universal, and “ki,” which means vital life force energy that flows through all living things. Some practitioners describe reiki as acupuncture without the needles.

Reiki is a complementary health approach in which practitioners place their hands on or just above different areas of the body. It's based on an Eastern medicine belief that living beings have energy fields that support their health and vitality

Energy blocks, on the other hand, impede innate flow of energy, causing not only health problems, but also negative life circumstances like financial troubles or relationship problems, according to belief. Energy blocks of any living being can be treated, according to belief, which is why some practitioners also work on animals and plants. Reiki practitioners focus on sensing energy blocks and moving the energy for the greatest good of the client.



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



## New 2021/22 STEM and parents' guides coming soon!

We are delighted to announce that our brand new 2021/22 edition STEM and Parents' Guides will be released digitally on 8th of September. Both guides will be available for schools and parents to access FREE. Just sign up to our mailing list to receive your copies.

**Parents can sign up here:** To access the guides, parents and carers just need to sign up to our special parents' mailing list. Here's the link to a special sign-up form explaining the guides:

<https://mailchi.mp/successatschool/parents-careers-guides>

## What can you expect?

### Parents' guide:

This year's Parents' Guide will be our second edition, and has a skills specific theme. This guide has been designed to help parents support their children in making informed decisions about their future, and develop the correct skills to help them succeed. Parents will benefit from content on topics including:

- Pathways into work, including T-levels, apprenticeships and university
- The importance of employability skills
- The value of work experience placements
- Student finance and choosing student accommodation
- Careers advice do's and don'ts
- 24-day "skills workout" exercises to complete at home, designed to help young people actively develop eight key employability skills
- PLUS interviews and guest content from organisations including PwC, University of Bath, Sky, Institute of Student Employers, Staffordshire University and many more.

### STEM guide:

This year's STEM Guide explores the full range of secondary and A-level STEM subjects, to help young people to understand more about careers in the STEM field. This comprehensive guide has been designed to showcase just how creative, exciting and rewarding a career in STEM can be. Students will benefit from content including:

- 10 detailed subject pages, each detailing career paths these can lead to and the qualifications needed to get there
- Pathways into STEM, covering T-levels, apprenticeships and university
- STEM in its real world applications looking at innovations STEM has helped us create through history and how it can benefit us in the future
- Case studies and interviews from organisations including TFL, Sky, Royal Horticultural Society and many more





Our Advice Morning dates for the Preston and Witton Park campuses are below, as well as some Virtual Advice Evenings in between:

- **Saturday 2nd October** - Course Advice Morning - On Campus (10.00am - 12.30pm)
- **Tuesday 12th October** - Virtual Course Advice Evening - Online (7pm till 8pm)
- **Saturday 6th November** - Course Advice Morning - On Campus (10.00am - 12.30pm)
- **Tuesday 16th November** - Virtual Course Advice Evening - Online (7pm till 8pm)
- **Saturday 4th December** - Course Advice Morning - On Campus (10.00am - 12.30pm)
- **Saturday 5th February** - Course Advice Morning - On Campus (10.00am - 12.30pm)
- **Saturday 26th March** - Course Advice Morning - On Campus (10.00am - 12.30pm)
- **Saturday 23rd April** - Course Advice Morning - On Campus (10.00am - 12.30pm)

As we may still need to manage numbers, depending on Covid restrictions etc., please register beforehand using the link below:

<https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/schools-liaison/open-mornings-and-events/>



*If you don't know what Myerscough offer, then these events are the ideal way to find out more!*





## Norland - Open day - Saturday 2nd October 2021

We're absolutely thrilled to welcome students and their families back to Norland at our next open day which will be held on Saturday 2nd October 2021.

Our staff and students can't wait to speak to prospective students face to face and tell them all about what makes Norland such a special place and what being part of the Norland family is really like. We know how important it is to students to have the opportunity to visit our campus and get a feel for what it would be like to study at Norland. We hope to see your students there!

[If you want to attend our virtual open event \(Zoom\) on November 6th, follow this link](#)

Our next virtual open event takes place on Saturday 6 November 2021, 10am-12pm. This event offers a fantastic opportunity to find out more about Norland and to ask your all-important questions from the comfort of your sofa.

The event will include a comprehensive overview with our Discover Norland presentation led by Dr Janet Rose, Principal and Mandy Donaldson, Vice Principal who will be joined by other members of staff and students to provide their insight into studying our award-winning BA (Hons) Early Years Development and Learning degree and Norland diploma integrated course.

Following the presentation, our staff and student panel will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about studying our award-winning degree and diploma, the incredible career opportunities and lifelong support our world-famous graduates enjoy, the admissions process, and living and studying in Bath - a UNESCO world heritage site and the only English destination named in Time Magazine's top places to live in the world.

"It was kind of like going to Disneyland as a child!" Watch the Norland video here for more information: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NNb7iXF\\_7U&t=287s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NNb7iXF_7U&t=287s) Holly discusses the importance of attending an open day when she was studying her Level 3 course and making the decision to choose Norland.

### Newly Qualified Nanny (NQN) year

One of the most unique parts of Norland's course is its NQN year when students complete a year-long, fully-paid probationary nanny position with a family that we find for them. During this year, they're continually supported by the dedicated NQN team. Throughout their probationary year, three NQNs will be writing diaries about their experiences. In their first piece, they introduce themselves and discuss their final term at Norland undertaking their employment weeks. [Read blog](#)





Provisional dates for Bolton College school leaver open evenings:

- Tuesday 19th October
- Wednesday 17th November
- Thursday 9th December
- Tuesday 18th January 22

5:00pm - 8:00pm



There is also a virtual open event: [www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/virtual-open](http://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/virtual-open)



Open events at Blackburn College:

Wednesday 6th October 4.30pm - 8pm

Tuesday 19th October 4.30pm - 8pm

Saturday 20th November 10am - 1pm

Tuesday 8th February 4.30pm - 8pm

Thursday 16th June 4.30pm - 8pm

(Ideal for Year 10's)

