



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

Here we are at the end of another packed week at Parklands. GCSEs are well underway now, although there's still a long way to go!

As always, lots of exciting opportunities for students and parents/carers inside this week's issue, including:



- Meet the Employer and Apprenticeship Team event at Wigan & Leigh College, plus a Family Fun Day coming up in June
- Virtual introduction to roles in Health and Social Care with the NHS, on the Monday and Tuesday of half term - ideal for those considering a career in health
- STEM Learning are holding another virtual careers fair, so check out some careers of the future
- NCS are looking for adult staff for their summer programmes - link inside for more information
- Think ahead and get your career plans in place now is the advice from JTL Apprenticeships
- Find out about different engineering and STEM based careers with Neon
- Open Event at Blackburn College for Year 10 and 11
- Lots of great webinars and events from Pathway CTM
- A free 'Get into Dentistry' conference from Dental Mentor
- Apprenticeship vacancies and of course, Career of the Week

Work experience forms are available from the Top Office or on the school website (under the 'Parent' heading). I have had a number of forms back so far - well done to all those who have sorted their work experience week out already! Please let me know if you are struggling to organise a placement and I will do my best to find you somewhere - we have some lovely local employers who are always happy to help out.

Year 10 will attend two college taster days in July - transport is organised, as are all meals. Students need to be in full school uniform, and we will be back at Parklands for the afternoon buses. Timetables are now ready, based on the choices made by students earlier in the year. These are a great opportunity for students to see two very different colleges and sample new or familiar subjects at a higher level.

Have a great weekend - don't forget it is World Bee Day today (20th May) so spare a thought for those hardworking little insects who help to ensure we all stay fed!



23rd - 27th May 2022



Life after school: Get ready! virtual careers fair

We are excited to host another virtual STEM careers fair from 4 to 8 July, in partnership with AECOM, where 25 exhibitors will showcase how they can support young people.



An interactive virtual careers fair where young people from across the UK can find out more about preparing for life after school.

About this event

Aimed at 14–19-year-olds, our large, interactive, virtual reality careers fair will include content which answers the following questions:

- What opportunities are open to young people after they leave school or college – could it be university? An apprenticeship? Employment? Graduate training?
- What skills, such as employability skills, will young people need to develop and how can they demonstrate these within applications, CVs, interviews, professional environments etc?
- What support can young people draw on to ensure they are making an informed decision about their future?

Set in our online exhibition hall, 25-30 exhibitors from across the UK will showcase how they can support young people and highlight their available opportunities.

Visitors will also have the chance to interact directly with exhibitors through a safeguarded, text-based live chat function active between 10-11am and 2-3pm each day.

[Register now](#)

MEET THE EMPLOYER AND APPRENTICESHIP TEAM EVENT

Thursday 30 June 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Centre for Advanced Technical Studies, Wigan

Ideal for school leavers or current
16-18 students seeking an apprenticeship



Apprenticeships

UCAS



Wigan & Leigh
College

Invitation: Meet the Employers & Apprenticeship Team

Thursday 30th June between 4.30pm - 7.30pm
at the
Centre for Advanced Technical Studies, Wigan WN1 1RP

[Please book your place today by clicking this link](#)



or scan the QR code above



Wigan & Leigh
College



**Lancashire and
South Cumbria**
Health and Care Partnership

350 Careers
One NHS
Your Future

NHS



CARE

A 'Virtual' Introduction to Roles in Health and Social Care

May Half-Term Break
Monday 30th May and Tuesday 31st May
9:00am to 3:30pm

Aimed at 14-16 year-olds but all welcome

We are offering two days of presentations and activities delivered by the Careers Teams from across the North West of England, where participants will learn about health and social care careers. We will also be setting short tasks to complete which will result in certification that can be added to CVs.

All content is being delivered virtually over 'Microsoft Teams'

To register please click [here](#)

You will need to registered for free on www.nhscareersnw.co.uk in order to apply

A Microsoft Teams invite will be sent on Friday 27th May to those who have registered.

[To sign up for this event, please follow this link](#)

A date for your diary

Family Fun Day

**Wigan & Leigh College
Parsons Walk**

**SATURDAY 18 JUNE 2022
10.00am - 2.00pm**

A fun day out for all the family - bring your family and tell your friends!

- BBQ • Prize draw to win a bike • Live music
- Ice cream • Market stalls • Face painting

Live demonstrations and tasters of family learning including:

- Arts and crafts
- Make a hanging basket
- Pizza making
- Mocktails
- Rock painting
- Glitter tattoos
- Dog grooming & pet care
- First Aid



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Be BOLD.
RELEVANT.
RESILIENT.

INSPIRA
Inspiring you

NCS is the leading youth programme in England.

We are recruiting a large number of seasonal staff for the Summer NCS programme, to lead, inspire and mentor a small group of 15-17 year olds through a life-changing experience!

We are looking for staff in the following areas:

- Barrow
- Lancaster
- Blackpool
- Burnley
- Kendal
- Fylde & Wyre
- Preston
- Blackburn

Sound like something you'd love to do?

[Get in touch!](#)

JOIN OUR TEAM

We're hiring
NCS Delivery Staff

Are you looking for an inspiring and rewarding well paid job during summer 2022?

If so, get in touch!

APPLY NOW

NCS



June Open Event

The final open event of this academic year takes place on June 16th. Year 10 pupils are encouraged to attend in readiness for year 11 and any pupils in year 11 who are still undecided - this is a good opportunity to see the campus and talk with our careers team who will be available throughout the event.





Saturday 21st May | 10:00-11:00

Nailing Your Interviews

Join us for our nailing your interview workshop!

This hour-long session will walk you through all things interviews. We will be covering top tips including common interview questions and answers, positive body language, key points to set yourself apart and other tips and tricks for your applications. If you are looking for guidance on mastering interviews this is not an event to miss!

Who should join? Students who are looking for guidance on interviews and parents/carers who want to help their children and students with their interviews.

Sign up: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/nailing-your-interviews/>



Tuesday 24th May | 18:00-19:00

Sustainability in Tech with Vodafone

Have you ever considered a career in Technology and would like to know more about sustainability within the sector?

Come along to this online session with Vodafone, where we will be hearing all about sustainability within their company! Vodafone is committed to being as environmentally friendly as possible and they know that it is an important part of a young person's job search. They want to speak on and answer your questions about what they are doing to be more environmentally conscious.

Sign up: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/sustainability-in-tech-with-vodafone/>



Every Wednesday | 16:30-17:30

Ask Me Anything Session with Max

Join us for weekly sessions with Max! Max is our Outreach and Student Support expert, and has years of experience in guiding people through applications, interviews, CV and cover letter help, and so much more.

If you're thinking about applying for an apprenticeship, want to learn more about your options, or have any questions at all about your future, these weekly sessions are where you need to be! Join any of the weekly "drop-in" sessions to get your questions answered.

Who should join? Any student with questions about their options, specific applications, or anything else regarding your future.

Sign up 25th May: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/ask-me-anything-session-with-max-8-5/>

Sign up 1st June: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/ask-me-anything-session-with-max-8-4/>



Saturday 18th June | 10:00-11:00

Understanding my strengths

In this session my volunteer and I will work with the students to understand how they can identify their own strengths and look at what strengths employers and universities look for. We will also look at how those strengths can help you identify what your future career could be.

Sign up: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/understanding-my-strengths-pathway-ctm-outreach-5/>



We are asking pupils due to leave school this year to 'think ahead' and get their career plans in place now, to start an apprenticeship with JTL this September.

JTL is a leading national independent training provider, with over 25 years' experience of successfully delivering electrical and plumbing & heating apprenticeships to the building services engineering sector.

As places at JTL training centres and partner colleges are in high demand for this September, we are advising pupils to think ahead and start looking for a potential apprenticeship employer now before leaving school, and to get their application in to us early using our online application system.

A JTL apprenticeship can be started at 16 (once individuals have a National Insurance number) and completed within 4 years. Our programmes are suitable for those who are practically minded and who want to start earning a wage straight away. There is plenty of demand for new talent in the sector with excellent earnings potential (fully qualified electricians and plumbers can earn salaries of £32k and over) and huge potential to progress up the career ladder.

We have created a short film to help explain how to get started with a JTL apprenticeship in 6 simple steps.

To view the film and to find out more, [visit our website](#)



Stemming the flood

Hiba Khan keeps people's homes safe from flooding and erosion.



I'm Hiba. I work at Mott MacDonald, and I'm an engineer on a mission to keep people safe and healthy by protecting their homes and environments.

The project I think that means the most to me is the one that I'm still working on at the moment. It's a project in Bangladesh and it's to combat river erosion. In Bangladesh 20 percent of the country floods every single year on average. They've got these huge rivers. They're like 16 kilometres wide. They can erode 900 metres over the year. That's like a whole village has just fallen into the river all of a sudden, which obviously is catastrophic for health.

So our project aims to reduce that riverbank erosion by stopping it in certain places. The great thing about the project for people's health is that once you stop the water coming in and stop their houses flooding you don't get as much standing water which obviously is a breeding ground for mosquitos, malaria and all sorts of diseases. Also if the roads are there and permanent they can always get medical supplies in and take people out who need help.

This is one of the things that we use a lot on site. It's called a geo bag. So Bangladesh doesn't have many rocks, and normally you'd use rocks to stop riverbank erosion, but we have to make our own. We fill these with sand, we stitch the top, and we push them out of barges and they fall in layers underwater to protect against erosion.

Engineering makes me really happy. It was really important to me to feel like I'm part of something that's working towards the greater good, and I really feel like that in engineering. You can see what you've done at the end of the project, which is great.

[Watch Hiba's story here](#)





Apprenticeships to consider if your favourite subjects are music and drama

If you have star quality and dreams to work on both stage and screen, then working in the industry can give you a good starting point to a life in lights.

A career in the performing arts can not just prepare you for roles working in the theatre, film and music industries, but your skills can be transferred to a range of other careers, combining creative talent with the practical aspect of arts management. There are a wide range of careers and locations to explore, from broadcast and media systems engineer to the more diverse, such as a cultural learning and participation officer at a museum or props technician for film, television and theatre.

Here is a selection of apprenticeships on offer that all have a focus on the subject of music or drama at their core.

Acoustics technician: Carry out noise and vibration surveying and testing in a variety of different situations. The duration is 24 months and you'll achieve a level 4 apprenticeship upon completion.

Arts therapist: Use art, drama or music to carry out therapy interventions to improve a person's mental, physical health and wellbeing. The duration is 24 months and you'll achieve a level 7 degree apprenticeship upon completion.

Broadcast and media systems engineer: Ensure that content is broadcast and delivered on time and to the highest level of quality. The duration is 36 months and you'll achieve a level 6 degree apprenticeship upon completion.

Creative industries production manager: Responsible for all the organisational aspects of the production schedule and budget. The duration is 18 months and you'll achieve a level 7 degree apprenticeship upon completion.

Creative venue technician: You'll provide technical support for the construction, rehearsal, presentation and removal of a live performance or event. The duration is 24 months and you'll achieve a level 3 apprenticeship upon completion.

Cultural learning and participation officer: Plan, organise and coordinate artistic and cultural education programmes and community engagement projects. The duration is 15 months and you'll achieve a level 3 apprenticeship upon completion.

Health play specialist: Provide therapeutic play for sick children, young people, carers and families of all ages. The duration is 24 months and you'll achieve a level 5 apprenticeship upon completion.

Props technician: Source, organise, maintain and make props for film, television and theatre productions. The duration is 18 months and you'll achieve a level 3 apprenticeship upon completion.

DENTAL MENTOR



YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

Dr Yacoobali here, Chief Dental Mentor! I'm writing to let you know about an exciting opportunity for any students interested in Dentistry!

Dental Mentor is running a FREE, live, virtual Get into Dentistry Conference on:

Sunday 29th May 2pm - 5:30pm

Students can register using the link below.

<https://airtable.com/shr7JL0vaCAzEYUo1>

Just in time for UCAS Season, this conference will guide students through everything they need to do to make their application to Dentistry stand out.

This includes:

- **Application timelines**
- **UCAS and CV Building**
- **Awards and Scholarships**
- **Getting Dentistry Work Experience**
- **Dental Leadership Programmes**
- **Personal Statements**
- **Dentistry School Interviews**

I'll also be joined by a recently successful applicant to Dentistry who will share their insight into what it takes to get accepted.

Attendees who stay for the entire conference will be awarded a Certificate of Attendance: a fantastic addition to their UCAS Application!

Students can register for the free virtual Get into Dentistry Conference on Sunday 29th May using the link below:

<https://airtable.com/shr7JL0vaCAzEYUo1>

Please note that one booking = one booking for a student and their parent/guardian.

Cameras need to be switched on and a parent/guardian must stay with the student for the duration of the conference for safeguarding purposes. The Get into Dentistry Conference will be very useful to them too!

All Dentists at the free virtual Get into Dentistry Conference will be taking any questions students or parents have about the application process or what it means to study Dentistry and work as a Dentist.



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 Hair Stylist
Ava Rose Hair Studio Ltd.

VAC 1000044676

L2 Apprentice Chef
St Catherine's Hospice (Lancashire) Ltd.

VAC 1000042534 x 2 vacancies

L2 Customer Service Apprentice
Gold Medal Travel Group plc

VAC 1000043896 x 10 vacancies

L2 Hospitality Apprentice (Front of House)
Traveller's Rest, Euxton

VAC 001768259

L2 Apprentice Nursery Nurse
Kids Planet Day Nurseries Ltd.

VAC 1000043715

L3 Apprentice Document Controller
Eric Wright Construction Ltd.

VAC 1000043075

L3 Travel Consultant Apprentice
Travel COOP

VAC 1000045439

L3 Corporate Business Support Apprentice
Runshaw College, Leyland

VAC 1000043498

L3 Business Administrator Apprentice
Learn Live Ltd.

VAC 1000044152

L3 Digital Marketing Apprentice
Jewel Home Support Ltd.

VAC 1000045200

L3 Apprentice Dental Nurse
Jones Dental Practice, Chorley

VAC 001819323

L3 Apprentice Travel Clerk
Althams Travel Services Ltd.

VAC 001845878

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

Alliance Learning: <https://www.alliancelearning.com/page/apprenticeships>

Training 2000: <https://www.training2000.co.uk/apprenticeships/vacancies>

Before you apply for an apprenticeship, you must first create an account:
<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/register>

CAREER *of the* WEEK

Dentist

Dentists prevent and treat problems affecting the mouth and teeth, deal with injuries and correct dental issues

As a dentist, you'll typically lead a team of dental nurses, hygienists, therapists and technicians, and treat a range of patients, from children to the elderly.

The most common role in dentistry is as a general dental practitioner (GDP). As a GDP, you'll work as a self-employed contractor providing dental care to the general public in high street practices. It's also possible to work part time in hospitals. You might provide services under the NHS, privately or both.

Types of dentistry

You may choose to specialise in a different area of dentistry, such as:

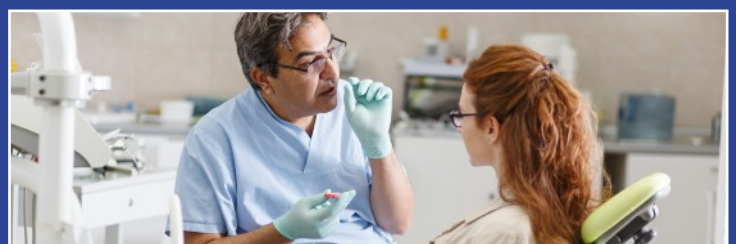
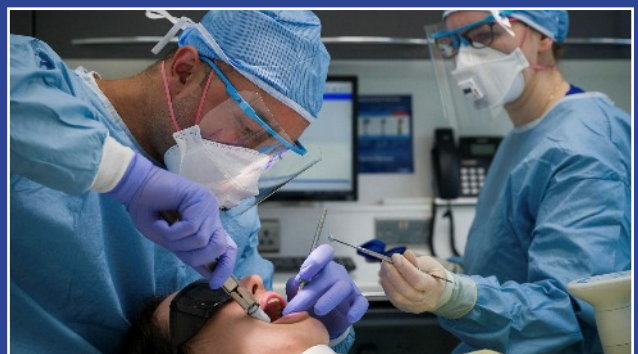
- Community dental care - working in patients' homes, nursing homes and community clinics, treating patients who have special requirements that mean they can't attend a high street practice.
- Dental public health - carrying out non-clinical work, assessing the dental health needs of populations rather than individuals.
- Hospital dental care - dealing with cases of special difficulty and providing treatment to long-stay hospital patients, emergency treatment for short-stay patients or the general public for teaching purposes.
- Armed forces - providing a comprehensive range of dental services for armed forces personnel in the UK and abroad, operating as a military dental officer.

Responsibilities

As a dentist, you'll need to:

- educate patients on oral healthcare
- examine teeth, diagnosing dental conditions using tools such as x-rays
- assess treatment options and agree treatment plans with patients
- carry out agreed clinical treatments such as restoring teeth affected by decay and treating gum disease
- maintain patients' dental records
- recruit, train and manage staff
- oversee budgets and maintain stocks of equipment
- market services to potential clients

Some practices employ practice managers so that dentists can concentrate on clinical work.



[Follow this link for more information](#)