

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

Welcome to this week's Career News. As always, lots of virtual work experience opportunities to get involved in, whether you are in Year 10 or 11.



More new apprenticeships on offer, as well as the June Parents' Pack from Amazing Apprenticeships, packed full of information and news. There's also a really helpful animation explaining what the End Point Assessment is (every apprenticeship finishes with an EPA, so it's worth checking what's involved now!)

There are various courses, societies, open events, conferences and internships in this week's issue - make sure you have a look and sign up.

Although it has been a very difficult couple of years, the employment situation is starting to look brighter in this region. However, certain careers are far more in-demand than others - worth checking before you choose your courses at college or university.

Runshaw are showcasing their end of year Art Exhibition, as well as a useful guide for Year 10s, with videos and information about the courses they offer.

There is also a new website to have a look at - The Gen. Imagine a place where young people across the UK could find all the support and opportunities they need to succeed. Where, at the click of a button, they can find local jobs, accommodation, funding, news, events, offers, career advice, placements, projects, internship, support and much more ... welcome to The Gen, brought to you by UK businesses who care about future generations! Click <u>here</u> to find out more.

The Gen is a national youth platform, populated with information, advice, support and opportunities for young people aged 16-24. Our content is 100% led by the business community and ensures equal access to information and opportunities for young adults.

We don't replicate existing products or services, we simply bring them all together and categorise them for ease of access, so you can find exactly what you're looking for. So, whatever you are looking for, The Gen will equip you with all you need to succeed.

THE GEN: Equipping young people with a window into their potential futures!

Have a great week!













This week we bring you an update from our very own chief mentors Dr Kennedy and Dr Siva who will be taking you through some important information we have for students this week from our Free Live Virtual Work Experience programme, UCAT registration and revision tips, events scheduled for this week, committee application updates, awards update and Scholarship Applications which are now open!

Our Live Virtual NHS Work Experience for Allied Health Careers is also taking place this Sunday. We are looking forward to meeting all registered students.

Students interested in the following careers:

Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedicine, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Dietetics, Radiography, Prosthetics and Orthotics, Speech and Language Therapy, Osteopathy, and Pharmacy can register for next month's session on Sunday 8th August over on our website - <u>https://alliedhealthmentor.org</u>

If your Allied Healthcare students are looking for additional support, allow us to introduce our free educational resource ....**The Virtual Healthcare Society!** 

The Virtual Healthcare Society is a free programme that runs on a weekly basis by clinicians covering a host of topics directly applicable to students' application.

#### Where do the meetings take place?

The meetings take place on the Zoom webinars platform with a trained safeguarding team. We meet every Wednesday evening from 7pm-8pm and the Zoom webinar link will only be emailed to students who have registered using the application form.

#### https://alliedhealthmentor.org/virtual-healthcare-society/

#### How will students benefit?

The benefits of joining are far reaching. For example, being a member of this amazing student-network has enabled friendships to form, ideas to flow as well as aspiration and confidence to grow. This is all a result of being linked to like-minded students who are in a similar position and with the support of our experienced and encouraging mentors. It provides students with an ongoing level of support and a safe environment to ask questions, share useful resources as they journey through the application processes for allied healthcare careers.

In addition, we ensure that students are well informed of the latest opportunities to debate, lead, present, work on projects and volunteer. Students will be guided through a series of teaching sessions that cover several aspects and themes from the incredible live work experience days. We look forward to welcoming your students to our new virtual healthcare society meetings.



Ever wanted to learn about Cloud Technology but not sure where to start?

If you fancy a day of interactive training delivered by cloud computing experts in a way that's easy to understand - regardless of background and level of knowledge - secure your place now. Our next workshop will take place on **Saturday 10th July**, 9:30am - 4:30pm.

#### What will I learn?

Learn about the core cloud concepts and the latest technologies.

Understand the key advantages of cloud computing and the benefits it can provide.

Learn to apply best practices when using the cloud.

Become familiar with the AWS Fundamentals - the world's most comprehensive and broadly adopted cloud platform.

Learn how to set up and launch an EC2 Instance and how to customise this according to your requirements.

Be able to securely connect to your EC2 instance remotely.

#### What if I have no idea how to use Cloud?

No problem. Our hands-on, interactive workshops are designed in a way that's easy to understand regardless of your background or level of experience.

The workshops are certified by the UK's leading IT Training provider, QA Ltd, and provide you with a Certificate of Achievement and Social Badge upon completion.

### Book 10 July workshop now

So, what are you waiting for? Get future ready with in-demand digital skills.

# THE GT SCHOLARS PROGRAMME



### Free Summer Virtual Careers Festival from Deloitte

Deloitte is hosting a series of skills workshops which include inspiring, live and interactive events to help students to make informed career decisions. Some of these exciting event topics include building your network and focusing on presentation skills. They'll be running these events throughout the month with many informative topics to choose from!

## Welcome to your Summer of Opportunity

Designed to help you explore opportunities from wherever you are, our online festival features a line-up of inspiring, live, interactive events - all focused on helping you learn more and make careers decisions. Whether it's meeting our people, taking part in our virtual escape room or joining in with our skills workshops, there's an event or two - or three - that's right for you.

You're welcome to join us from any year at school. You might even be a parent, teacher or careers advisor - everyone is welcome. To attend, simply register for the events you want to join. We look forward to seeing you there!

To join an event, you can register <u>here</u>.

GT Scholars is a social enterprise in the UK. We run high-impact tutoring, mentoring and personal development programmes that help young people aged 11-18, achieve their academic and career aspirations.



### FREE SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Here at Access Creative College in Manchester, we are extremely excited to announce our FREE Summer Workshops in Music Performance, Music Technology, Event Production, Animation Production, and Games Development.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in further education and has a passion for all things creative please do share this with them.

Attendees will be able to get hands-on experience, use cutting-edge equipment and facilities and learn new skills from our creative industry specialists.

> <u>CLICK</u> TO SIGN UP FOR THE ANIMATION PRODUCTION AND GAMES DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

CLICK TO SIGN UP FOR EVENT PRODUCTION, MUSIC PERFORMANCE, AND MUSIC TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS





https://stellargraduates.com/

Stellar Graduates deliver university taster courses for 15-17 year olds.

The world of work is always changing, even more so now, accelerated by the global pandemic. It is more challenging than ever to choose the right career path. Today's teenagers therefore need all the help, guidance and support they can get to make the right choices.

That's where Stellar Graduates comes in. Our online, short courses give 15-17-year-olds a practical taste of undergraduate studies and the careers they may open up. And with courses starting on the **19th July 2021**, this is a great time to get started.

Delivered by postgraduate tutors from Russell Group and Ivy League universities, our small-groups give students an inspiring experience and insight into their future, from the people already living it. Subjects include Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, Medicine, Law, Economics and Banking & Finance. All tutors on Stellar Graduates are DBS checked.

We would like to offer this service to your pupils. Costs are usually £150 per course, but Stellar Graduates are offering them to schools at a discounted launch price of £120. The courses start on the 19th July 2021.

Simply <u>click here</u> if you would like us to send you more information (without any obligation).



## **INTRODUCING ACCELERATOR WEEK!**

## 12th-15th JULY

#### 10am-3pm

We are launching our **BRAND NEW** Accelerator Week from the **12th July 2021** to give all year 11 students the opportunity to network with some of the **biggest brands in the world**, including Google, IBM, EY and many more!

During the week, they'll be given the chance to network with industry professionals, gain **valuable skills** to help increase their chance of standing out against other applicants and gain an insight into the industry sector of their choice. So, whether they are interested in Technology, or wish to pursue a career in Law we have all the information they need to get started with their career.

#### MONDAY: Interested in Tech with Google, IBM and Accenture

TUESDAY: Careers in Law with Eversheds Sutherland and Kennedys

#### WEDNESDAY: Professional Services with PwC, EY and BDO

#### **THURSDAY: Careers in Finance with Nationwide and UBS**

Each day will run between 10am-3pm and will have guest speakers from **leading brands** within that industry sector. Students will have the chance to speak with current apprentices and learn how they got into their role, as well as receiving all the tips and tricks they can use to stand out from other applicants.

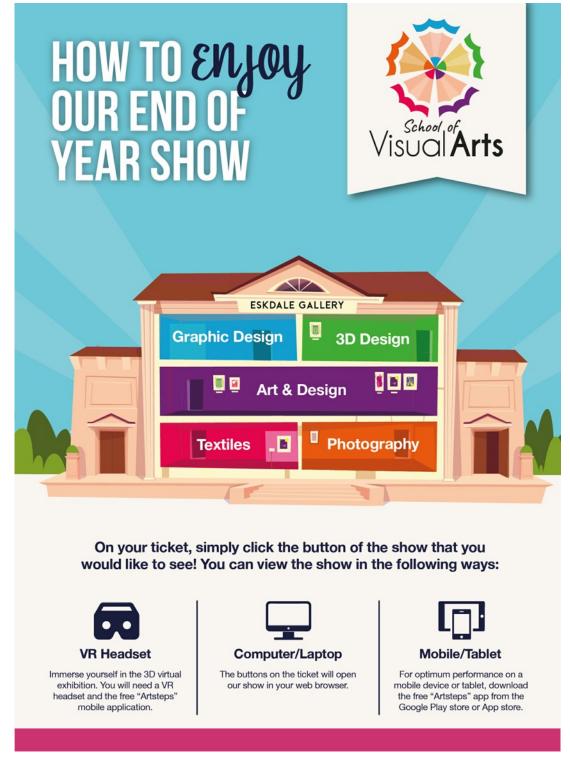
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THURSDAY: Careers in Finance Sign up

Tickets are limited so sign up and get your ticket now to avoid disappointment!



Get ready, make a brew, and enjoy the show!!!

Covid 19 does NOT stop us exhibiting our fantastic students' Art & Design work - immerse yourself in our Virtual experience entering the different gallery spaces.

Download your ticket and then simply choose your show.

We're so very proud of what our students have achieved this year and hope you enjoy your visit to Eskdale Gallery.

Click here to view the show





## Why digital skills are so important for getting a job

The growing importance of digital skills in the job market is hardly surprising to even the most casual of observers, but the scale of this importance is still worth noting. A report by Worldskills UK found that 92% of businesses say that a basic level of digital skills is important for their employees, with the same report finding that 76% of businesses would be less successful if they had a lack of digital skills.

This shows a growing demand for digital skills within the job market, meaning that if you can prove to potential employers that you possess these skills, then your chances of being employed increase considerably, compared to those who don't.

This view is supported by a government report into the increasing demand by employers for digital skills, which found that basic digital skills are becoming mandatory among many different jobs. It also found that jobs that required a higher level of digital ability were both more secure and higher paid, even if this means that specific training is needed to reach this level.

Even outside of work, digital services have been more prevalent, especially during the Coronavirus pandemic lockdowns. Internet usage doubled during 2020, with many people using online shopping and video streaming platforms, such as Netflix for entertainment. There is also a definite possibility that people will use them more often, even after lockdown restrictions are fully lifted, leading to the normalisation of digital skills even quicker than was already occurring.

Digital will also become more widespread in the long term, with technology likely to grow in importance in the daily lives of everyone as time passes. This means that the importance of digital skills will also grow in importance concurrently, to the point where the level of technical ability needed to be employed in roles that are not particularly technologically oriented will be higher.

Digital skills are useful for a variety of different tasks in the workplace e.g. the ability to communicate with co-workers or potential clients through email.

Another simple and widely used digital skill is using the internet to research topics, to either inform decision making or help solve various problems.

The ability to learn how to use new pieces of software is also a crucial digital skill. An example of this is learning how to hold video conferences on Zoom, something that has become more prevalent due to Covid.

Advanced digital skills include coding and cybersecurity, both of which are not skills that you are likely to learn naturally like the others. However, they are invaluable, both now and in the future, so if you get the opportunity to learn even the basics you should take that opportunity.





The new centre for digital innovation has been launched at the Science and Technology Facilities Council's Hartree Centre

## Al in the North-west

A £210m, five-year programme hoped to give the public sector and industry access to cutting-edge computing to advance discovery and innovation has been launched in the North West.

The new Hartree National Centre for Digital Innovation (HNCDI) will bring together world-leading expertise with AI and quantum computing technology, hoped to benefit industry and public sector.

The joint centre with UK's Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) and IBM, a leading global hybrid cloud and AI company, will be housed within STFC's Hartree Centre.

The Government, via UK Research and Innovation, has agreed to invest £172m over five years, met with a £38m in-kind contribution from IBM.

Science Minister, Amanda Solloway, said: "Artificial intelligence and quantum computing have the potential to revolutionise everything from the way we travel to the way we shop. By allowing industry to access a ready-made community of digital experts and cutting-edge technology, it will provide momentum for new ideas and solutions

"This programme has the potential to transform the way UK industry engages with AI and digital technologies, to the benefit of not just research communities but all of society."

The centre will also create vacancies for an additional 60 scientists, plus further interns and students gaining hands-on experience.

#### **North West Vacancies**

All statistics are taken from www.adzuna.co.uk on June 23rd, 2021

Lancashire: On 23.6.21 there were 15,875 (down from 16,620 on 16th June) live job vacancies in Lancashire

Of these 3,545 were in Preston; 1,105 were in Blackpool; 1,043 were in Burnley; 959 were in Blackburn; 945 were in Chorley; and 901 were in Chorley.

The sectors with the largest number of vacancies in Lancashire this week were Logistics and Warehousing (1,402), Healthcare and Nursing (1,368), Engineering (1,331) Trades and Construction (1,304) and Teaching (1,270).

The companies advertising the most vacancies in Lancashire this week were Checkatrade, Reps.co.uk Recruitment Panda, Circle Studio and Aldi.

## Time to get your career in motion?

There's far more to a career in rail than driving trains and maintaining the track.

The rail sector has thousands of people who work as architects, ecologists, data analysts, developers, marketing professionals, and more!

And there's a route into rail for everyone.

Joseph was looking for a placement while studying at university, now he is helping plan the train timetables and engineering works. Cloe joined VolkerRail straight after sixth form on an apprenticeship, now she is a junior engineer ensuring the overhead lines on trains are installed safely and correctly. Adedayo has been learning all about the different departments within Network Rail's graduate scheme; he's hoping that his experiences will ultimately allow him to work abroad and experience the 'global railway'.

If you're interested in starting your career in rail, on Routes into Rail read the stories of dozens of people on how they joined the rail sector, and why they've never looked back.

Through Routes into Rail, you'll also find over 1,500 jobs in rail across the UK; along with opportunities to apply for graduate and apprenticeship schemes within rail, and guidance on which career is right for you.

#### Learn more about Routes into Rail

The rail sector needs thousands more people to join in the next five years, so if you or someone you know is looking for where they could grow a rewarding career - visit Routes into Rail to start your journey.



#### Transport Planning Joseph Savage Case Study

"In train planning, we have had to react to the changing situation and ensure the right services are there for the needs of the country. We've had requests for increases in specific services for NHS workers and we've added those on very short time scales. I have felt quite proud to be helping key workers get to work even though I'm working from home in my front room. I haven't been able to see the difference we've been making first hand, but I feel like I've made a contribution during these extraordinary times.

"We would normally plan much further ahead, but everything has been condensed into short timescales because of the pandemic. We had to reduce the timetable at very short notice and then increase it again. Automated onboard passenger announcements have been created in a matter of days rather than a few weeks ahead."

## Cloe Bott is a Junior Engineer at VolkerRail.

## Tell us abut your role and your main responsibilities.

I oversee the installation of the overhead line infrastructure, making sure it is installed correctly as per the approved for construction (AFC) design.

#### What do you enjoy about your role?

That no day is the same. Within overhead line engineering (OLE), there is always a new and different challenge to overcome. The team I work with is also a big plus. When you are surrounded by a group of people who do not care that you are a female it really helps you see that gender doesn't matter.

## What skills do you need to succeed in your role?

You need problem solving skills, good communication skills, and confidence.

#### Graduate case study Adedayo Akeredolu

#### What's your job?

I started straight from university and my job is to essentially learn as much about the railway as possible throughout the graduate scheme. That means I go on different placements, explore different areas of the company, I meet lots of different people, attend conferences and seminars, begin my professional development and just learn as much as possible so I can see where in the company I fit and where I can get the most out of my career.

#### Why is now the best time to be an engineer?

We have a shortage of engineers in this country, around the world really, and the way the world is moving and developing, there is a big need for people with technological skills. And to come into engineering at this time would mean that you get to learn from some absolutely world-class experts. Managing the railway, managing the projects and how you actually lead a successful and ancient industry into the new age. New ideas, new people will absolutely benefit and will be essential to actually taking the railway into the 22nd and even 23rd century.

## Future Learn



Here's your monthly round-up of the top courses for you that have been trending throughout June. We've got short courses, ExpertTracks and microcredentials to help you upskill in every area of the business industry.

## **3 Best Business Courses of the Month**

How to Succeed at: Interviews



This free, three week course provides the tools you need to succeed at interviews and land your dream job or course place.



• Fashion Management - Create Your Own Sustainable Fashion Brand

How about learning fashion management from the experts at the leading Paris-based fashion school, Institut Français de la Mode?

• Business Management: Improving Organisational Practice

A career-changing microcredential to boost your management techniques. You'll develop your managerial and leadership skills to create a positive impact on your organisation, with The Open University.

Click the link to see the full round-up of flexible learning opportunities that'll help you to develop new skills and take your business career to the next level.



#### A school and college guide to the new process for students wishing to qualify as a solicitor

#### How do you become a solicitor?

From September 2021 there is a new way to become a solicitor in the UK. For context, the current route requires students to:

- 1. Complete a Qualifying Law Degree (QLD) or non-law degree followed by a conversion course such as the Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL)
- 2. Pass the Legal Practice Course (LPC)
- 3. Complete a 2-year training contract
- 4. Apply to be admitted as a solicitor

The Solicitors Regulatory Authority (SRA) is now changing this route by introducing the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE).

#### What is the SQE and what does the SQE route to qualify as a solicitor involve?

One of the most notable changes is that to become a solicitor you will not now have to pass a prescribed course, instead you will have to pass a set of exams - SQE. A student who holds an undergraduate degree in any subject can take these exams, in theory straight after graduating. However, whether there will be many students who decide to self-teach and risk the near £4,000 cost of sitting these exams without any formal preparation course is yet to be seen.

Providers, like The University of Law, will continue to offer courses to students who want to become a solicitor to help them prepare for SQE and build the skills they will need to be successful in their career.

Another big change is the removal of the training contract. This is now replaced with 2 years of Qualifying Work Experience (QWE). Unlike the training contract, QWE can be accrued before, during or after SQE assessments are taken. It can also be gathered from up to four different organisations. Just like the removal of the need to have a QLD or GDL before sitting SQE, the introduction of QWE aims to increase flexibility and widen access to the profession.

#### When will the new changes to quality as a solicitor have an impact on students?

SQE will be introduced in September 2021. However, there will be some transitional arrangements as we move from the old system to the new.

Crucially for new undergraduate students - anyone who has accepted an offer for a place on a QLD before 1 September 2021 (with the course starting no later than 31 December 2021) will be able to choose whether they follow the old LPC route or new SQE route.

Any students starting university in September 2022 will have to follow the SQE route. Hopefully, that whistle stop tour has shown you two things: the path that students need to follow to become a solicitor and how much the legal sector loves an acronym!









We are so pleased to have a whole range of virtual internships throughout the summer, a chance to learn from the best and brightest, wherever students are in the world! Our virtual internships are offered across a range of industries, and give students a unique opportunity to get real-life work experience and mentorship in their field of interest.

Our online internships give students the chance to go beyond the theory and experience what a career in a chosen field is really like.

Over the course of the internship, students will work with an expert to solve real-world problems, get an insider's perspective into your chosen field, and produce a valuable piece of work, such as a final report or an article for publication. This unique experience will leave them better informed and better-prepared to pursue their future goals.

#### More information on our range of virtual internships

You can secure a 15% discount for all students at Parklands on our virtual internships and other <u>online</u> <u>programmes</u> by using the code PARKLANDSHIGHSCHOOL-15



## **Upcoming Internships**

Economics & Finance Internship

**Engineering Internship** 

Law Internship

**Medicine Internships** 

Politics & International Relations Internship

Psychology & Neuroscience Internship



## Find out how you could be the future of Logistics

KUEHNE+NAGEL

We get it - you've probably never heard of Logistics before.

But maybe you've wondered how your mobile phone made its way to you, or thought about how tricky it must be to move around vaccines which have to be carefully chilled. The answer is Kuehne+Nagel - we're working quietly behind the scenes; moving things across the world.

And now's your chance to find out more about Kuehne+Nagel on our two-week virtual work experience programme.

Find out more and apply ...





This programme will introduce you to Kuehne+Nagel and the logistics industry as a whole.

From Freight Forwarding to Integrated Logistics, to Finance and environmental impact, you'll learn about different business areas, complete activities and quizzes, attend live webinars with our team, and get career ready with our employability tips.

#### How long will it take?

The activities and webinars are spread over two weeks, but we don't expect you to spend all day sitting in front of your computer! It depends on how long you spend reading the information and completing the activities and quizzes, but it should take about 10 hours across the two weeks, as well as the live webinars with Kuehne+Nagel team members.

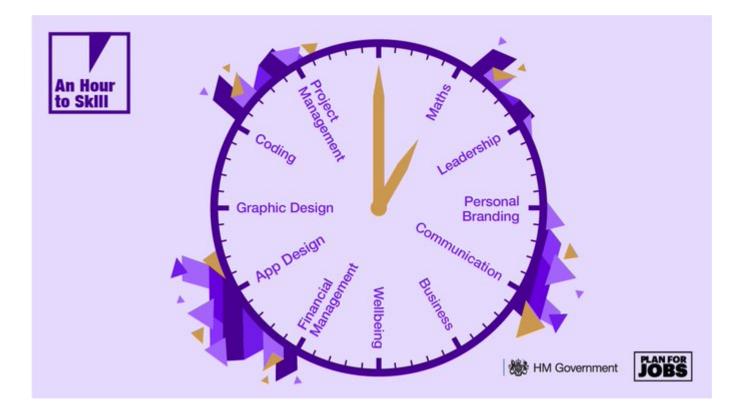
#### Is it free?

Yes, totally free!

#### What do I get when I finish the programme?

You'll get a wealth of new knowledge about Logistics, a certificate which will be emailed to you, and experience to put on your CV.

We'll also keep hold of your details and send you information on possible jobs you might be interested in - particularly our Apprenticeships, which are a fantastic way to build a career and earn while you learn.



Online learning gives you the flexibility to learn in a way that works for you. The Skills Toolkit provides you with access to free, high quality courses to help you build your skills in digital and numeracy. Find out more here



We provide information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work.

## National Careers

@NationalCareers

Our careers advisers are available online every weekday from 8am-8pm and between 10am-5pm every Saturday.

Check us out here

## How to find job vacancies

Find out where to look for vacancies from recruitment agencies to social media sites.

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What qualifications can I get? Level 2 NVQ, Diploma, National Certificate ADVANCED

Like Z A-levels

can I get? Level 3 NVQ, National Certificate, BTEC

#### HIGHER

Like a foundation degr or above

What qualifications can I get? Foundation degree, Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, Level 4–7 NVQ, Hipher National Diploma

#### DEGREE

Like a Bachelor's/ Master's degree

What qualifications can I get?

Foundation degree, Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, Level 4–7 NVQ, Higher National Diploma

## Apprenticeships currently available at www.gov.uk

- Level 3 Infrastructure Technician Apprenticeship at TVS Supply Chain Solutions Ltd. VAC001722301 (Available through Baltic Training Services Ltd.)
- Level 3 Electrical Installation (Electro Technical) Apprenticeship at T K Platt Electrical Ltd. -VAC1000015552 x 2 vacancies (Available through JTL)
- Level 3 Apprentice Fabricator/Welder at Fairport Containers Ltd. VAC001731335 (Available through Alliance Learning)
- Level 3 **HR and Recruitment Apprentice** at Lakeside Nursing and Rest Home VAC1000015866 (Available through Astara Training Ltd.)
- Level 2 **Chef Apprentice** at The Walton Fox VAC001729885 (Available through Lifetime Training Group Ltd.)
- Don't forget you will need a CV if you need any support with this email Miss Berry

#### June Parents' & Carers' Pack

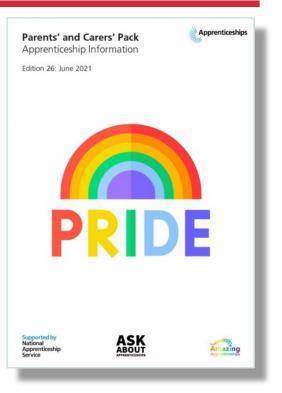
In the <u>June issue</u> we look at finding an LGBT+ inclusive employer, T Levels in Science, an employer's perspective on digital marketing apprenticeships, apprenticeships in the food and drink industry, apprentice perspective articles and more!

Download now!

At the end of your apprenticeship, you will have an 'End Point Assessment' - find out more about what this entails here.

#### What to expect from End Point Assessment

The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education has created an animation to help explain what is expected of an individual and what will happen during an end-point assessment. Watch the animation <u>here</u>.





Following the cancellation of our intended Year 10 visit to Runshaw, they have put together an online Year 10 Open Event platform for all Year 10s to access to find out more about Runshaw and what they offer. The virtual platform has lots of interesting information about all of their courses, as well as videos with current students and staff members and will hopefully help Year 10s start to think about their next steps after school. <u>Click here for more details</u>

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!

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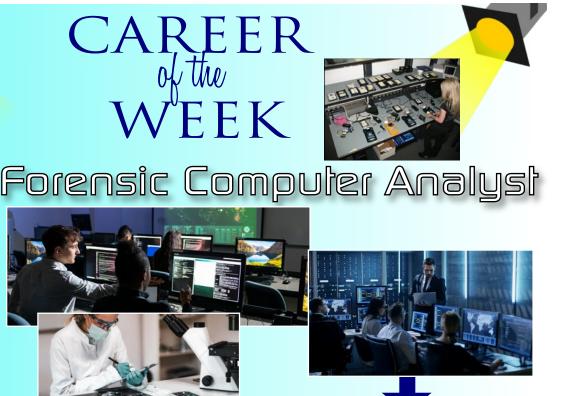


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Forensic computer analysts investigate computer-based crime, often called cyber crime.

#### You'll need:

- analytical thinking skills
- the ability to use your initiative
- the ability to work well under pressure
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- persistence and determination
- complex problem-solving skills
- excellent verbal communication skills
- to have a thorough understanding of computer systems and applications



https://careeroftheweek.wordpress.com/