



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

Here we are at the end of another busy week at Parklands! As always, some great opportunities for students inside ...



- Pathway CTM are offering one to one support sessions, so whatever aspect of careers you are concerned about - ask away! They also have some great work experience placements for anyone interested in a career in town planning - scan the QR code to find out more.
- Last chance for apprenticeship applications for Zurich and for Ford. These are really great places to work and build your career - and you earn while you learn!
- InvestIN are showcasing their summer career experiences, available across 18 different career pathways. They are almost fully booked so don't leave it too late to apply if you are interested.
- UniTasterDays have produced a great Students' Guide to University 2023 - follow the link to download
- Lots of free conferences from the Medic Mentor family - for both aspiring doctors and dentists. These are a really important part of your journey to becoming a medic and shouldn't be missed.
- Well done to the 80 or so Year 11 students who had their college interviews this week - college staff were very complimentary about you all. More interviews to follow in the next few weeks (W&L 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Runshaw 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March).

**The Careers Fair is next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March and will feature all of the local colleges, a number of universities, training and apprenticeship providers and, of course, employers from many different industries: armed forces, uniformed services, hair and beauty, engineering, childcare, construction, nuclear - and many more! Don't miss out on the chance to ask about apprenticeship vacancies or work experience opportunities. Everyone at the Careers Fair will have given up a day at work to support pupils, so please make the most of the day!**

6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**PRESTON**  
COLLEGE

# **YEAR 10 & 11** **OPEN EVENT**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 2023**  
**4-7pm**

**VISIT OUR CAMPUS**  
**SPEAK TO TUTORS**  
**SEE THE FACILITIES**

**VISIT**  
**[www.preston.ac.uk](http://www.preston.ac.uk)**

- > Register for events
- > Apply online
- > Get college updates



# Biggest International Women's Day event in the UK!

Are you a female looking to break into the corporate environment? Would you like an opportunity to hear from and speak to many senior women who are leaders within their industry?

To celebrate International Women's Day, Young Professionals are extremely excited to invite you to the biggest 'International Women's Day' virtual event Nationwide!

On **Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March**, we will be hosting this absolute blockbuster of an event online via Zoom, between 5pm - 7pm. We will be joined by many huge, global companies who are all leaders in their industries. These companies include:

**PwC** - PwC is the second-largest professional services network in the world with 300,000+ employees, numerous offices in 152 countries and a gross revenue of \$50.3 billion as of 2022.

**Grant Thornton** - Grant Thornton is one of the world's largest professional services networks of independent accounting and consulting member firms which provide assurance, tax and advisory services to privately held businesses, public interest entities, and public sector entities.

**Legal & General** - FTSE 100 Legal & General provide services such as investment management, pensions and life assurance and their asset management arm is the second largest institutional investment management firm in Europe. They also currently manage assets worth over £1 trillion!

**CIMA** - CIMA is the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, based in the UK they are a global professional management accounting body. CIMA will give you a real insight into Management Accounting and what a career within the industry can look like.

**Mazars** - Mazars are a leading international audit, tax and advisory firm, aspiring to build the economic foundations of a fair and prosperous world.

**WTW** - WTW provides data-driven, insight-led solutions in the areas of people, risk and capital. Leveraging the global view and local expertise of their colleagues serving 140 different countries and markets, WTW help to sharpen their clients' strategy, motivate their workforce and maximise performance.

**Experian** - FTSE 100 Experian is the world's leading global information services company. Experian help individuals to take financial control and access financial services, businesses to make smarter decisions and thrive, lenders to lend more responsibly, and organisations to prevent identity fraud and crime.

These companies cover different Industries such as Accounting, Financial Services, Management and Technology giving you the chance to learn about many different sectors in the working environment, as you prepare to think about your next steps.

On the evening you can expect to be joined by many inspirational women who are at a senior level in their profession, as they will provide panel discussions where you can learn more about their career. This will give you an insight into what their background is, how they got to where they are currently and what it is like being a woman in a high responsibility role within their organisations. You will also be given the chance to network with these Female Leaders, so seize the opportunity! A connection on LinkedIn can go a long way.

This event is open to any UK students who are in Year 10 - Year 11.

As this will be the biggest International Women's Day event for School Leavers, we expect record-breaking numbers attending. Make sure you sign up using the link below to be a part of history!

**Application Link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/K7NRVFZ>

**YOUNG  
PROFESSIONALS**



Are you looking for a career that will excite, challenge and inspire you? If so, you won't want to miss taking a look at our popular apprenticeship schemes for 2023. **Applications are open until 19th March**, so you still have time to apply.

Insurance really is so much more than you think! We have a wide range of apprenticeships covering so many interesting areas, such as our popular [Data and analytics](#) scheme, our [IT & Operations](#) apprenticeships plus so many more. With roles spanning the UK in locations such as London, Cardiff, Fareham, Farnborough, Glasgow, Birmingham and Swindon, there really is something for everyone.

[Find out more and apply](#)



[Follow this link](#) to hear from Hannah Lee, data scientist for Zurich, who talks about her experiences as an apprentice.

At Zurich, you'll have plenty of opportunities to develop your skills, build your career and even gain industry-recognised qualifications. You'll be made to feel welcomed by your people manager and buddy, they'll also be there to support you as you take on new challenges - we've got your back!

Our apprentices start on a competitive starting salary plus excellent lifestyle benefits, which include private medical cover, discounted gadget insurance, discounted gym membership, discounted technology offers and much more. You'll also get three volunteering days per year to make a difference in your local community.

Zurich is a great place to work and we're always looking for talented and inspiring people to help us create a brighter future. Take the first step in loving what you do, developing your skills and making a difference by applying today.

[Find out more and apply](#)



# Apprenticeships at Ford

My Ford apprenticeship has given me the opportunity to achieve my college-equivalent diploma and NVQ qualifications, whilst also advancing my career within a competitive working environment.

Through department rotations, I was able to spend time in different workshop areas and decide the type of path within engineering I wanted to take. This included mechanical, electrical and metal fabrication routes.

I have gained a lot of experience and skills from this apprenticeship and would encourage anyone that has an interest in engineering to apply.

**Charlotte Williams**  
Advanced Engineering Apprentice



## Level 3 Engineering Apprenticeship with Ford Motor Company

At Ford Motor Company we are working to revolutionise mobility; fuelled by new challenges, we are creating solutions to build a better world for everyone. To support our incredible plans for the future of mobility, we are looking for talented individuals to join the Ford family; ready to support our development of exciting new products, gain valuable qualifications and become part of the next generation of Ford engineers.

### About the role

The Advanced Engineering apprenticeship here at Ford will include 12-18 months of off-the-job training, where you will get to broaden your knowledge and skill-set at the Centre for Engineering and Manufacturing Excellence (CEME), Dagenham.

Your on-the-job training will take place at the relevant Ford operation (either Dunton Campus or Dagenham Engine Plant), where you will get to apply your new skills and knowledge gained during your CEME training to real-life engineering operations.

You will gain a National Vocational Qualification at Level 2 and Level 3, a BTEC level 2 Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering, a BTEC level 3 Extended Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering, and Functional Skills in Maths, English and Information Technology.

### What's in it for you?

- Access to our Employee Development and Assistance Programme (EDAP)
- A unique opportunity to access Ford's Privilege scheme - allowing you to purchase Ford vehicles at a discount.
- A great salary increasing yearly, along with our competitive pension scheme.
- An excellent work-life balance, including a generous holiday allowance of 25 days.
- Salary: £14,274 (starting salary with yearly increments throughout the apprenticeship)

### To become part of our team, you will need:

A minimum of 3 GCSE grades, including Maths Grade 5, English Grade 4 and Physics or Double Science Grade 4.

### To excel here at Ford, you will have the following attributes:

- A keen interest in engineering and willing to learn more.
- Commitment and drive to complete your work to the best of your ability.
- A positive attitude to problem solving and adapting.
- Ability to communicate well with others.

**[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE](#)**



# INVESTIN

## Summer Career Experiences in London

**For Ages 12-18**

**75% Full Already!**



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EXPERIENCE**

**JULY & AUGUST 2023**

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**We are already more than 75% full for our Summer Career Experiences,** as record-breaking numbers of students from around the world have registered for the internship of a lifetime in London.

Many employers now only offer online work experience - **we are the only provider in the world to offer face-to-face experience across 18 different industries.** Our Summer Experiences transform ambitious teenagers into career-ready young professionals through tailor-made, immersive activities alongside world-class industry professionals.

**InvestIN is listed as an official activity provider on the UCAS application form** so students can confidently demonstrate their Summer Experience to UK universities!



**VIEW ALL  
CAREERS**

**[REGISTER NOW: AGES 15-18](#)**

**[REGISTER NOW: AGES 12-14](#)**



## Experiences In 18 Industries



### MEDICINE

- ♦ Shadow doctors in hospital
- ♦ Meet real patients
- ♦ Learn to take blood
- ♦ View X-rays

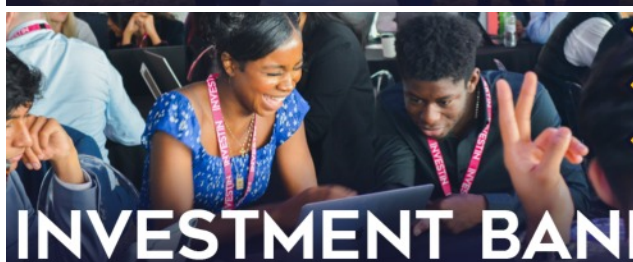
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### ENGINEERING

- ♦ Explore a Boeing jet alongside aerospace engineers
- ♦ Discover supercars with F1 engineers
- ♦ Design an aerofoil and test it in a wind tunnel

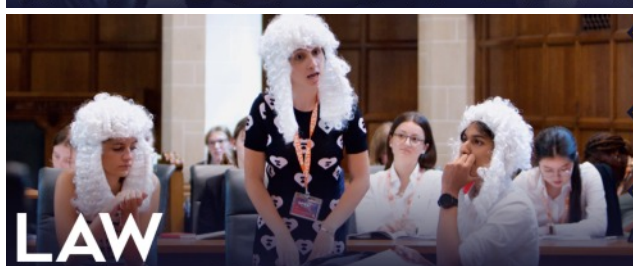
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### INVESTMENT BANKING

- ♦ Trade the London stock market
- ♦ Experience every stage of an M&A deal
- ♦ Networking session on the top floor of a skyscraper

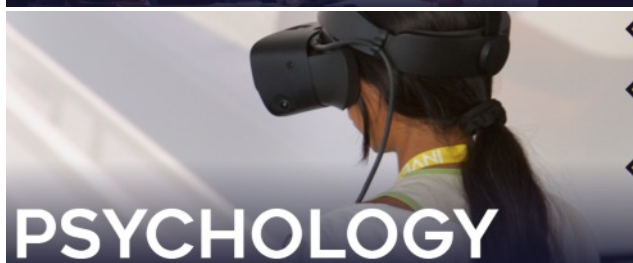
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### LAW

- ♦ Argue a human rights case in the Supreme Court
- ♦ Work with corporate lawyers in a City skyscraper
- ♦ Experience every stage of a murder trial

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### PSYCHOLOGY

- ♦ Attend patient consultations
- ♦ Work with a team of psychologists in a mental health ward
- ♦ Discover sports psychology at a Premier League football club

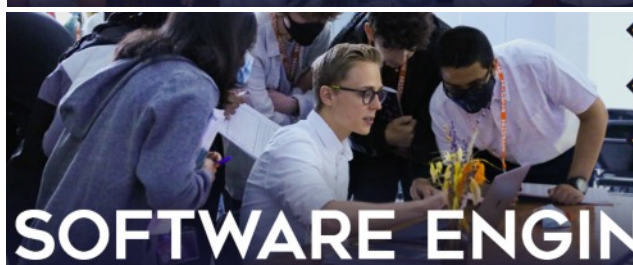
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### ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- ♦ Create ideas with top entrepreneurs
- ♦ Solve key entrepreneurial challenges with successful professionals
- ♦ Visit high-growth pioneering start-ups

[Click here to find out more](#)



### SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

- ♦ Experiential visits to top tech firms
- ♦ Discover AI and come face-to-face with robots
- ♦ Tackle coding challenges with a variety of top level specialists

[Click here to find out more](#)



**+ 11 OTHER CAREERS**

Architecture, Art, Dentistry, Fashion, Film, Forensics, International Development, Journalism, Politics, Veterinary Science and Video Game Design

[Click here to find out more about the remaining careers experiences on offer](#)



## **Work Experience opportunity for your students this Easter**

The Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) are hosting a in-person 5 day work experience opportunity this Easter half term for Years 11-13 where students have the opportunity to learn all about a career in Town Planning!

There is more to Town Planning than you think! It doesn't just involve great leadership but this industry relates to different sectors such as construction, design, real estate, and feeds into different subject areas such as maths, science and psychology.

If your students are looking for for a unique and exciting work experience opportunity then this could be the right one for them. They will be able to develop their employability skills and take part in an assessment project amongst other activities whilst learning more about Town Planning as a profession! Not to mention an opportunity like this stands out on their CV and to a future employer.

**[More Information](#)**





# EXPLORE WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

Year 11-13



**RTPI**

Royal Town Planning Institute

**5-day work experience  
placements in planning across  
the UK with employers!**

The work experience will  
take place during Easter  
half term with an  
organisation local to you.

You'll get to learn about  
different factors that all affect  
Town Planning including  
environmental, construction,  
real estate, design, and many  
others!

**How to apply :**



*Scan/click this QR  
code to sign up*

Receive a certificate for  
completing the work  
experience that you can put  
on your CV & LinkedIn!

*Work Experience Dates: Week  
Commencing 03/04/23 & 11/04/23*



**IN-PERSON  
WORK  
EXPERIENCE**

**Applications  
close 08/03/23**

**PATHWAY**  
CTM



## **Our Student Support sessions are now LIVE!**

We are here to provide your child with all the support they need in the form of our 15 minute Student Support sessions. These run every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday between 3pm-5pm during term time.

### **What's so good about these sessions?**

They are tailored to the student! Whatever they need support or advice on, whether that is helping them produce a strong CV or cover letter or prepping them for an assessment centre or online interview. Even if they have no clue what you want to do and need someone to talk to about their options! Here at Pathway we want all our students on our programme to excel and achieve their dream role so that's why we want to provide them with all the resources they need.

### **How do students sign up for these sessions?**

It's so simple! Click the button below to book a session today. Students are not restricted to just 1 session so these can be as regular as they want them to!

**Book A Student Support Session Today!**





# The UniTasterDays Students' Guide to University 2023

## The key higher education facts for students thinking about university

The Students' Guide to University has been produced by UniTasterDays.com in collaboration with HELOA to support you to make brilliant future university decisions. Which may be the initial decision: is university right for you? Or the choices that might come next, on where to go, or what to study?

It has been split into sections which are designed to support you with various parts of your higher education decision-making journey. Including why you may wish to consider university, advice when you're making your university choices, fees and finance support, application help, what to expect after you apply and when (/if) you start your course.

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD](#)



# MEDIC MENTOR

YOUR MEDIC FAMILY



This weekend, Dr Siva and I are hosting a **FREE virtual Get into Medicine conference** on **Saturday 4th March** (1:30pm - 7pm) and **Sunday 5th March** (10am - 3pm) for aspiring doctors in years 10-11. Dr Siva and I will guide students through every stage of the UCAS application process for medicine.

This is a unique opportunity for your students to get ahead and make their applications to medical school stand out from other candidates. No previous experience is necessary. These conferences are here to help your students, not to test them. Students can sign up for free using the link below.

Registration link: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/medicine-national-healthcare-weekend/>

For aspiring dentists, Dr Safiyyah Yacoobali will be leading the next **free virtual Get into Dentistry conference** on **Saturday 4th March** (9:30am - 1pm). All aspiring dentists in years 10-11 are invited to register here: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/online-get-into-dentistry-conference/>

With bespoke advice for medicine and dentistry, these conferences will cover:

- Tactically choosing universities
- Personal statements
- UCAT and BMAT
- Medical school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Building a CV
- Applying for scholarships



Applying to medical and dental school is best done with support from both parents and teachers, so all parents are invited too!

Having a strong grasp of the UCAS application process is as crucial to getting into university as getting excellent grades, and we're here to help your students get there.

Get into Medicine registration: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/medicine-national-healthcare-weekend/>

Get into Dentistry registration: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/online-get-into-dentistry-conference/>

*Dr Mike Carvill, Chief Mentor*





Scan to  
register!



LIVE!

# Get Into Medicine.

FREE

CONFERENCE

Dr Siva and Dr Kennedy will take you  
step-by-step through your application to  
medical school.

- Application Timelines
- Interview Training
- Personal Statements
- CV Building
- Entrance Exams: UCAT & BMAT
- Accessing Medical Leadership Programmes, Awards Programmes and Scholarships to University

**You'll also hear from a recently successful applicant  
on what it takes to make your candidacy to  
medical school stand out!**



# ALLIED HEALTHCARE MENTOR

This is a reminder about the upcoming NHS Virtual Work Experience Programme coming up soon. Register now!

Students can register using the link below:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Once they've registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals.

Students should check their spam folders and mark their attendance on the day in order to receive their Work Experience Certificates.

This programme is suitable for students in years 10 and 11 who are interested in the following careers:

Nursing

Midwifery

Paramedicine

Physiotherapy

Occupational Therapy

Dietetics

Radiography

Prosthetics and Orthotics

Pharmacy

Speech and Language Therapy

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. They will gain a unique insight into how patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals and what it's like to work in an NHS multidisciplinary team.

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day. This will empower students to make an informed career decision and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications.

Students will receive certificates as evidence of having participated in the work experience programme. Those that complete the full 5-month programme will also be awarded Highly Commended References.

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 5-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>







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- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Podiatry
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Osteopath
- Prosthetics and Orthotics

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# TURN YOUR PASSION FOR MUSIC INTO A CAREER



## ARMY MUSICIAN AT THE ROYAL CORPS OF ARMY MUSIC



### WHY JOIN?

#### PERFORM AT FAMOUS, HIGH-PROFILE EVENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

- A salaried and pensionable music career, with promotion opportunities.
- Combine a love of music with the sport and adventurous training the Army offers.
- Play everything from military marching music to jazz and contemporary.
- Join us and spend your days rehearsing and developing music alongside like-minded people.
- If you want to study music at university before joining, we could sponsor you £9,250 a year.



I get to travel the world performing music at amazing venues and to incredible audiences, more than I could ever dream of!  
- David, Army clarinet player



The opportunities to travel, whether playing or on adventurous training, are vast and something I plan to use as much as I can. I have been passionate about music my whole life and joined the Army to turn my hobby into a career.  
- Dissan, Army euphonium player



### WHAT YOU NEED TO JOIN

#### YOU'LL NEED TO PASS AN AUDITION.

You'll play two pieces of music and complete a sight reading and music theory test. You will also need to pass all standard Army entrance requirements.

### SALARY AND BENEFITS

#### START EARNING OVER £20,000 AFTER BASIC TRAINING.

You could also gain qualifications in performance, conducting and more, including subsidised Bachelors / Masters degrees, diplomas from the Associated Board Royal Schools of Music and BTEC Level 2 Qualification in Music.



I joined the Army as a musician at 16 as it ticked all the boxes for me, everything that I ever wanted in a career. My family have been really supportive and look forward to all the gigs that I have coming up in the future.  
- Caitlin, Army bassoon player



If you have any questions, call us on **0345 600 8080** or visit your local Army Careers Centre.

**Army Jobs**

