



CAREER News

2022

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

Welcome back to a new term! I hope everyone had a great Easter break.

In this week's edition of Career News, as always, lots of great opportunities for students to get involved with, including:

- Summer career experiences with InvestIN, from architecture to video game design.
- A T Level showcase at Runshaw College, where you can find out more about the newest level 3 qualifications.
- An engineering experience at Loughborough University for outgoing Year 11 students.
- Application, CV and Cover Letter workshop and Nail Your Interview workshop with Pathway CTM.
- Meet the engineers transforming transport with Neon.
- Check out the newsletter from Arkwright Engineering and sign up for a summer course.
- Bolton College are holding a series of Apprenticeship Open Events in May and June - register early.
- Advice on how to answer difficult interview questions.
- Parents' Perspective Podcasts from Amazing Apprenticeships, plus the Youth Voice Census - make sure you take part and have your say!
- Final Open Evening of this academic year for Wigan & Leigh College - plus a Meet the Employers and Apprenticeship Team event (same date). You must register in advance - don't miss out.
- One for the creative types: Download the free careers guide from Escape Studios and find out more about the type of career you could have in creative media.
- Medic Mentor are offering two great free conferences for anyone intending to follow a career in medicine. If a medical career is your choice, you need to get involved in medical societies and so on at an early stage - these conferences are a brilliant opportunity to hear from doctors and med school students.
- Apprenticeship vacancies - including a new offer from Leyland Trucks for an HR Support position - closing date coming up, so follow the link to apply!
- Finally, Career of the Week. This week we are looking at Musician/Recording Artist (and you might notice that some of my favourite bands are featured in the article!)

I am still waiting for a number of Year 10 Work Experience slips to be returned - please ensure these are sent in as soon as possible. WEX week is 18 - 22 July.

Year 11 had an assembly with NCS (National Citizen Service) this week - if anyone needs further information on dates/payments/bursaries please go to <https://wearencs.com/>

25th - 29th April 2022



INVESTIN

Update: Summer Career Experiences

15 industries | Ages 12-18

The banner features the text 'SUMMER CAREER EXPERIENCES' in large white letters on an orange background. Below it, a dark blue bar contains the text 'IMMERSIVE INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS AGED 12-18'. To the right, a circular graphic with a blue background and yellow border contains the text 'MORE THAN 80% FULL'. A Trustpilot logo with a 5-star rating and '4.9/5 from 1,800+ reviews' is also present. At the bottom, five small images illustrate various career experiences: a group of people working together, a person in a lab coat, a person in a white coat, a person in a white coat, and a person in a white coat.

Over the Easter period, we were busy putting the finishing touches to our immersive summer career experiences in London.

We are now more than 80% full across the board and expect to close registration soon.

Some of the life-changing opportunities on offer: Debate in a 'Model UN' session at **Amnesty International**; experience sports psychology at a **Premier League club**; display your artwork in a private gallery at the **Tate Modern**; piece together a supercar engine with **F1 engineers**; direct scenes on a **Hollywood film set**; and many other **incredible professional experiences** that students simply cannot find anywhere else.

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

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

15 World-Class Experiences

- **Architecture**: complete design projects in a real studio
- **Art**: present your portfolio to a panel of top artists
- **Dentistry**: drill teeth on phantom heads
- **Engineering**: explore a private jet with BA engineers
- **Entrepreneurship**: pitch a business plan to top CEOs
- **Filmmaking**: direct a movie scene on a real film set
- **Forensic Science**: analyse fingerprint and blood splatter evidence
- **Investment Banking**: trade the markets live in a London skyscraper
- **Law**: argue a case before a judge in the Supreme Court
- **Medicine**: shadow doctors in a London teaching hospital
- **Politics**: 'Model UN' with real UN staff
- **Psychology**: work with psychologists on a mental health ward
- **Software Engineering**: create your own healthcare app
- **Veterinary Medicine**: practise vet surgery on dummy animals
- **Video Game Design**: design a game and pitch it to professionals



**Loughborough
University**

July 6-7 2022

**Loughborough University
East Midlands Campus**



ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE 2022

Engineering Experience is a two-day residential to help you discover and experience the incredible variety this vast industry and a top engineering university can offer.

Who is Engineering Experience for?

Year 11 students who want to experience university life and discover more about the various branches of engineering from one of the largest and leading engineering universities in the UK.

- Try out practical taster workshops in our teaching facilities
- Discover different branches of engineering and careers
- Learn from our expert academics and current students
- Benefit from Industry talks and UCAS personal statement sessions
- Enjoy our beautiful campus and Loughborough student life

Cost: £60 - free places available. Applications close on 2 May 2022.

Find out more on our website: www.lboro.ac.uk/scl/engexp



TOP 10

IN THE UK FOR ENGINEERING:
MECHANICAL, AERONAUTICAL
AND MANUFACTURING
QS WORLD UNIVERSITY
RANKINGS 2021

TOP 10

FOR CHEMICAL
ENGINEERING
GUARDIAN
LEAGUE TABLE
2022

2ND

FOR BUILDING
COMPLETE
UNIVERSITY
GUIDE2022

4TH

MATERIALS
TECHNOLOGY
TIMES GOOD
UNIVERSITY GUIDE
2022

4TH

MEDICAL
TECHNOLOGY AND
BIOENGINEERING
COMPLETE
UNIVERSITY GUIDE
2022

We are proud to present our

T-LEVELS Showcase 2022

@ our **Leyland Campus**
5.00 - 7.00pm **Thursday 12 May**

Why will doing a T-level give me an edge?

Where can T-levels take me?

Meet with real employers and T-level experts

- Business Management & Administration
- Engineering: Mechanical
- Digital: Software
- Health: Adult Nursing
- Engineering: Civil

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

Register here: runshaw.ac.uk/t-levels-showcase



Your pupils are warmly invited to attend our upcoming T-Level Showcase which will be taking place here at Runshaw College, Langdale Rd, on Thursday 12th May from 5-7pm.

This event will provide an opportunity for students and their parents to find out more about the T-Level programmes we are offering, with a focus on the industry placement element of the course. You will have the opportunity to speak to our curriculum teams, attend a presentation providing an overview of the programmes and meet with employers who are interested in taking students on a placement in the future. There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions and further your knowledge of T-Levels at Runshaw.

We would be delighted if you are able to come along and support our event. If you are interested in attending, please complete the [booking request form](#) here.

Open to all Year 10 & 11 pupils



Sat 23rd April | 10:00-11:00

Pathway CTM: Application, CV and Cover Letter Workshop

Join us for our application, CV, and cover letter workshop! This hour-long session will walk you through applications, CVs, and cover letters. We will be covering key points to add to your CV, what kinds of things you can include (even if you don't have prior work experience), what should go in a CV vs. a cover letter, and other key tips and tricks for your applications. If you are looking for guidance on applications, CVs or cover letters, this is not an event to miss!

Who should join?

- Students who are looking for guidance on applications, CVs, and cover letters.
- Parents/carers who want to help their children with applications, CVs, and cover letters.

Sign up: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/pathway-ctm-application-cv-and-cover-letter-workshop/>



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

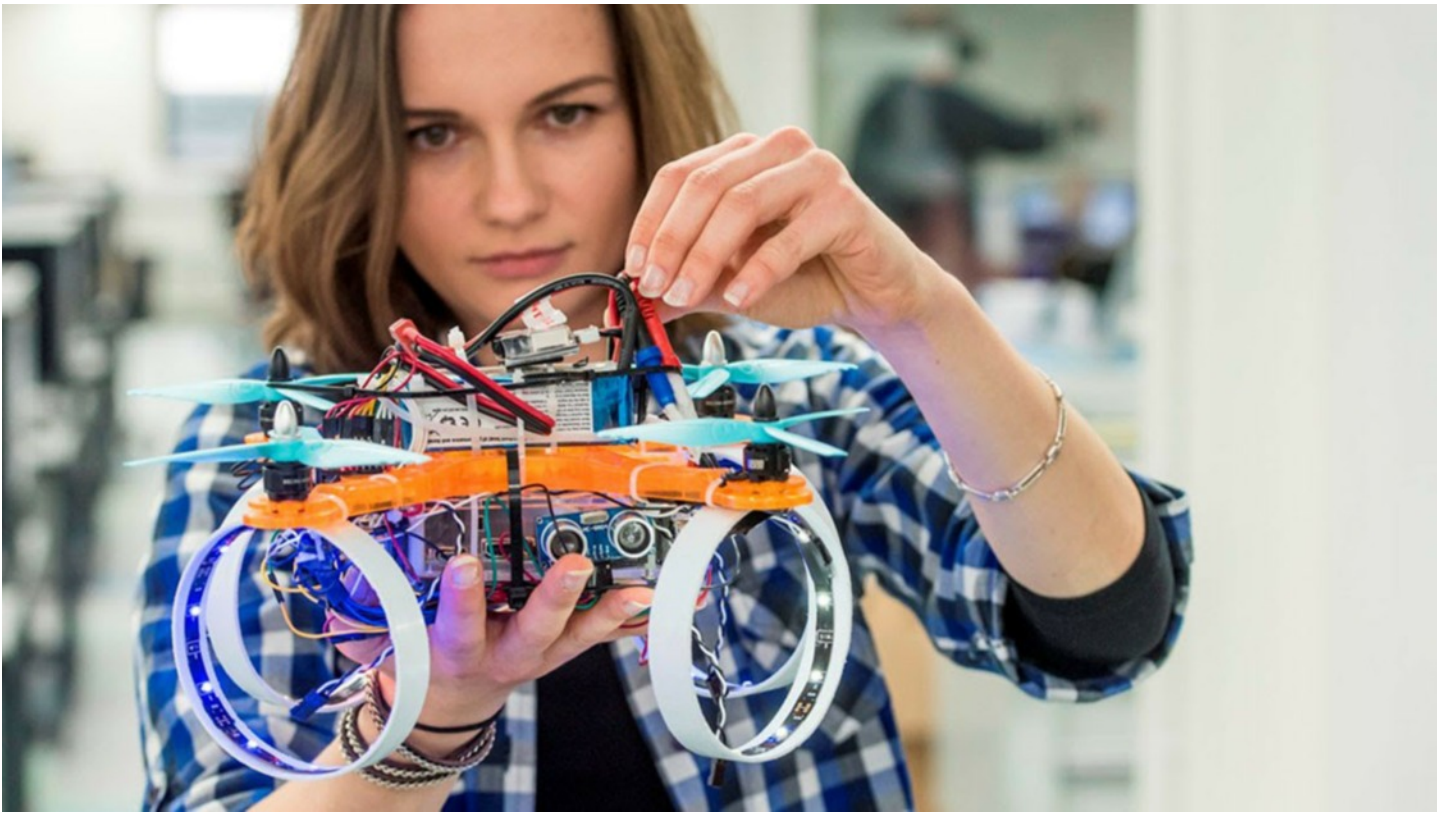
Nailing Your Interviews

Join us for our Nailing your Interview workshop! This hour-long session will cover 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.
- Parents/carers who want to help their children with their interviews.

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



Get on the move this week on Neon and meet the engineers transforming transport - from super-fast cars at McLaren, to hybrid vehicles at Land Rover:

[Chris joined McLaren's graduate programme](#) four years ago and now has a big input on the engineering of super-fast cars

[Network Rail engineer Louise](#) answers her top 3 questions about engineering - "It's only when people start asking me about my role that they appreciate how interesting and challenging my job is"

[Nazia works in the body engineering department](#) at Jaguar Land Rover. She's part of the team behind the distinctive shape of their vehicles and all the important things that go on inside the cars





CONNECT

ARKWRIGHT ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

"The Arkwright Engineering Scholarship is a two-year journey, supporting hard-working students to develop lifelong knowledge, skills and confidence to enter the exciting world of engineering.

[Read more here.](#)

If anyone is interested in being involved next year, please let me know (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)



FUTURE RAILWAY ENGINEERING (VIRTUAL)

Heavyweight, high-speed trains transport people across the globe - connecting families, transporting goods, and keeping the world moving. These huge, complex machines must be extremely secure to protect their passengers and cargo.

Students on this course will work in teams to build and crash a scale-model train, testing how their design responds to stress and learning what it takes to be a rail safety engineer. This course is for Years 11/12 England and Wales, S5/6 Scotland and Year 12/13 Northern Ireland.

Using your smartphone, you will record the crash and analyse the footage to see how your design protects passengers. This course combines fun, interactive learning online with access to leading academics from the University of Birmingham, and the chance to learn more about a career in engineering.



'I enjoyed building and testing my design, because it was exciting seeing all my planning and calculations come to life.'

Rail Course Student 2021

WHEN: 02 Aug - 05 Aug 2022

Start time: 10:00 hrs Finish time: 16:00 hrs

WHERE: Virtual

COST: £95*

** If cost is a barrier please see our FAQ for more details.*

REGISTER NOW

How to answer the ‘Tell me about a time when...?’ Interview question

When you go into an interview, you can never really be sure about what the interviewer may or may not ask you. Being prepared for anything can really help calm your nerves but for some reason, you may find yourself scrambling for words when the interviewer asks a question starting with ‘tell me about a time when?’ You may have prepared, but sometimes, we forget what we’re about to say and go with something else. There is a good plan for answering these types of questions, keep reading below to find out how you can be as prepared as possible and stop those nerves hitting you as soon as questions like this are asked.

Why do employers choose these questions?

It’s always good to understand why you are being asked these questions, to ensure that you are giving them the best possible answer, enabling you to show them your strengths and experience. ‘Tell me about a time’ questions are behavioural questions. They are asked to encourage you to not only discuss your skills but focus on a specific time or experience in your personal or professional life.

The interviewer is looking for you to give an answer that follows with an example. This makes it more of an open answer where you can discuss an experience and how it impacted you in that moment. Employers want to know your skills and how you have put them into practice and whether you would be a good fit for their team. They may ask you questions about both positive and negative experiences, but it’s important that you always stay positive throughout. You can discuss how you overcame issues but never talk yourself down.

How to start answering these questions?

These kinds of questions need to have stories. You need to think of a time when you were actually put in that situation and go from there. The STAR method is a good way of answering these types of questions.

Situation - Think of a time when ...

Task - What was the task at hand?

Action - What did you do in this situation?

Result - What was the outcome?

One of the main reasons we may feel nervous when these questions are asked, is because we either haven’t prepared for the exact question they have asked, or we can’t think of a time where we were actually put in the situation they have asked for. It’s important to know that these questions don’t always have to be answered with experiences in the workplace. We are more than our jobs and life experiences also make you who you are.

Questions you may be asked

It’s likely that the interviewer will ask you a variety of different questions, including some for both positive and negative experiences. There are some examples on what you should expect from an interview below.

Tell me about a time when you reached a goal at work?

Tell me about a time when you set a goal and didn’t reach it?

Tell me about a time when you led a team? Did you have any problems? How did you solve them?

Tell me about a time when you struggled at work?

Tell me about a time when you had to solve a difficult problem?

If you are asked any of the above, even the ones asking about a time where something may not have gone exactly to plan, always finish on a positive note. If you are talking about a time when you didn’t reach a goal, what did you do to ensure that next time you achieved it? If you are asked a question relating to a time where you worked as a team, ensure you are telling them how you worked in the team and the part you played in it. Yes, teamwork is important, but they want to know how you worked in that situation.

Start planning

The likelihood is, you won’t be asked more than a couple of questions like this. So, there is no point getting flustered and worrying over not knowing what they will ask. The best advice I can give, is to think of both a positive and negative experience you had and adapt this scenario to the question you are asked. The most popular questions asked may include:

Tell me about a time when you were successful at work?

Tell me about a time when you struggled at work?

So, try and think of examples for these and practice them when you are doing your interview preparation. Behavioural questions are all about giving more than just one-word answers. They give the interviewer a more in-depth understanding on how you work, how you deal with problems in the workplace and who you are as a person. It allows them to understand your skills at a deeper level than just reading them off your CV. These questions can feel daunting, but once you get the hang of them, there is really nothing to worry about.





Part of the University of Bolton Group



Bolton College

Apprenticeship Open Event

Wednesday 11th May, 5pm–7.30pm

Wednesday 15th June, 5pm–7.30pm

Deane Road Campus



Register and access our Apprenticeship resources at:

www.boltonapps.co.uk

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PARENT

PERSPECTIVE

A careers podcast

Parents' Perspective Podcast

Series 2

The much-anticipated second series 2 of The Parents' Perspective podcast will be launching next month with the first episode of an 8-part series! We'll be back to tackle the big questions that parents and carers have about the options and choices available to their children.

In the meantime, check out all the available series 1 episodes below.

[LISTEN TO SERIES 1](#)

Youth Voice Census 2022

The Youth Voice Census is an annual survey run by Youth Employment UK focused on how young people aged 11 – 30 feel.

It gives young people the chance to share how they feel about a number of issues including education, employment, training, work and where they live.

[TAKE THE SURVEY HERE](#)

Youth Voice Census

#AddYourVoice



OPEN EVENING

25 APRIL
FROM 4.30PM



Learn more about:
A Levels
**Vocational &
Technical subjects
including T Levels**
Apprenticeships



WIGAN & LEIGH COLLEGE - FINAL OPEN EVENT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Wigan Centres, Monday 25th April, 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Registration for the event can be found here: <https://www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk/events/Open-Evening>

Please book your place, to help us manage visitor numbers

It is very much a last chance for Year 11s who are looking at the College to come and see the facilities, speak with tutors across all courses and make any last minute applications.

Invitation: Meet the Employers & Apprenticeship Team

Monday 25th April between 4.30pm - 7.30pm at the Centre for
Advanced Technical Studies, Wigan. WN1 1RP

Please book your place today at:

<https://wiganleighcollege.simplybook.it/v2/#book/category/26/count/1/>



Navigating the creative industries' endless opportunities

Did you know the creative industries are amongst the fastest growing sectors?

Digital arts can lead to extremely exciting career opportunities. Many of our own alumni have gone on to work on blockbuster films including *The Batman*, *Venom: Let There Be Carnage*, *Avengers: Endgame* and *No Time to Die*. Whether you students enjoy Film, TV, Art, VFX, Computer Animation, IT or even Data Science, there is a place for them in this industry.

Explore Escape Studios' handy free guide to learn more...



Your free Careers Guide

Explore the variety of jobs available

[Download now](#)



The Careers Guide

Every stage of production in films, TV programmes and video games requires a team of artists with different skills, knowledge and techniques – the opportunities are endless!

With so many different roles, it can get a bit confusing for a newbie to navigate the industry. We've put together this handy guide, filled with all the information you need to know about the career pathways in Animation, VFX and Game Art.

[Download my free guide](#)



Take the Careers Quiz

If you and your students are completely new to the creative industries and would like some more direction about which career opportunities suit which skillsets, why not take the Careers Quiz?

Whether you're a problem solver or a creative, good with numbers or love a puzzle, this quiz will direct you to the right path!

[Take the quiz](#)



Who are Escape Studios?

With courses in Animation, VFX and Game Art, Escape Studios has been at the forefront of creative education since 2002, supplying the industry with studio-ready talent. Our tutors are industry experts which is why we're leaders in digital arts, ranked 1st in the UK in three categories by The Rookies.

[Find out more](#)

MEDIC MENTOR



YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

Dr Siva here, Chief Mentor and host of Medic Mentor's Get into Medicine Conference.

As we approach exam season, I strongly encourage all students applying to medicine to attend our FREE Get into Medicine on:

SUNDAY 24th APRIL 9:30am - 1:30pm

We host these conferences to help students prepare for their upcoming exams, UCAS application, personal statements, UCAT and BMAT entrance exams, and university interviews. Many have requested that we run a Conference on a Sunday, so that's exactly what we're doing this week.

It's crucial for your students to speak to as many Doctors and medical school students as possible to gain insight into what will make their applications stand out.

Students can register for this Sunday's conference using this link:

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

In addition to the Get Into Medicine Conference, students also have access to our FREE Insight into Medicine Conference on:

SATURDAY 23rd APRIL: 2:00pm - 5:30pm

We've invited 3 Doctors to speak about their careers and day-to-day life in their chosen fields.

Gaining insight into a variety of medical perspectives is highly beneficial to both university applications and interviews.

Attendees will hear from:

- **Dr Nicole Dhillon on Maxillofacial Surgery**
- **Dr Luan Tong on General Medicine**
- **Dr Ross Pointon on Emergency Medicine**

Students can register for Saturday's conference using this link:

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/insight-into-medicine-conference/>

Students who stay for the entirety of either conference will receive a Certificate of Attendance - a great addition to their UCAS application. They are very welcome to attend both conferences and will receive a certificate for each.

Thank you for working with us to ensure that your students gain access to continued support and training for their application to medicine.



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 Apprentice Chef Saint Catherine's Hospice	VAC 001774835 (x 2 vacancies)
L2 Production Chef Apprentice Diets 2 Go, Buckshaw Village	VAC 001798425
L2 Apprentices Autocare Technician Barry & Wilkinson Tyres Ltd., Leyland	VAC 001772797
L2 Front of House Apprentice The Halfway House	VAC 001746398
L2 Hairdressing Apprentice Mojo Hair Design, Chorley	VAC 001840869
L3 Apprentice Lettings Customer Service Advisor Bridgfords, Chorley	VAC 001803293
L3 Assistant Accountant Apprentice Woodville Accountancy	VAC 1000036981
L3 Corporate Business Support Officer Apprentice Runshaw College, Leyland	VAC 1000036707
L3 Software Development Apprentice Teegee Digital Limited, Leyland	VAC 001840903
L3 Apprentice Administration Assistant T Sumner Smith Ltd., Clayton Green	VAC 1000037661
L3 Outdoor Activities Apprentice Anderton Centre (Rivington)	VAC 001837228
L3 HR Support Apprenticeship Leyland Trucks Limited	VAC 1000038044
L3 Apprentice Repairs Admin Officer Places for People, Preston	VAC 001805814

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>

You will also need a CV - if you need help with this, please see Miss Berry (Top Office)

CAREER *of the* WEEK

Musician/ Recording Artist

Musicians create and/or perform music in a variety of genres, such as classical, rock, pop, indie, jazz or folk.

You could be a composer, instrumentalist and/or a singer performing either in the studio or to a live audience.

You may work alone, as a freelance artist, in collaboration with others, or as a salaried member of a:

- band
- choir
- theatrical ensemble
- opera company
- orchestra

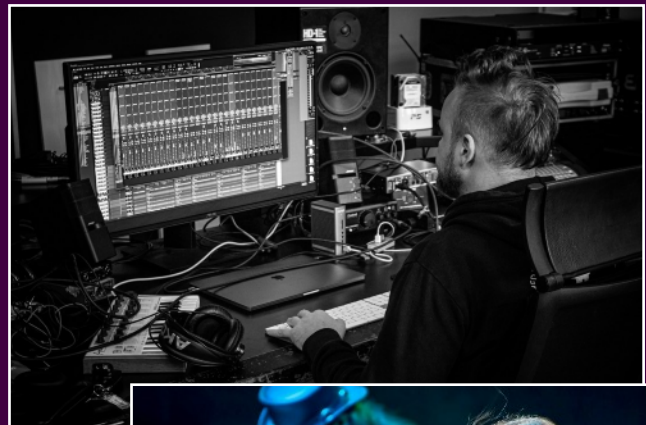
Competition in this field is high, so you'll need to dedicate hours of practice to maintain and develop your skills - whatever your preferred style.

Responsibilities

As there are many genres of music, some activities will differ depending on your area of expertise.

However, you'll typically need to:

- perform at concerts, festivals, theatres and other music venues
- participate in recording sessions
- practise regularly
- attend rehearsals and plan performances
- prepare for auditions
- look after your instrument and/or voice
- set up/tune your instrument and other equipment, arranging for its transportation if required
- compose new songs and music
- promote your act by making demos, using social media, setting up your own website, and contacting agents and record companies
- handle the administration of business activities such as handling accounts, negotiating fees and organising distribution of your recordings both offline and online
- seek out new venues in which to perform
- arrange gigs and tours either yourself or through a manager or agent



[Follow this link for more information](#)