



CAREER News

2022

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

Welcome to another edition of Career News - not quite as packed as last week's but still with lots of opportunities, advice, articles and events!



- Learn to code with QA - a skill that will be in great demand in the future
- Take part in Law work experience with some of the major law firms
- Brush up on basic skills with Runshaw College
- See what our students got up to this week at NSG Environmental and at the Medical Marvels day at Runshaw College
- LMI market summary for March
- Open event at Myerscough - check out the amazing facilities and courses
- Quiz time with the AAT - is accounting the career for you?
- Lots of virtual WEX offers from Pathway CTM from the NHS to the Royal Mail
- Medic Mentor conferences and Allied Health Mentor virtual WEX
- Possible changes to the Ucas statement? One to keep an eye on
- Plus of course, apprenticeship vacancies and Career of the Week.

Year 10 were particularly busy this week: catch up interviews for colleges, choosing their subjects for the taster day at Wigan & Leigh College in July, and finding out about Work Experience week - 18th - 22nd July. A letter will be sent home on Monday for parents/carers to sign - please look out for this!

After Easter, I will be starting Year 10 careers interviews, covering work experience, taster days, applying to colleges and apprenticeships and what to expect in the 1-1 interviews in Year 11.

Year 11 have an assembly with National Citizen Service after Easter - this is a great scheme that runs in the school holidays - don't miss it!

28th March - 1st April 2022



Ever wanted to learn about Data Management but not sure where to start?

The opportunity to leverage data for insights has never been greater. Join our one-day, interactive workshop running on [Saturday 2nd April](#), 9:30am - 4:30pm to gain an understanding of SQL and NoSQL databases so that you can unlock the currency that fuels the 21st Century.

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.

What will I learn?

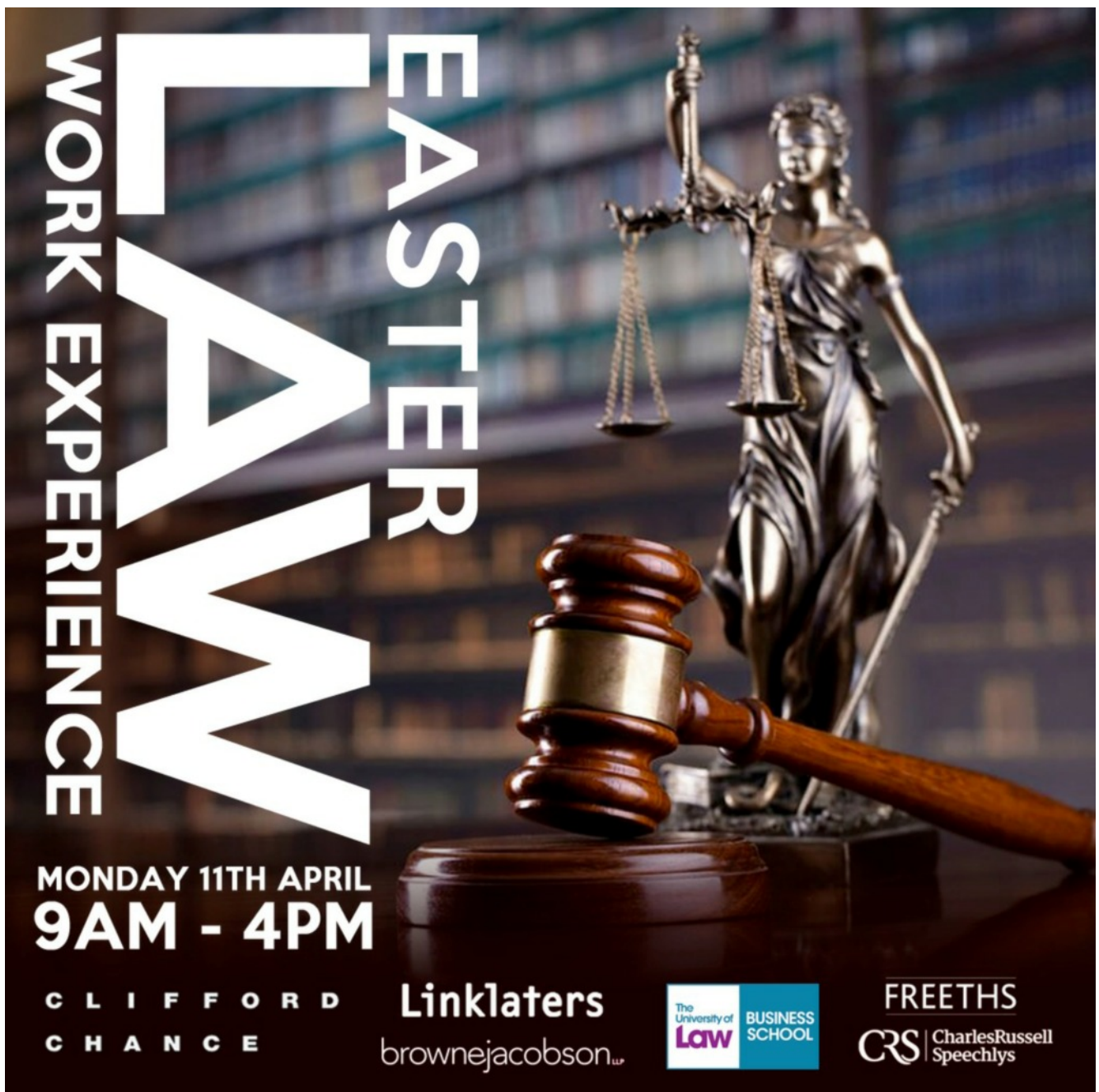
- Why data is vital in a modern world
- How to store data within a DB
- How to manipulate basic data using SQL
- The architecture of a typical enterprise

Who should attend?

Anyone who has an interest in gaining skills in data management. This workshop is well suited to those with little to no knowledge of databases and the different types that exist. It would also act as a nice refresher for those who want to stay up to date in their skills as well as for those who would like to expand their knowledge of how data is processed, stored, organised and persisted.

[Learn more and register for the workshop](#)

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



EASTER LAW
WORK EXPERIENCE

MONDAY 11TH APRIL
9AM - 4PM

CLIFFORD CHANCE | Linklaters | The University of Law BUSINESS SCHOOL | FREETHS | CRS Charles Russell Speechlys | brownejacobson

We are kicking off with our Easter Law Work Experience of which we're going to be joined by 2 Magic Circle firms in Clifford Chance and Linklaters as well as Browne Jacobson, Freeths, Charles Russell Speechlys and specialist legal university the University of Law.

On Monday 11th April from 9:00am - 4:00pm we're bringing the best of the best legal firms and one of the UK's top universities for law together for what's set to provide an immersive and interactive experience of what it's like working for one of the world's top legal companies.

You'll get to hear and learn from senior legal professionals as they take us through a number of practical workshops, activities and presentations.

This is without a doubt the biggest virtual law work experience to be put together for school/college students so if you're interested in a career in law make sure to take advantage of this opportunity!

This is a tremendous chance to hear from some of the most distinguished law companies whilst getting your foot in the door to key decision-makers at these firms. Get an insight into the life of a legal professional, hear what it takes to thrive and be successful, gain application tips and tricks and ask all your questions to our panel of industry experts.

As it's a work experience opportunity we'll also be awarding certificates of completion for you to add to your CV.

Sign up using the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Law-Work-Experience>

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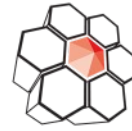
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Industrial
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NSG

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Visit to NSG Environmental

Earlier this week, a small group of very enthusiastic Year 7s and 8s visited NSG Environmental, as part of their EDT Industrial Cadet challenge.

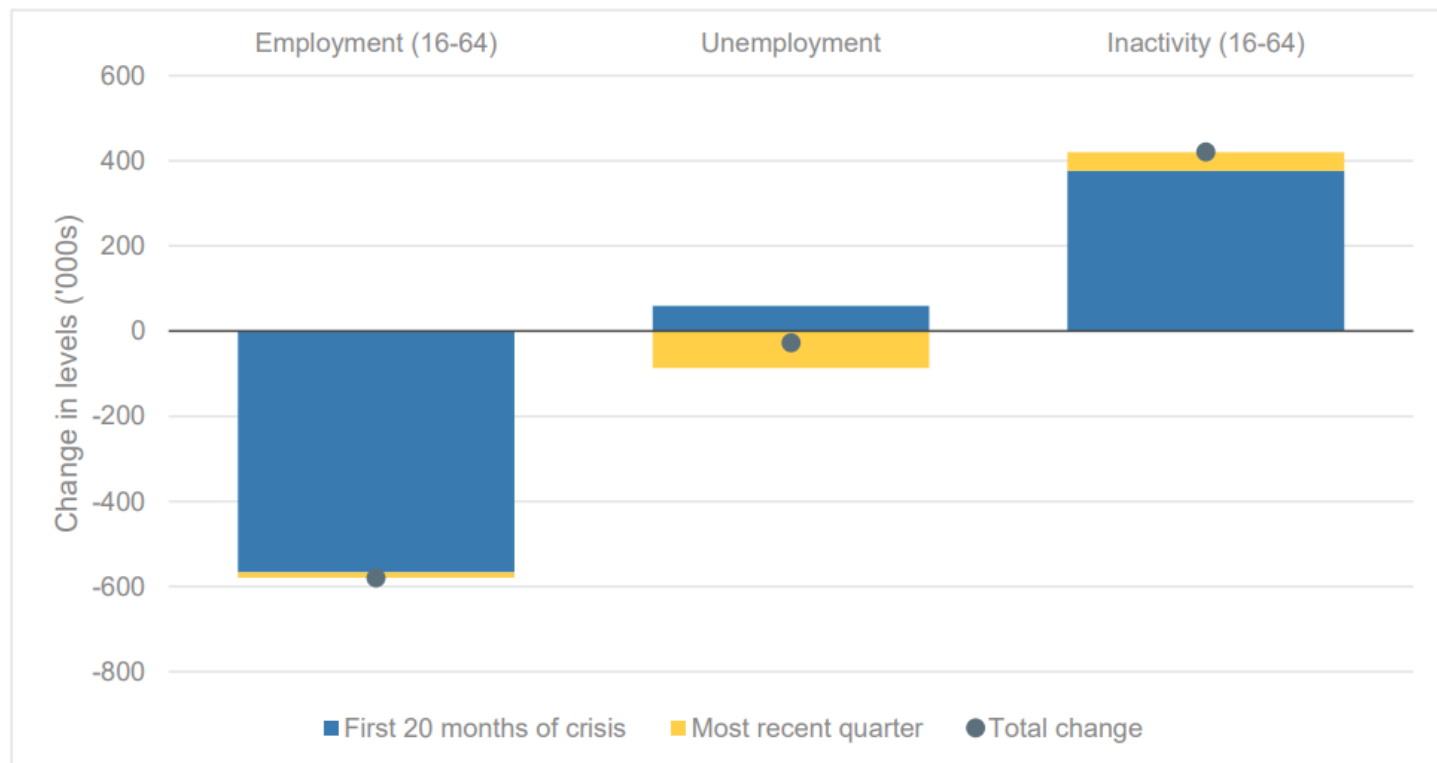
They found out all about the nuclear industry and how NSG work to clean up and safely store radioactive waste. They tried on all kinds of PPE, had a tour of the facilities and took part in a number of experiments and activities, including firing a hydrogen powered rocket!

Grateful thanks to James, Roz and Josh at NSG and to our mentor Roxy for organising the visit.



IES Labour Market Summary March 2022

Figure 2: Changes in employment, unemployment and economic inactivity: first twenty months of the pandemic (Dec-Feb 2020 to Aug-Oct 2021) and most recent quarter (Aug-Oct 2021 to Nov 2020-Jan 2022)



Source: Labour Force Survey

[The Institute for Employment Studies](#) (IES) briefing sets out analysis of the Labour Market Statistics published on 14th March. The analysis mainly draws on Labour Force Survey (LFS) data, which is the main household survey that collects official figures on employment, unemployment and economic inactivity and covers the period up to January 2022 (the most recent quarter being November 2021 to January 2022). The briefing also includes findings from the **ONS Vacancy Survey**, which collects employer data on open vacancies; and from the Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey, which collects pay data from businesses in order to estimate Average Weekly Earnings (AWE). The Vacancy Survey includes data up to February 2020, and the Wages and Salaries Survey to January 2022.

Unemployment fell sharply in today's figures, dipping below 4% for the first time since the start of the pandemic. However, this disguises continued falls in labour force participation overall, with economic inactivity rising by 100,000 in the last quarter and employment flat overall. There remain nearly 600,000 fewer people in work, and 400,000 more people out of work and not looking, than before the pandemic began.

The underlying story behind these figures will be familiar to anyone closely observing the labour market over the last few months – with economic inactivity for older people continuing to rise, a worrying shift towards worklessness due to ill health and retirement, and vacancies continuing to rise to new record levels as employers struggle to fill their jobs.

[Read more here](#)



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OUR NEXT COURSE ADVICE MORNING: SATURDAY 26TH MARCH



University Centre Myerscough
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Course Advice Morning Dates 2022

Sat 26 Mar 10am - 12:30pm
Sat 10 Sep 10am - 12:30pm
Sat 8 Oct 10am - 12:30pm

The North-West centre for land-based, sport, engineering and science education

Next advice morning: **Saturday 26th March 2022**

10.00 - 12.30

The link to register is below:

[Course Advice Morning - Preston Centre MARCH | Myerscough College](#)



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QUIZ TIME

Find out if an accounting apprenticeship is right for your students

An accounting apprenticeship is a great route into a successful and rewarding career in finance. Apprenticeships allow school leavers to earn while they learn, meaning they'll work in a finance role while studying a qualification – so they get the best of both worlds. Apprenticeships are open to people of all ages, and you don't need to be a maths genius.

Help your students decide if an accounting apprenticeship is right for them.

Take the quiz 

Why choose an apprenticeship over university?



Qualify sooner

An AAT apprenticeship enables young people to become a qualified finance professional faster than the university route – and without the debt.



Earn and learn

Apprentices start earning from day one and get the same benefits as an employee such as holiday leave.



Real-world experience

By gaining years of experience during an apprenticeship, apprentices can be a step ahead of those who have only studied in the classroom.



An internationally recognised qualification

Employers trust AAT qualifications as they demonstrate strong practical finance skills.



A fast track to chartered accountancy

Completing the AAT Professional Diploma in Accounting gives students generous exemptions.



Develop on-the-job skills

Apprentices qualify with a well-rounded set of skills and experience that will make them a highly sought-after employee.

83% of apprentices feel it has positively improved their career prospects.*

What career options are there for AAT accounting apprentices?

An AAT accounting apprenticeship can open doors to a career in virtually any industry. Every business needs people with strong, practical skills who are great with numbers. The long-term salary potential in finance is also well-known; self-employed AAT Licensed Accountants earn on average £52,000** and chartered accountants earn £52,500***.

How to get started

Apprenticeships may seem confusing, so we've pulled together a guide to keep things simple. Download it now to find out:

- what your students could earn
- how they can find an apprenticeship
- how they can stand out from the competition and land the job
- what they'll study
- tips and stories from other AAT students.

Watch the AAT apprenticeships webinar

Available on demand

Our webinar will help you decide if an AAT accounting apprenticeship is the right choice for you.

[Find out more](#)



* See government Apprenticeships Evaluation Report

** AAT Salary Survey 2021

*** See chartered accountant salary checker

We are gearing up for a busy April here at Pathway CTM, with a massive range of Virtual Work Experience Days coming up for your students over their Easter Breaks!

All events are **FREE** to join and **open to all year groups**.



GAIN EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR CV THIS EASTER!

Over Easter break, Pathway CTM are teaming up with **EXCITING** brands to bring **YOU** an incredible selection of virtual Work Experience Days in fields such as **Engineering, Technology, Finance, Healthcare, Environment and more!**

Each session will provide you with insightful knowledge on opportunities & routes into your dream career as you connect with both senior members **AND** current apprentices. This is an amazing chance to network with distinguished employers including: **The Dyson Institute, British Airways, Diageo, Tata Steel, Vodafone, NHS, KPMG, Royal Mail, Canal & River Trust, and IBM!**

ALL of those who attend the full day will receive a certificate upon completion to add to your CV! Register to our events below so you don't miss out on these amazing back-to-back opportunities!



Virtual Work Experience Day with Vodafone

Tuesday 5th April | 10am-3pm

Spend the day with Vodafone! Learn all about their company values & responsibilities, and what school leaver programmes they have to offer. Don't miss out on the chance to interact with Vodafone employees, including current apprentices, hearing first hand about their experience into employment with Vodafone. With opportunities in IT, engineering, sales, management & **MANY** more, come and learn everything you need know about careers at Vodafone!

[Register here](#)



Virtual Work Experience Day with Health Education England

Wednesday 6th April | 10am-3pm

Yearning for a career in healthcare and want to learn about all the possible ways to get there?

Come along to our exclusive Work Experience Day with Health Education England to hear everything you need to know! Learn about opportunities ranging from level 2 apprenticeships to doctorate level qualifications!

Take part in interactive employability activities, a networking speed meet session with multiple healthcare professionals, and a live Q&A panel with senior-level staff & current apprentices!

[Register here](#)



Virtual Work Experience Day with KPMG

Thursday 7th April | 10am-3pm

Discover career paths into finance, law & business with KPMG through our virtual work experience day! You'll network with KPMG apprentices as you join interactive breakout rooms and take part in exciting group activities.

Don't miss out on the chance to learn of the opportunities available for you and gain valuable advice on how to successfully manoeuvre your application with KPMG! Register below to gain an insight into your future career with KPMG.

[Register here](#)



Engineering Taster Day with The Dyson Institute, British Airways, Tata Steel, and Diageo

Tuesday 12th April | 10am-3pm

Future Engineers... this is your chance to begin the start of your professional journey! In this exciting virtual session you will meet engineering professionals The Dyson Institute, British Airways, Diageo, and Tata Steel, where you'll learn of the many opportunities available to you!

While you're listening in & preparing your questions for the experts; current apprentices will be joining in to give you an insight into their career journey & what their experiences entailed!

Register below to be a part of this amazing experience!

[Register here](#)



Virtual Work Experience Day with Royal Mail

Thursday 14th April | 10am-3pm

Spend the day with Royal Mail to discover opportunities in tech, mechanics, sales, engineering and more! Gain Work Experience for your CV while learning all the ins-and-outs of Royal Mail and what kinds of apprenticeships they offer! You'll network directly with senior staff & current apprentices where they will answer all your questions! No matter what you want to do when you leave school, Royal Mail will have an opportunity for YOU - register below now!

[Register here](#)



Virtual Work Experience Day with IBM

Tuesday 19th April | 10am-3pm

Discover how a future at IBM could be right for you! Hear directly from IBM apprentices and senior professionals on careers at IBM and learn about all their opportunities for young people! You will have the chance to network through interactive breakout rooms and get all your questions answered!

IBM's application window generally closes within a matter of hours, so if you are interested in IT, software engineering, tech or management, make sure you join to hear inside tips on nailing their application process!

[Register here](#)



Virtual Work Experience Day with Canal & River Trust

Wednesday 20th April | 10am-3pm

If you're hoping to find refreshing outdoor activities, work experience OR volunteering opportunities, join our virtual work experience day with Canal & River Trust to learn of the exciting programmes they have coming up! Network with their team and learn about their week-long work experience event that they want YOU to take part in! If you are passionate about the outdoors, physical and mental health, or improving the quality of people's lives, register below as this is definitely an event for you!

[Register here](#)

MEDIC MENTOR

YOUR MEDIC FAMILY



I'm Dr Ehsan, the CEO of Medic Mentor. I wanted to let you know that we have made our **Get Into Medicine** conferences FREE to attend for a limited time only.

Be sure to make the most of this opportunity and get your students to register below:

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/get-into-conferences/>

Free spaces are limited, so please encourage your students to register as soon as you can for the following dates:

- **Saturday 26th March**
- **Sunday 27th March**
- **Saturday 2nd April**
- **Sunday 3rd April**

Dr Siva and Dr Kennedy, who have over 10 years experience in the medical application process, will be covering the following crucial topics:

CV Building

Getting Work Experience

Medical Personal Statements

Medical School Interviews

UCAT & BMAT Entrance Exams

Accessing Medical Medical Awards, Prizes, Leadership Programmes, and Scholarships to study Medicine at University.

Your students will also receive a certificate of attendance - a great addition to their UCAS application.

This conference is suitable for students in 10-11 year groups who are interested in becoming doctors in the future.

This is a student and parent conference - we look forward to helping parents support your students on their medical journey and university applications.

Students just need to click the link below to secure their spot:

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/get-into-conferences/>

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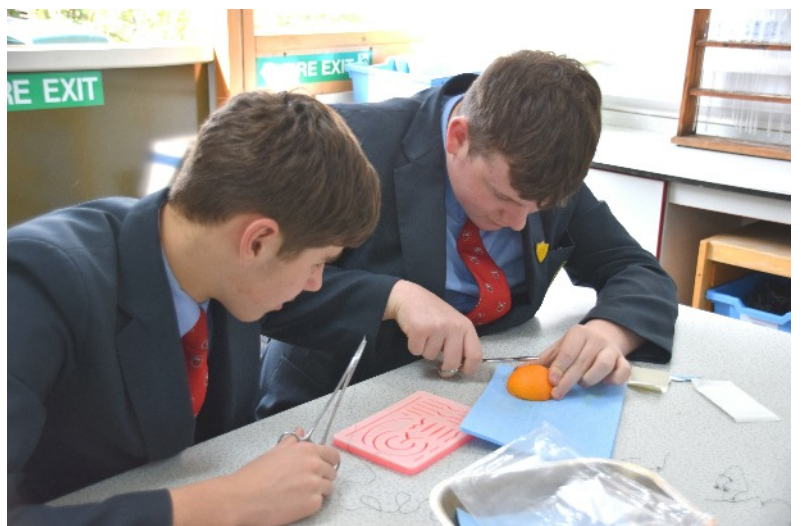
Medical Marvels

A small team of keen would-be medical students visited Runshaw College this week to take part in Medical Marvels - an insight into the kind of topics the Medical Society get involved with.

They started with anatomical drawing - labelling the various bones and organs of the body; then patient assessment in a casualty setting and finally, suturing a wound. They had to test out the technique on skin patches before suturing an orange! This is definitely not as easy as it looks, but some of our students were apparently really fast learners and picked the technique up quicker than some of the first year med students had done!

They worked alongside the science department and current aspiring medics (including some of our ex-students!), enjoying a brief tour of the college and lunch before returning to school.

We will of course be returning to Runshaw in July with the whole of Year 10 on their sampling day.



Ucas looking at replacing free form university personal statements with series of questions to boost fairness

By Will Hazell, *Education Correspondent* - *i*

Ucas is looking at a more 'structured' approach to university personal statements to balance out the unfairness of middle class students receiving extra support from parents, teachers and tutors

The universities minister has said that Ucas 'personal statements in their current form favour the most advantaged students and do a disservice to those whose strengths are better tested through other means'

Ucas is looking at replacing open-ended university personal statements with a series of questions to level the playing field between applicants, *i* can reveal.

The planned shake-up by the university admissions body follows concerns that the current system gives an advantage to middle class students, who often receive support from parents, teachers and tutors when crafting their statements.

Currently, students from across the UK applying for university courses via Ucas complete a 4,000-character personal statement.

The process is designed to allow students to sell themselves to admissions tutors by conveying their suitability for their chosen course.

Last month, the higher education minister Michelle Donelan said she believed that "personal statements in their current form favour the most advantaged students and do a disservice to those whose strengths are better tested through other means". Ms Donelan said that the UK Government was working with Ucas to "reform" the process.

Now, *i* can reveal that Ucas is looking at a more "structured" approach where applicants would be prompted to talk about certain things.

Clare Marchant, the chief executive of Ucas, said: "Personal statements are a key part of over two million applications each year for students to say why they are a good fit for their chosen course. Many employers will also ask for a form of personal statement when applying for an apprenticeship."

Ms Marchant said that when Ucas asked students for their views, they made clear they valued "the opportunity the personal statement gives them to express their ambition, skills and experiences".



But she went on: "We want to simplify the process though, offer greater guidance, and help students from all backgrounds have an equal level of support".

"We are working with students, teachers, and admissions professionals in universities and colleges to consider what changes might improve both the supporting tools and the statement itself.

"Along with more support, we will consider moving away from the current free text box personal statement to a more structured statement with focused questions to help guide students more explicitly."

"It is also important to remember that the personal statement is only one of a variety of pieces of evidence that admissions teams look at when considering a student's application," she added.

The news was welcomed as a "step in the right direction" by Lee Elliot Major, a professor of social mobility at the University of Exeter, who has called for personal statements to be reformed or scrapped altogether.

Professor Elliot Major said that university admissions had to be seen from the perspective of a "candidate who comes to this who doesn't have all that experience from their parents, teachers and tutors – is it fair for them?".

"We still need to do a lot of work to make it fair for applicants that don't have all that knowledge you need to navigate this quite complex admissions system that we have."

Reforming the process could help reduce plagiarism and cases where students effectively enlist an adult to write their statement, he said.

"The idea of structured questions means there's less room for manipulation, gaming and indeed cheating in this process."



ALLIED HEALTHCARE MENTOR

A quick reminder that the NHS Allied Work Experience Programme is still available for students in years 10 and 11, running one weekend a month.

Students who wish to participate can register individual spaces on the following link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

All students will be awarded with a Work Experience Certificate for participating in the day. This is something that they can include in their UCAS and Apprenticeship Applications. The next Work Experience day will cover the following healthcare careers:

- **Nursing**
- **Midwifery**
- **Paramedicine**
- **Physiotherapy**
- **Occupational Therapy**
- **Dietetics**
- **Radiography**
- **Prosthetics and Orthotics**
- **Speech and language therapy**
- **Pharmacy**

The virtual work experience day will take place through an online portal and run LIVE from 10am-5pm, following 2 patients from their initial accidents through to recovery. Students will see them interact with a variety of healthcare professionals listed above so that they develop an understanding of the multidisciplinary team as well as insights into their own chosen career.

Students will also have the opportunity to interact with the healthcare professionals via a LIVE Chat function and polls throughout the day!

The cost to attend is £10/student per session, which is just an administrative cost to cover the set-up of individual portals, personalised certificates, safeguarding, the technology on the day, such as our servers and chat functions.





L2 Animal Welfare Care Assistant Apprentice Deborah Douglas - Dog Groomers, Chorley	VAC 001836956
L2 Childcare Apprentice PK Kids Day Nursery Ltd., Chorley	VAC 001838032
L2 Dog Daycare Apprenticeship Oh My Dogz, Eccleston	VAC 1000033867
L2 Chef Apprentice The Highfield, Leyland	VAC 001835749 x 2 vacancies
L3 Apprentice HR Administrator Brothers of Charity Services, Chorley	VAC 001836355
L3 Information Communications Technician Apprentice Elitetele.com plc, Chorley	VAC 001836799
L3 Accounting & Finance Apprentice Runshaw College, Leyland	VAC 001836671
L3 Apprentice Business Administrator Identity Furniture Ltd., Chorley	VAC 001835373
L3 Outdoor Activities Apprentice Anderton Centre, Chorley	VAC 001837228
L3 Apprentice Lathe/Milling Operator L I J Fluid Power Ltd., Leyland	VAC 001836884
L3 Scania Heavy Vehicle Technician Apprenticeship Preston Scania	VAC 001836921 x 2 vacancies
L3 Apprentice Fabricator/Welder William Hare Group, Bury	VC 0700 (Alliance Learning)
L3 Business Admin Apprentice Signature Logistics, Bolton	VC 0705 (Alliance Learning)
L3 Engineering Apprentice Chadwick of Bury	VC 0709 (Alliance Learning)
L3 CNC Turner Apprentice Lyndhurst Precision Engineering Ltd., Chorley	Vac Ref: 002AT (Training 2000)
L3 Vehicle Damage Paint/Panel Technician P&M Autobody Repair Centre, Chorley	Vac Ref: 002769 (Training 2000)

National Apprenticeship website: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

CAREER *of the* WEEK

ARCHITECT

Architects use their technical and creative skill to design structures that suit the requirements of their clients.

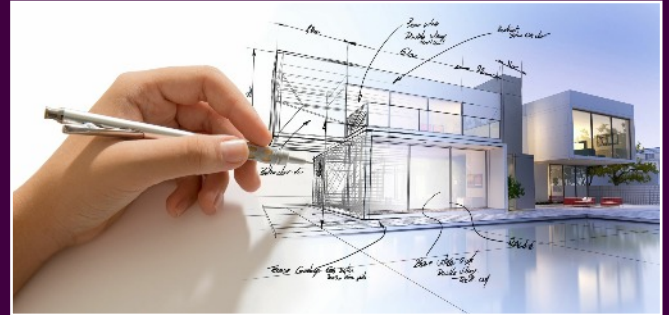
As an architect, you'll design new buildings or extensions or alterations to existing structures and advise on the restoration and conservation of old properties. You may work on individual buildings or on large redevelopment schemes, and your responsibility can extend to the design of the surrounding landscape and spaces.

Working closely with clients and users, you'll make sure that projected designs match requirements and are functional, safe and economical, and in some cases highly innovative. You'll usually control a project from start to finish and work with a number of construction professionals, including surveyors and engineers.

Responsibilities

As an architect, you'll need to:

- discuss the ideas, objectives, requirements and budget of a project, and in some cases help to select a site
- consult with other professionals about design
- assess the needs of the building and its users, advising the client on the practicality of their project
- prepare and present feasibility reports and design proposals to the client
- assess the impact on the local environment
- use IT in design and project management, specifically using computer-aided design software
- keep within financial budgets and deadlines
- produce detailed workings, drawings and specifications
- specify the nature and quality of materials required
- prepare tender applications and presentations
- negotiate with contractors and other professionals
- prepare applications for planning and building control departments
- draw up tender documents for contracts
- project manage and help to coordinate the work of contractors
- control a project from start to finish
- carry out regular site visits to check on progress and ensure that the project is running on time and to budget
- resolve problems and issues that arise during construction
- ensure that the environmental impact of the project is managed.



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