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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

NGTU Advice Library & Downloadable Resources. Check out the Advice Hub on the NGTU website, where you can discover a range of helpful resources and blogs related to all things early careers!

Do you like Minecraft? Do you want to learn more about careers? The CareersCraft world allows players to develop careers skills and awareness as they visit landmarks across Wales. CareersCraft is played using Minecraft. It is an interactive way for learners to explore careers topics using a platform that is familiar and popular with many people.

The Young Professionals student network is designed for engaged and career-driven students. Their resources and work experience opportunities enable you to engage with employers and discover what it's like to work in different sectors. Upcoming opportunities include Direct Line Group's two-day Business Simulation work experience in London in August.

If you plan to research universities over the summer, you'll be interested to know that UCAS have a webpage devoted to sourcing virtual university tours and videos that will give you a flavour of what the faculties and campus are like and insight into the facilities available. If a university you're interested in isn't listed, you can use the UCAS 'Unibuddy' service, that allows you to search by course or university and chat to current undergraduates to get real-time information and honest opinions.

The University of London group offers one-day or half-day Taster Courses at 13 participating universities in the city. There are over 100 courses to choose from and they are free to attend. You can use a course to check if a subject you already like will suit you, or try something completely new.

If you have any questions or need support, please email churst@lancaster.leicester.sch.uk

JOB OF THE WEEK

This week's video focuses on the job role of a Cartographer.
They design, prepare and revise maps, charts, plans, three-dimensional models and spatial information databases, often using computer-based techniques, and applying principles from science, mathematics and graphic design.

Watch the video to learn more.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Users of Prospects.ac.uk were surveyed between 11 January and 11 February 2024 to find out about their career plans and their experiences over the last 12 months. The proportion of respondents who said that taking care of their mental health was among their biggest challenges remained high at 48%.
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What you choose to study at Sixth Form or College can affect your options at university and your future career. The Russell Group of universities have a service called 'Informed Choices', that you can use to learn about which subjects open up different degree pathways, particularly at Russell Group universities. Whether you know what you want to study or not, the website has lots of useful information that can be a jumping-off point for further research on individual university course websites.

The Student Room website is full of useful information for school, college and university students and all stages of decision-making from GCSEs onwards; the University section includes in-depth university guides, forums with current students and guidance for student finance applications.

GAIN is a charity that empowers young women and non-binary students to begin their careers in Investment Management. As well as their Internship programme, they host the 'GAIN Meets' podcast that explores key investment concepts and meets industry experts to discuss their career investment topics. If you're an aspiring student looking to pursue a career in finance, or a young professional looking to expand your knowledge, GAIN is a fantastic way to sharpen your industry knowledge.

MOOCs are free online courses available to anyone; they are a flexible way to learn new skills, advance your A level or university course knowledge or explore new areas of interest. Click here to learn more about this great way to add to your CV, apprenticeship applications or UCAS Personal Statement.

Explore the Careermap Company Hubs A-Z. From industry giants to innovative startups, discover who's shaping the future and find an employer or training provider that matches your aspirations and values.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"If we commit to being customer obsessed, becoming more diverse and inclusive, and operating as One Microsoft, we will achieve our mission to empower every person and organisation on the planet. Every year, thousands of university students from every corner of the world join Microsoft."

You can read more about Microsoft's careers here.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"We are the only UK university to share a campus with a teaching hospital, St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, so you are immersed in a professional environment from day one. You can walk from lecture theatre to laboratory to hospital ward or clinic with ease."

You can read more about St George's courses here.

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WORK EXPERIENCE 2024

What can I say – our best year yet!

We managed to get 232 of our students in year 10 out into the workplace as part of their work experience week.

Getting into the work place is one of the key success factors for students as they build their knowledge of careers and is a corner stone of our careers curriculum and programme.

The importance and significance of the benefits a work placement can bring to a student cannot be understated – it is simply crucial to their development and understanding as they move ever closer to making their post 16 choices.

Students had to step outside of their comfort zone - something we encourage in all of our students – to 'sweat the small stuff' by doing things that we, as adults, might take for granted, such as making phones to employers, arranging and attending interviews, to planning and practising their journey to work.

As one of our students said: "My expectations were that work experience was going to be boring and bland, to my surprise it was one of the greatest experiences of my life."

We have had the privilege of watching our students grow in confidence, take the initiative and display more independence skills as they worked throughout the week and the results of which can be borne out in the overwhelmingly positive reports from employers and staff.

As another student stated: "The staff at the Sandicliffe service department were helpful and friendly with my work experience placement. The engineer who I worked with was really relaxed and very good to work with."

Students experienced a wide range of placements, from retail in shops, education in nurseries and primary schools, to the motor trade, building and gardening professions as well as working in offices with legal professionals and accountants.

Thanks must go to the LEBC, who are organisers of the work experience programme, but also to the Lancaster staff for looking after their students so well.

Well done year 10, you did yourselves and the academy proud! Go READY for the future!

YEAR 9 READY DAY

Students were collaborating with 8billions creating their Eco Cities for the future, students were working hard demonstrating Ready values to better their communities and their futures.

YEAR 8 READY DAY

The Year 8 trip to Blueprint was fabulous, we met the team, learnt about the jobs they do, had pizza for lunch then created mood boards. Students learnt a lot, felt inspired and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Blueprint were extremely welcoming, they really looked after us.

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