



The Ridgeway School
& Sixth Form College

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

OPPORTUNITIES



WonderWhat is a new creative careers finder for 13/14+ year olds. It's free to use, and there's no logon. All you need to do is tap the images you like, and you will be matched with 3 creative career options – all with realtime sector salary information, news, and social accounts you could follow.



Are you interested in studying either Psychology or Criminology? Not too sure on the differences between the two subjects? 'Battle of the Ology's - Exploring female serial killers' will take you through the main differences between Forensic Psychology and Criminology using a real life criminal case to support your learning and understanding. Join Sunderland University live on the 6 December from 5 - 7pm.



If you are considering an apprenticeship, you probably want to know how much you're going to get paid and will be glad to hear that the Apprentice minimum wage has been boosted to £6.40 an hour, the 21% increase will take effect from April 2024. This is the minimum an employer can pay you and is often far more, especially for degree apprenticeships.



Are you wondering what to do when you leave school? Lloyds Banking Group Careers Live takes place on 5th December from 5 - 6pm and brings together colleagues to share their experience in their role with young people, providing insight and inspiration into the world of work. Participants can ask questions in the live chat and learn about the range of roles on offer.



The RAF are running a Virtual Engineering Event on Tuesday 5th December from 5pm - 6:30pm.

JOB OF THE WEEK



This week's video focuses on the job role of a Wellsite Geologist. They study and classify rock cuttings from oil and gas wells in order to determine how drilling should be started and how it should proceed. Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, the qualifications you need & what subjects link to this career.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The national living wage will increase by over a pound an hour – or 10 per cent – from £10.42 to £11.44 an hour.

It will also apply to 21-year-olds for the first time, who will see a 2.4 per cent increase, from £10.18 this year to £11.44 next year.

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If you're a Year 12 Student and have ever thought to yourself 'when should I start preparing for an apprenticeship' or 'how can I prepare for an apprenticeship', [this is the video](#) for you!



[UK University and Apprenticeship Search Fairs](#) are taking place all over the UK. They offer the opportunity to meet with a range of employers and universities, attend seminars and get support to plan your future.



For many young people, thinking about the next steps can be a daunting task... It can feel even more daunting if you are looking at options in London where there are SO MANY different training establishments and employer programmes available. [This guide](#) aims to help to provide you with clear information on the pathways and routes to help get young people to where they want to be.



Management accountants are more than number crunchers. They are business leaders, innovators, decision-makers and forecasters in organisations across the globe. [In this live webinar](#), you will learn about management accounting and how the CGMA Finance Leadership Programme can help you advance your career. This event takes place on 7th December from 12 - 1 PM. If you can't make the time, register and you will receive the recording.



There are more than 350 different careers in the NHS. Many work with patients while others work behind the scenes. What they all have in common is that they make a difference to people's lives. To find the NHS careers that best suit you, all you need to do is [answer some simple questions](#).



Do you love English but aren't sure where it could take your career? [Meet Craig Glenday](#), Guinness World Record's Editor-in-Chief! As Editor-in-Chief, Craig has travelled the world adjudicating records and making TV and radio appearances. Highlights of his career include having breakfast with the legendary Buzz Aldrin and meeting Beyonce.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT



"Wherever you choose to develop your Merlin career, our Accelerate Apprenticeships promise FUN, exciting experiences right from the start. We offer apprenticeships in; Chefs, Management, Marketing and Engineering, along with a number of other Adhoc professional qualification options! "

You can read more about their careers [here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"We believe in a world beyond ordinary - a place where normal gets put firmly in its place. We are Nottingham. Locally rooted, yet globally connected, we are the heart of the UK. One destination with endless possibilities. One beating heart with a desire to drive change."

You can read more about University of Nottingham [here](#).