

CAREER News



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

Hello again and welcome to the second issue of Career News for this academic year.



As always, lots of useful information inside, plus dates of open evenings, advice on apprenticeships, virtual work experience opportunities and job vacancies, plus Career of the Week with a difference (you can check this out on the school website).



Medic Mentor are again offering their fantastic **FREE** virtual work experience opportunities for Year 10s. A number of students took part last year and really enjoyed it. It looks fantastic on college applications and CVs, and is vital for anyone who is considering a career in a medical, dental or veterinary field. Follow the links on the article or email Miss Berry (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk) for more details on how to get involved.

If you are interested in environmental issues, then there is a fantastic offer for you coming soon. I need a team of keen Year 8s or 9s to take part in a Bronze Industrial Cadet Challenge with a local employer. There will be further information to follow - keep an eye on the bulletin.

Have a great weekend - and if you have any questions or comments, please get in touch!



20 - 24 September 2021

WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

8 key facts you need to know

1

An apprenticeship is a real job

Available to individuals aged 16+ (with no upper age limit), apprentices are typically employed for at least 30 hours per week.

2

Apprentices are paid a salary

All apprentices will earn a salary of at least the National Minimum Wage for apprentices which is currently £4.30* per hour. Many employers pay more!

3

Apprenticeships last a minimum of 12 months

Most apprenticeships take between 1 - 4 years to complete. It will depend on the level and delivery model of the apprenticeship.

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Apprenticeships range from level 2 to level 7

There are apprenticeships at levels equivalent to GCSEs right up to Master's level and you can now achieve a degree through an apprenticeship.

5

Apprentices do not pay for their training

All apprenticeship costs are paid for by the employer and/or the government meaning that an apprentice will never have to pay for their training.

6

Apprentices will receive 20% off-the-job learning

20% of an apprentice's paid time will be spent undertaking off-the-job learning, gaining valuable skills and qualifications.

7

Apprentices will spend 80% of their time on-the-job

80% of an apprentice's paid time will be spent on-the-job, working with colleagues to learn new skills and gain experience of the workplace.

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There are thousands of apprenticeships in more than 170 industries

New apprenticeships are advertised each week covering a wide range of job roles. You will be amazed at the variety and breadth available!

*The National Minimum Wage for apprentices is reviewed each April.



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FOR AGES
12-18

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STUDENTS FROM
100+
COUNTRIES HAVE
ATTENDED AN INVESTIN
EXPERIENCE

4.9/5
TAKEN FROM 1200+
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Autumn Term Career Experiences

Ages 12-18 | In-person in 5 UK cities or live online | 28 Careers

We are delighted to announce the launch of our [autumn term career experience programmes](#), which students can register for now.

Our programmes empower students aged 12-18 to take charge of their futures through live, interactive and hands-on sessions with top professionals. Students can choose from 28 careers and attend either in-person across 5 UK cities or live online.

We expect to be fully-booked for our Young Doctor, Engineer, Lawyer, Investment Banker, Software Engineer and Psychologist programmes by 30th September.

Places are highly limited so make sure you register now!

[View Programmes & Register Now](#)

Experience Your Dream Career Now

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"INCREIBLE"
"ENLIGHTENING"
"INFORMATIVE"

★★★★★
"PHENOMENAL
FROM START TO
FINISH"

★★★★★
"INVALUABLE"
"INSPIRING"
"EDUCATIONAL"

THE NATIONAL
APPRENTICESHIP
SHOW
NORTH 17 NOV
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Virtual National Apprenticeship Show - North 17th November 2021

Registration is now open for the virtual National Apprenticeship Show - North. This educational event highlights Apprenticeship opportunities and offers information from your region's top employers and training providers!

Your students can register for this event for FREE and participate from the comfort of home. They will need to register individually to get the most out of the event.

Register today!

Benefits of visiting:

- Free downloadable resources including video content, PDFs, and infographics
- Apply for Apprenticeship vacancies
- Have LIVE 1-2-1 conversations with employers and training providers in your region
- Watch LIVE and pre-recorded interactive workshops alongside LIVE Q&A

Just a few of the employers taking part...



78% of students that received their results... are interested in starting an apprenticeship (UCAS, 2021)

Virtual National Apprenticeship Show

17th November

11am - 6pm

[Register today](#)

The Careers teams across Lancashire and South Cumbria have been working closely on creating an employability platform aimed to inform and inspire NHS careers within the local communities across our patch.

There are 5 Hospital Trusts that have been involved in the creation of this resource -

- Lancashire Teaching Hospitals
- University Hospital of Morecambe Bay
- Blackpool Teaching Hospital
- East Lancashire Teaching Hospital
- Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Trust

Here are the links to access: www.NHScareersnw.co.uk or www.NHScareersnw.com

We will be running various employability programmes through this platform and there is information provided surrounding all types of jobs, work experience, volunteering and vacancies concerned with the Trusts involved.



There is a **5 week employability programme** starting on **Monday 20th September**, so if you are interested please sign up now! Any interested students/candidates will need to make a profile on the platform and then sign up to the programme.

The below link will lead you directly to the page and will provide additional information surrounding this event.

[Boosting Your Employability: The Ultimate Employment programme - NHS ICS - System \(nhscareersnw.co.uk\)](http://nhscareersnw.co.uk)

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RUNSHAW COLLEGE

OPEN EVENTS

to be held at our **Leyland** Campus

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Saturday **25 September** 10.00 - 2.00pm

Thursday **14 October** 3.30 - 7.30pm

Tuesday **23 November** 3.30 - 7.30pm



Your Future Starts Now!



Register now at www.runshaw.ac.uk/openevent or scan the **QR** code.

Please note that places are limited, so register in good time so as not to miss out!



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APPRENTICESHIP VACANCIES

Apprentice Metal Fabricator (Fabrication & Welding)

Engineering

Lyndhurst Precision Engineering Ltd

Chorley

Vacancy Ref: 0020S

Apprentice Engineering Fitter

Engineering

Lyndhurst Precision Engineering Ltd

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Vacancy Ref: 0020Z

CNC Machinist L3

Engineering

Alan Gordon Engineering Co Ltd

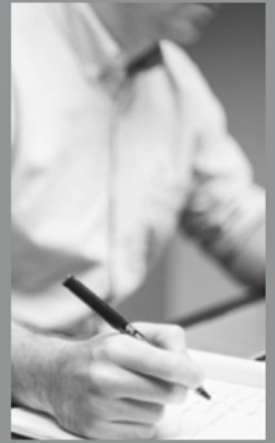
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TIPS FOR YOUR INTERVIEW
Research some history about the company. Plan your journey and make sure you wear something suitable for your interview.

ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS
You will work between 30-40 hours per week and spend 20% of your time training. You'll get paid a wage. This will vary depending on the company.

CONTACT INFORMATION
If you are interested in any of these apprenticeships please contact our recruitment team learnerrecruitment@t2000.co.uk



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CAREER *of the* WEEK



The best careers you've never heard of!

Rather than just one career this week - let's have a look at some unusual ones you may not have come across!

Thinking through your job options and want some inspiration? Here's our pick of the best off-the-beaten-path career choices.

When researching careers, it's natural to feel more comfortable with jobs that sound familiar and tangible (such as 'lawyer', 'journalist' and 'teacher') than ones that don't (like 'consultant' and 'actuary').

But if you don't chase up some unfamiliar choices, you might be missing out on exciting career options.

We've compiled a selection of ten great careers that most people have either never heard of or don't know what they actually entail, so you can easily expand your career-searching horizons.

Check out the link on the website now!



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



St John Rigby College

<http://www.sjr.ac.uk>



We are really excited to invite you to our 2021 Y11 Open Events. This is an ideal opportunity for you to visit the college, find out about our courses and meet our fantastic staff and students.

- **Thursday 30th September 2021 - 4:30pm-7:30pm**
- **Saturday 9th October 2021 - 10:00am-1:00pm**
- **Wednesday 20th October 2021 - 4:30pm-7:30pm**

St John Rigby College offers a wide range of courses for school leavers including A level, BTEC and prestigious T level qualifications. At our events you will have the opportunity to hear from our Principal Peter McGhee and his vision for your outstanding academic journey with us.

It is our plan that all of our events are face to face; to ensure your safety we ask that all visitors book their visit in advance using the link included in this email. Prior to the event we will send further details regarding your safe arrival, visit and how to make an application. By registering for our open events, you will also be amongst the first to know about subject tasters, college news and transition events!

[Open Event Booking - St John Rigby College \(sjr.ac.uk\)](http://www.sjr.ac.uk)

May we take this opportunity to wish you good luck in your journey from school pupil to college student. Over the coming months you will make choices that will shape your future. By visiting St John Rigby College and beginning your journey with us, you will see why students across Wigan, Leigh and Lancashire make SJR their first-choice college.



St John Rigby College is the Catholic Sixth Form presence in post-16 education in the Wigan and West Lancashire area. It is a co-educational open-access Sixth Form College which in 1972 became the first Roman Catholic Sixth Form College to be established in England. It takes its name from, and is dedicated to, the memory of a local man who was martyred at Southwark in 1600.

In April 2017 SJR was graded "Outstanding" by Ofsted and was named the Educate North Sixth Form College of the Year.

Virtual Work Experience Days

Last year some of our students participated in the [largest virtual work experience programme for aspiring medics, dentists and veterinary students](#). These programmes were used by 15,000 students in the last academic year, to help them make an informed decision about their careers.

It is also the largest widening access programme in the country, because it is free for any student from any background. The virtual work experience programme was a resounding success, and feedback from students and teachers has been overwhelmingly positive.

Health Education England have also acknowledged that virtual work experience programmes are an excellent adjunct to in-person work experience, and we believe that they are also valuable because of their accessibility to all. The Medical Schools will also be accepting virtual work experience as valuable insight opportunities as part of applications this year.

Applications for the free live virtual work experience programmes have now reopened for Year 10 students.



Free Live Virtual Work Experience Programmes for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine

Applications are now open for Academic Year 2021-2022 to participate in the UK's largest national virtual work experience programmes. These are ideal for any aspiring year 10 student considering a career in Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine.

You can apply online using a free application form for each programme:

Medicine: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

Dentistry: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/dental-live-virtual-work-experience/>

Veterinary Medicine: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/veterinary-virtual-live-work-experience/>

Each work experience day will take place online via a safe portal and live stream. These usually take place on a Saturday or Sunday each month. Students who complete the programme will be awarded with a certificate acknowledging the completion of their WEX, which they will be able to use to support their UCAS applications.

PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS AMAZING OPPORTUNITY - See Miss Berry (top office) for more details