



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 this week, as GCSEs are now underway, so opportunities are much more limited and many of the open events are over for this academic year.



However, there are still some fantastic offers inside - as well as some really good apprenticeship vacancies. Speaking of apprenticeships, Vicki from Training 2000 will be in school in early June, so if anyone is struggling to find an apprenticeship, she will be able to help with CV advice, interview techniques and sourcing vacancies. They are not just a provider for engineering - they also cover dental nursing, social care, optometry, business administration, motor vehicle and much more. Keep an eye on the daily bulletin for more details.

Our Year 8 Eco Team have submitted their entry for the EDT Bronze Industrial Cadet Challenge. Now we have to take part in an online assessment with a panel of judges to see whether our project has been successful. Thanks to NSG Environmental, our sponsors, for their support with the challenge.

If anyone is able to offer a work experience placement to one of our Year 10 students, please get in touch. WEX week is 18-22 July and although many students have already found placements, not everyone has been successful so far. Students have missed out on a lot in the past few years and a brief introduction to the world of work would be a great boost to their future career plans. If you are able to accommodate one of our students, please drop me an email: pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk

There is a brilliant competition on offer from the EDT UK, in conjunction with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Pageant, to design an environmentally friendly street party. I will send out more details very shortly!

Runshaw College are planning for their 50th Birthday in 2024 and are looking to inspire the current generation of students with the past generation! If you attended Runshaw in the past and would like to be involved in the celebrations, please [follow this link](#) to register your interest.



Good luck to everyone starting their GCSEs next week - remember to get enough sleep, stay calm and read the questions properly before starting to write anything!

16th - 20th May 2022

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Law & Finance Summer Experiences

For Ages 12-18

In courtrooms & skyscraper offices across London



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Do you have students who aspire to become a top lawyer or investment banker in a global hub like London or New York?

We are offering students aged 12-18 world-class experience in law and finance-related careers this summer.

They will conduct immersive work experience activities alongside corporate lawyers, M&A bankers, UN staff, hedge fund managers, criminal barristers and more; in world-famous London locations, including the Supreme Court, the Houses of Parliament and skyscraper City headquarters.

We are more than 80% full for these experiences so students should register as soon as possible.

[View & Register: Ages 15-18](#)

[View & Register: Ages 12-14](#)

INVESTIN

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



INVESTMENT BANKING

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



POLITICS

'Model UN' session guided by UN staff
Debate against real MPs
Experience political interviews in a newsroom



ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Pitch business ideas to venture capital investors
Visit some of Europe's fastest-growing companies
Create your own Fintech business





LAW MENTOR

Judge Emma Serrano here, Chief Mentor at Law Mentor.

Thanks to teachers very kindly spreading the word, our free Get into Law Conferences have quickly become very popular! With so many students considering Law and a high demand for more conferences, I'm delighted to announce that we're running two more on:

- Saturday 14th May: 2pm - 6pm
- Saturday 28th May: 2pm - 6pm

Students can book their place by clicking the link below:

<https://airtable.com/shr7uGaU9ZMIpoXQq>

I will share my experiences as a Solicitor, Barrister, and Judge, and offer my guide to:

- UCAS and How to Apply for Law
- Personal Statements
- LNAT Entrance Exams
- Studying Law at Different Universities

Feel free to head over to <https://lawmentor.org.uk/get-into-law/> to find out more.

This is a great opportunity for students applying to Law or even considering Law. Spaces are very competitive, so I encourage students to book here sooner rather than later:

<https://airtable.com/shr7uGaU9ZMIpoXQq>





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- Any Questions You Have About Law!

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Year 11 Course Information Event

If there are any Year 11's who are still undecided about their post 16 options we are running our final open event of this academic year on the 14th June from 6-8pm. Booking is essential, please use [this link](#) to book. Please note this event is purely for students who are looking to start courses with us in September.

Family Festival

This years Festival celebrating 100 years of Reaseheath will take place on Sunday 15th May from 10am - 5pm. All of the campus will be open and you'll find a whole range of fun activities for the whole family. If anyone would like a ticket please contact us on schoolsliasion@reaseheath.ac.uk

University Centre Reaseheath

We are extremely proud of our new look University website and prospectus. If there are any students interested in Degree Courses this is the link to the website University Centre Reaseheath | Land-based degrees UK | UCR Cheshire (ucreaseheath.ac.uk)

We are immensely proud to be celebrating our centenary over the next year, and hope to have lots of exciting events taking place. If you or anyone you know was a student at Reaseheath we would love to hear your recollections of your time with us. We are also collecting photos of Reaseheath for our timeline and permanent record in the form of a commemorative book. Please contact alumni@reaseheath.ac.uk.



What Kind of Scientist Could I Be?

You might think that a scientist is a person in a white lab coat who spends their life peering down a microscope, but there are many different sorts of career in science, technology, engineering and maths.



The Communicator

Combining science and technology expertise with an understanding of their audience's needs, Communicators tell the world about the amazing work scientists do. They work in areas like TV, advertising, regulation and public affairs.



The Developer

Developers transform other people's discoveries into something practical. They enjoy solving problems and often work on creating new products or services, developing new technologies or applying existing knowledge to new situations.



The Entrepreneur

Entrepreneurs use scientific inventions to make money and create jobs for other people. Their scientific and business knowledge and entrepreneurial flair allow them to see opportunities for innovation.



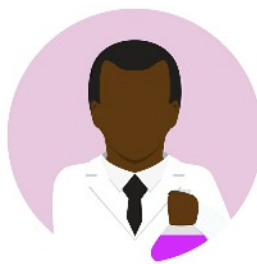
The Explorer

Boldly going where no one has gone before, Explorers are on a journey of scientific discovery. They bring a fresh, creative approach to research, and are happy taking risks. It's hard to predict what they might find, and that's half the fun!



The Investigator

Investigators piece together bits of information to map out the scientific landscape so that others can more easily find their way. They are good at seeing connections between ideas, and often work in a team.



The Service Provider

Service Providers work in special laboratories, carrying out key scientific tasks like testing or setting up experiments. They are essential in areas such as the health service, investigating crimes and food science, as well as in research and education.



The Policy Maker

Policy Makers use their science knowledge to ensure that the law and government policy are based on sound evidence. They need strong communication, people and negotiation skills, and must be able to make difficult decisions.



The Professional

Professionals with excellent science and technology skills are in huge demand across all industries, not just in the obvious industries like pharmaceuticals or IT, but also in marketing, product development, finance and insurance.



The Regulator

Regulators make sure that science and technology are practised safely. They must communicate well with the public and other scientists, building trust and confidence. For example, Regulators check that our food is safe to eat.



The Teacher

Trained in science, Teachers use their passion for their subject to inspire students. Working in and with schools, colleges, universities, they pass on their knowledge and enthusiasm and help to develop tools for teaching and learning.

Want to be a Scientist?

If you like the sound of any of these kinds of careers, talk to your teacher about which subjects will help you become a scientist.



VET MENTOR



YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

Dr Alex here, President of Vet Mentor.

I'm delighted to announce the return of the FREE **Get into Veterinary Medicine** Conference for all aspiring vet students.

I will be hosting a FREE Get into Veterinary Medicine Conference on:

Sunday 15th May from 9:30am to 5:30pm

The conference is a fantastic opportunity for your aspiring vet students. They can register their free place using this link: <https://airtable.com/shrs1hEiPfdSSgnl2>.

Now is the ideal time for students to begin preparing for their application to veterinary medicine, and this conference will equip them with the skills and resources to do exactly that.

I will guide attendees towards becoming the best university candidate they can be with:

- CV Building
- Veterinary Work Experience
- Personal Statement Advice
- Veterinary School Interview Training
- Help with accessing Veterinary Awards, Prizes, and Leadership Programs
- Guidance in applying for Scholarships to study Veterinary Medicine at University

I'll also be answering any questions about UCAS and what it's like to work as a Vet day-to-day.

Feel free to find out more about the Get into Veterinary Conference and how it will benefit you here: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/online-get-into-veterinary-medicine-conference/>

Attendees who stay for the entire conference will be awarded a Certificate of Attendance to add to their UCAS application!

They'll just need to book their place for Sunday 15th May 9:30am - 1:30pm by filling out this short form: <https://airtable.com/shrs1hEiPfdSSgnl2>

Many thanks!

Dr Alex Davies
President of Vet Mentor
Your Medic Family

MEDIC MENTOR



YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

Dr Siva here, Chief Mentor at Medic Mentor.

If students are considering a medical career, they should attend one of our free **Get into Medicine** Conferences.

These conferences cover everything students need to know about the UCAS application and give them a chance to speak to Doctors and Medical School Students. They can [register here](#):

Dr Iain Kennedy and I lead these conferences every weekend from 9:00 am - 1:30pm to provide a comprehensive guide to the Medical School application process, including:

- **Interview Training**
- **Personal Statement Advice**
- **How to Approach the UCAS Application**
- **Entrance Exams: BMAT and UCAT**
- **Accessing Medical Leadership Programmes, Award Programmes, and Scholarships to Study Medicine at University**
- **CV Building**

Students also hear from recently successful applicants to Medicine. They share their insight into the application process and how to make yourself the ideal candidate.

As I'm sure you are aware, applications to study medicine are extremely competitive. Students who receive help and insider advice from Doctors and Medical School Students are equipped with the best chances of success.

We run a **Get into Medicine Conference** every Saturday or Sunday from 9:00am - 1:30pm.

The next available dates are:

- **Saturday 14th May**
- **Sunday 15th May**

I highly recommend students attend a Get into Medicine conference as early as possible.

[Students can register using this link](#)

If you need any more information, do feel free to visit our website: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/medicine-national-healthcare-weekend/>

Please note that students must have a parent or guardian with them throughout the conference for safeguarding purposes.



ALLIED HEALTHCARE MENTOR

A quick reminder that students who wish to participate in the NHS Allied Work Experience Programme must register via the following link:

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

The programme is available for years: 10 and 11

All students will be awarded 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.

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, and the technology on the day, such as our servers and chat functions.

We look forward to welcoming all potential healthcare students onto this national virtual work experience programme!





L2 Apprentice Autocare Technician Kwik-Fit GB Ltd. (Training Academy)	VAC 001845066
L2 Electrical Wholesalers Apprenticeship - Wigan City Electrical Factors Ltd.	VAC 01000030104
L2 Apprentice Warehouse & Trade Counter Sales EDA Learning and Development Ltd.	VAC 001811139
L2 Customer Service Apprentice (Academy Apprentice) Howden Joinery Ltd.	VAC 001843501
L2 Retail Sales Apprentice Edinburgh Woollen Mill (within Golden Days Garden Centre)	VAC 1000042379
L2 Community Activator Coach Apprenticeship Bolton Wanderers Community Trust	VAC 001845054
L2 Animal Welfare Care Assistant Apprentice Anrich Veterinary Hospital	VAC 001684708
L2 Apprentice Sprayer/Finisher Thomas James Bespoke Ltd.	VAC 001826738
L2 Apprentice Furniture Fitter ATIC Group Ltd.	VAC 001829597
L3 Multi-Skilled Maintenance Engineer Apprentice Kraft Heinz UK Ltd.	VAC 1000041291
L3 Engineering Technician Apprentice Krones UK	VC 0708 (through Alliance Learning)
L3 Apprentice Engineering Fitter Wheelbase Engineering Ltd., Darwen	Vac. Ref: 00000025 (through T2000)
L3 Business Administration Apprentice Darwen Electrical Services Ltd.	Vac. Ref: 00000100 (though T2000)
L3 Junior Infrastructure Technician Apprentice Alpha Digital Networks, Darwen	Vac. Ref: 00000011 (through T2000)

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

Before you apply for an apprenticeship, you must first create an account:

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/register>

CAREER *of the* WEEK

Graphic Designer

As a graphic designer, you'll create eye-catching visuals for a variety of products and activities, such as:

- websites
- advertising
- books and magazines
- posters
- computer games
- product packaging
- exhibitions and displays
- corporate communications
- corporate identity, i.e. giving organisations a visual brand.

After agreeing a brief with the client, creative director or account manager you'll develop appropriate creative ideas and concepts that meet the client's objectives.

The work demands creative flair, up-to-date knowledge of industry software and a professional approach to time, costs and deadlines.

Responsibilities

As a graphic designer you'll need to:

- meet clients or account managers to discuss the business objectives and requirements of the job
- estimate the time required to complete a job and provide quotes for clients
- develop design briefs that suit the client's purpose
- think creatively to produce new ideas and concepts and develop interactive design
- find innovative ways to redefine a design brief within time and cost constraints
- present finalised ideas and concepts to clients or account managers
- work with a range of media, including computer-aided design (CAD), and keep up to date with emerging technologies
- proofread to produce accurate and high-quality work
- demonstrate illustrative skills with rough sketches and work on layouts ready for print
- commission illustrators and photographers
- work as part of a team with printers, copywriters, photographers, stylists, illustrators, other designers, account executives, web developers and marketing specialists.

What to expect

It's likely you'll be based in a shared studio or office as some jobs involve working in teams, although you may also work alone on occasions. If you're a freelancer you could share offices, rent studio space or work from home.

Qualifications

Relevant subjects for graphic design work include those that involve visual arts. In particular, a degree or HND in the following subjects may increase your chances:

- 3D design
- communication design
- film and television
- fine art
- graphic design
- illustration
- photography
- visual art

Any design-based course will give you a good grounding and knowledge of design, art history and printing techniques.

It is important that you build up a strong portfolio of your work to show to potential employers. This will be highly valued alongside your qualifications and will showcase your talent and passion for the career.



[Follow this link for more information](#)