

CAREERS MATTERS

APRIL 2022



UPCOMING EVENTS

- The UK's top annual STEM event called The Big Bang Fair is returning this year, the first time since 2019 – it will take place at the NEC Birmingham from Wednesday the 22nd of June to Friday the 24th of June – this will be a brilliant opportunity for all of you aged 11-14 years of age (and families welcome!) who are enthusiastic about a STEM career as you will be able to meet and talk to many of those working within the science and engineering sectors.

Registration for this event opened at the end of February - you can still sign up for their newsletter / mailing lists by clicking <https://www.thebigbang.org.uk/newsletter-sign-up>

(STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

For more details on their free competition open to those aged 11-19 years - the closing date has been extended to the 4th of April at 5pm so need to be quick! - and/or to book your free tickets for the fair, click the links -

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- <https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=54f4109e7d&e=793c512236>

- The London Institute of Banking and Finance (LIBF) are holding a 3-day summer university programme for those currently in Year 11 and 12 who are interested in a career within banking, finance, economics and business. They currently offer the following undergraduate degrees - BSc Banking and Finance and BSc Finance, Investment and Risk.

The event will take place on Tuesday the 23rd of August-Thursday the 25th of August 2022 - the fee is £75 per student which will include lunch and refreshments as well as the cost of materials for the 3 days. It is non-residential but there is guidance provided, if necessary, on choosing local accommodation in London.

There will be opportunities to sample university life, find out more if a career in financial services is really for you, to attend workshops and lectures delivered by industry leaders, to meet current students, have a tour of London's financial district and create networking possibilities too.

To find out more and book your place, visit the website - www.libf.ac.uk/summeruni

For more information on the institution, their courses and more, visit their website and access their downloadable prospectus - <https://www.libf.ac.uk/study/undergraduate>

- The "Meet the Russell Group" event is once again taking place and open to all those considering applying to one or more of the 24 Russell Group universities.

This virtual event will be held on Wednesday the 27th of April - you will be able to gain further knowledge about the universities and what they offer together with opportunities to talk to those who can give information and advice on courses and much more via the visit stands, campus tours, webinars and more

If you are unable to attend, I have previously written up bitesize reports from this event (which can be accessed in the Careers section on the school website) and will again, write up new reports from this event

If you would like to attend the event, click the link - <https://bit.ly/mtrg-27-04-22>

- Hull York Medical School are holding their next Open Days on Saturday the 25th of June and Saturday the 1st of October - to take

place at the University of Hull. To book your place now, click the link - <https://hull.yorkmedicalschool.cmail19.com/t/j-l-zh1hia-ijjddjyku-t/>



- Observe GP, a virtual medical work experience programme, is still available and highly recommended, for those who are keen on a career in medicine and possibly becoming a GP.

It is only for those aged 16 upwards and consists of a series of 8 pre-recorded videos showcasing the roles of various members of staff that work in general practice – they estimate it should take between 2 and 2 and a half hours to complete but does not have to be completed in one go.

For more information and to register, visit www.rcgp.org.uk – click on Future GPs, then Aspiring Medics, then GP work experience and you will see the link for Observe GP.

The website will also be useful for those who just want to find out more about the diverse role of the GP as well as how to apply for medicine and related topics

- Ward Round Live – the live online hospital work experience programme for those aged 15 upwards – the next dates are the 31st of May and the 22nd of August. You MUST ACT FAST and book your place if you are keen. The current cost is £159 – a reduction of £20 on the normal cost – check for any other discounts.

The programme includes a chance to talk to doctors and patients, participating in medical scenarios, leading a ward round, diagnosing medical conditions and more – this would be an obvious asset to include in a UCAS application

For more details, visit www.educationprojects.co.uk

- Medical Projects – another popular medical-based opportunity (live online experience in AGE) for those aged 15 years+

I have included these in many previous issues of Careers Matters – they have a list of dates, as below, and you can book one of these now, if interested – they also currently have a 15% discount which brings the cost down to £159 – this may not last for long though.

The current available dates are 30th April / 26th June / 18th of August

If you would like to book one of these dates, visit www.clickthebookings.com ASAP as places get booked up quickly –

https://educationprojects.co.uk/courses/ae-live/?utm_source=AC&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=31Jan#dates-and-fees

For more information on this organisation as well as to find out more about their other medical programmes on offer as well as webinars and more, visit www.educationprojects.co.uk



- The Complete University Guide website currently has some excellent advice on attending university open days – questions covered include
 - Why should you go? What should you ask? What if they're online?
 You can also search for open days coming up on their search facility as well as find out more about higher education in general including their annual League Tables and MUCH MORE -

Visit www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk

- Medicine – The Medic Portal are continuing to produce useful articles on their website aimed at supporting students applying for medicine.

The latest topics are -

- How I got 4 offers after interview - <https://themedicportal.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2b7c482db9728b0907b27f1e2&id=c33db39698&e=3bf33a882d>
- 5 final steps before your interview - <https://themedicportal.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2b7c482db9728b0907b27f1e2&id=00ba35cadc&e=3bf33a882d>
- 3 next steps after your interview - <https://themedicportal.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2b7c482db9728b0907b27f1e2&id=2dab290f80&e=3bf33a882d>
- Still waiting for interview invites? - <https://themedicportal.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2b7c482db9728b0907b27f1e2&id=2310456bb4&e=3bf33a882d>

- The Medic Portal (again) have also some new articles on the different pathways into medicine which includes a section on Studying medicine abroad. I do see quite a few students in Year 11-13 who tell me they are interested in this option so I would advise those and any others to read these articles and try the quiz too (would studying abroad suit you?). The countries listed are -

- Studying medicine in Europe
- Studying medicine in the Caribbean
- Studying medicine in Australia
- Studying medicine in Hong Kong
- Studying medicine in the USA
- Studying medicine in Ireland

Click the following link - <https://themedicportal.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2b7c482db9728b0907b27f1e2&id=810f1f2a16&e=3bf33a882d>

- The university of law are offering 2 "exciting" games for students aged 16 upwards who are keen on a career in law OR business, with the aim of helping them to realise their strengths in these areas and to develop important skills for the future.

To enter the "BUSINESS CHALLENGE", click -

<https://venturemarketing-group.co.uk/IRRK-7S70I-3TTU0-4QOLYN-1/c.aspx>

To enter the "MURDER MYSTERY GAME", click -

<https://venturemarketing-group.co.uk/IRRK-7S70I-3TTU0-4QOLYO-1/c.aspx>

There are various prizes to be won which include an iPad mini and AirPods!

- PwC are continuing to advertise their Flying Start programmes in Accounting, Business Management and Technology - this involves studying at university full-time but with PwC offering integrated paid placements. They only link up with specific universities - these are Newcastle, Nottingham, Leeds, Birmingham, Manchester,

Reading, Queen Mary, University of London, Ulster University and Queen's University Belfast.

Click the link for the current information on the opportunities on offer, their financial bursaries and how to apply -

<https://careermap.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ad6ea66c62b50396e776ca853&id=0919e4b7ec&e=ad407c69b2>



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- Schneider Electric are offering various opportunities across the UK (UK branches include Leeds, Warrington, Oldham and London) - within their technical and commercial pathways - as part of their Apprenticeship Programme - to start in September 2022

The apprenticeships are at the following levels: -

- Advanced Apprenticeships (need 5 GCSE s A-C or above including Maths, English and Science)
- Higher Apprenticeships (need 2 A levels at grade C or above)
- Degree Apprenticeships (need 3 A levels at grade C or above).

Taken from their website - "We provide energy and automation digital solutions for efficiency and sustainability. We combine world-leading energy technologies, real-time automation, software, and services into integrated solutions for Homes, Buildings, Data Centers, Infrastructure and Industries"

For more information on the company, visit www.se.com

To join their "talent pool" and register your interest, click

<https://venturemarketing-group.co.uk/IRRK-FORMS-3TTUUD-409EG7-1/c.aspx>

To view a video of an engineering apprentice talking about her experience, click

<https://venturemarketing-group.co.uk/IRRK-FORMS-3TTUUD-409EFZ-1/c.aspx>

- BT are offering a range of apprenticeships at intermediate through to degree level across the UK – the deadline is "ongoing" – current vacancies include –
 - Field Support Technician (advanced apprenticeship) – vacancies are nationwide (including Leeds and Nottingham) – 5 GCSEs 4-9 including English and Maths required
 - Security Software Degree Apprentice – vacancies are nationwide – BCC at A level required
 - Network Engineer Degree Apprentice – vacancies are nationwide – BCC at A level required
 - Project Management Degree Apprentice – Security – vacancies are nationwide – BCC at A level required
 - Applied Researcher (degree apprenticeship) – vacancies are in the East of England – AAB at A level required with at least one STEM subject

The salary is £16,422 for all opportunities

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For more information on these vacancies and all others, click the link – <https://successatschool.us3.list->

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- Are you interested in IT and possibly a software engineering career? I have seen many students this academic year who are! Many are applying for various degrees (full-time) but, as I have told many students during their careers interviews who may want to consider the alternative option, there are many and various apprenticeships also on offer, with various companies/organisations, across the UK.

M15 are one example - this is one of the government's main intelligence services - and they can offer a variety of opportunities.

Their software engineering degree apprenticeships are available in London and Greater Manchester offering salaries from £22,889-£24,385 (including concessionary pay and depending on region). They require a minimum of 72 UCAS points - expected or achieved by September 2022. Bear in mind that applications can take between 6-9 months to be processed as the selection procedure involves various admissions/aptitude tests, British citizenship checks and so on.

UCAS points tariff - A* (56 points) / A (48) / B (40) / C (32), D (24) E (16)

For more information, click - <https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=7d97b03949&e=793c512236>

- Rolls Royce are currently advertising degree apprenticeships in Digital and Technology Solutions (Derby) - you will need BCC at A level to include Maths and ideally a Business/IT subject AND they are also offering degree apprenticeships in Project Management (Derby and Bristol) - you will need CCC or above at A level to include a numerate subject

For more information, click the link -

<https://email.targetcareers.co.uk/rsp/m/DVBjlpFBsXqUszKpHCAZTnmde8KpiLPgVAyHcLFFEu0>

- Date for your diary - BAE Systems, the well-known British multinational arms, security and aerospace company and the largest defence contractor in Europe., offer a wide range of training programmes within a diverse selection of career areas - the degree level opportunities, for example, include aerospace / nuclear / software / mechanical / electrical, engineering, information management and more.

Applications for their 2023 apprenticeships will open on the 1st of November 2022.

For more details on opportunities and on the company itself, click <https://email.targetcareers.co.uk/rsp/m/DVBjlpFBsXqUszKpHCAZTjF-cARTikb7ApcLqUE5zqw>

This will take you to the Target Careers section on BAE Systems but you will also need to then click "visit our careers site" which will take you to the BAE Systems careers page - you will find lots more information - I also advise you click on "Go to schemes" where you will find out even more!

- CBRE, a global commercial real estate services and investment company with 100,000 employees in over 100 countries worldwide are offering opportunities within their CBRE Apprenticeship Scheme - at both Advanced and Degree levels - to last 4/5 years depending on entry level.

If you are interested in a career within construction such as in chartered surveying, technical engineering, environmental

consultancy, visit their website and search for vacancies – I have seen some in Hull, Leeds and York as well as others across the UK.

For more /the latest information on their training programme opportunities including their placement scheme/internships as well as the company itself, click <https://venturemarketing-group.co.uk/1RRK-7S54M-3TTUUD-4QMYLW-1/c.aspx..>



- Are you interested in a “green” career? Are you passionate about a career in environmental conservation, sustainability, renewable energy or within climate change/control, for example? Do you need more information and focus on what careers are available within this fast-moving sector?

Careermap, in partnership with NCFE (Northern Council for Further Education) held a “Spotlight on Green Careers” event last month and are now offering all those keen on working in the industry access to all the sessions online – click the link to register and find out lots of excellent information and advice” - <https://careermap.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ad6ea66c62b50396e776ca853&id=30e10f411c&e=ad407c69b2>

- I have suggested a career in the civil service to a few students this academic year with many admitting to not being aware of the opportunities it can offer. Although it may not be the first thought of a career for many, it is definitely worth considering and checking out.

If you like the idea of working for the national government, creating and implementing policies across a wide range of departments, are keen on working within politics, law (amongst other subjects/skill areas) and are ambitious, this could well be for you - click the link -

<https://nationalcareersweek.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4f1a07855a66527ededacb47d&id=b27556d707&e=6241a875a9>

- As mentioned above, Careermap is a useful resource for both students and parents/carers concerning careers information, job-hunting advice, higher education, apprenticeships and other topics - for their latest magazine, aimed at parents /carers particularly, click the link -

<https://careermap.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ad6ea66c62b50396e776ca853&id=ffb0c1bb08c&e=ad407c69b2>

- www.successatschool.org have produced 5 articles that cover careers advice for students this term - click the links

1) Top 5 ways to improve your CV - <https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=f3e7f447f8&e=793c512236>

2) How to balance work and study as a student -

<https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=c7bee0787d&e=793c512236>

3) How to help your child with job applications -

<https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=9d8507d1ac&e=793c512236>

4) Job versus career: what's the difference and why should I plan ahead? - includes a video of an interview with Tim Cook, CEO of Apple -

<https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=6642852543&e=793c512236>

5) What are soft skills and why are they important? -

<https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=07a62ac0f0&e=793c512236>

- The Medic Portal (yet again) has a section on competitions for those keen on a career in medicine – one that is still current is the Libra Essay Prize which is open to students in Year 12 and 13 who are looking to prepare for university. Entrants will be required to write an essay (1,000-2,000 words) responding to a single-word title. The options are –

- Sustainability
- Crisis
- Return
- Connection
- Memory
- Senses

“Entrants are encouraged to use imagination in their essays to build interesting links between their chosen title and their school learning”

There are prizes of £75 for 1st place, £50 for 2nd place and £25 for 3rd place – the deadline is the 24th of June 2022.

There will be other competitions too – something very useful to include in your UCAS Personal Statement/at potential interview too! - click the link - <https://themedicportal.us3.list->

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- The BBC Bitesize Careers pages are also worth checking out – they contain LOTS of information and advice on a diverse range of topics such as on career opportunities, job sectors, applying for jobs, apprenticeships and more – not just within the BBC, let me add!

Click the link - <https://nationalcareersweek.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4f1a07855a66527ededacb47d&id=f3cf16dd10&e=6241a875a9>

- There are many students I see who are keen on medicine but not so many that, although are keen on working within the health sector, are thinking of nursing.

NHS Careers are eager to promote nursing with highlighting the following benefits –

- £5,000 a year financial award (this is NOT a loan)
- 37.5 hours working week
- Generous pension and health service discounts
- Flexible working
- Minimum of 27 days holiday each year as well as public holidays

For more information on this career and the excellent prospects from it, AS WELL AS ON ALL THE OTHER CAREERS WITHIN THE HEALTH AND MEDICAL SECTOR, visit www.healthcareers.nhs.uk

- Are you female and thinking of engineering as a future career? – Engineering UK have issued an article, highlighting the increase of women working in the sector – to quote –

“Increase in women in engineering

Our latest research, released as we mark International Women's Day, has shown that 16.5% of those working in engineering are female,

compared to 10.5% in 2010. That's almost 370,000 more women in engineering roles. There is variation across role and industries and women are more likely to be in related – rather than core – engineering roles and working in industries outside the 'traditional' engineering sector'.

Our Chief Executive, Dr Hilary Leever said, 'The fact that women represent only 16.5% of those working in engineering should still be a major concern to the engineering sector. We hope that our analysis stimulates more exploration of how we can do better'

Click the link for the summary report / extended analysis -

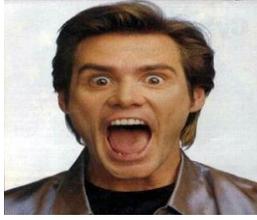
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AND FINALLY....

"A PERSON IS THE PRODUCT OF THEIR DREAMS. SO MAKE SURE TO DREAM GREAT DREAMS. AND THEN TRY TO LIVE YOUR DREAMS" (MAYA ANGELOU, POET AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST)



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"APRIL HATH PUT A SPIRIT OF YOUTH IN EVERYTHING" (WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE)



HAPPY EASTER!

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