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# What are T Levels?

Launched in September 2020, T Levels provide young people with a high-quality, work-focused alternative to A Levels once they've finished their GCSEs.

- They're equivalent to 3 A Levels and focus on vocational skills
- They include a 45 day 'industry placement' to help young people develop skills
- Progression from a T Level could be skilled employment, higher education or an apprenticeship
- They're designed and developed in collaboration with employers and practitioners, giving young people the skills to succeed in their chosen careers.

## Which subjects can I study a T Level in?

Students can choose to study a T Level in a range of subjects, from Education and Early Years to Health and Science, or from a variety of Digital pathways to Engineering and Manufacturing. View a full list of the subjects on the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website.

NCFE is spearheading the development of some of these qualifications, and has worked with the government, leading employers and subject matter experts to create industry-recognised qualifications across:

- Education and Early Years
- Health and Science
- Digital.

From September 2023, new T Level routes will be available, and NCFE is the delivery partner for: Craft and Design, Media, Broadcast and Production, and Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Therapy. The Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Therapy route has been awarded to NCFE and will be developed in collaboration with our partner VTCT, the market-leading sector specialist awarding organisation. In addition to these new T Levels, a new Cyber Security occupational specialism will be launched as part of the Digital Support Services T Level.

## Do employers recognise T Levels?

T Level qualifications were created in consultation with employers to provide learners with the skills they'll need to succeed in their chosen industry and career. As employers were involved in the development of T Levels, they recognise and value the qualification.

Employers also value the employability skills that T Levels bring, as they include a longer, more meaningful work placement compared with other programmes.

T Levels are just as valid as A Levels, providing employers with a qualified workforce that has come from a different educational route; T Levels being the high-quality technical alternative to academic exams which might suit some students – and employers – better.

## What are the progression routes after T Level study?

T Levels can open up a wide range of progression opportunities for students to consider:

- Skilled employment
- Higher or degree-level apprenticeships
- Higher-level technical study, including university.

Find a provider delivering T Levels in your area

Visit: [ncfe.org.uk/t-levels](https://www.ncfe.org.uk/t-levels) Visit: [www.tlevels.gov.uk/students/find](https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students/find)



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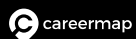
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RESULTS DAY 2023

**Results Day**

Results day is getting close now! It can be an extremely stressful time, but we're here to help. Whether you're waiting for GCSE, A Level, BTEC or T Level results, our guide has everything you need this year.

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**GCSE Results Day**

GCSE Results Day 2023 is Thursday 24th August for England and Wales students. For students in Scotland, Results Day 2023 is on Tuesday the 8th of August. You can normally find out your exam results from around 10am, although this may vary. If you're not sure, check with your school.

You can pick up your results from your school on the day, or if you won't be in the UK you can arrange to have them emailed.

**A Level Results Day**

A Level Results Day is Thursday 17 August 2023 in England and Wales. Pupils in Scotland will receive A Level Results on the 8th August. The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) publishes results online on the 9th which is also when students in Scotland will receive results by post.

The time you're able to find out your exam results in England and Wales depends on your Sixth Form so always check beforehand. However, UCAS will normally update your UCAS Track account at around 8AM.

**BTEC Results Day**

The date for BTEC results depends on the qualification you're doing.

- BTEC Nationals – 17 August 2023
- BTEC Firsts, Technicals, and Tech Awards– 24 August 2023

Your school or college will let you know how you can collect your BTEC results. This may be in person, via post, email or ResultsPlus Direct from 9AM on results days!

**What should you take with you?**

Here's some key things you should bring when picking up your results:

- Acceptance letters
- Contact details of the college/sixth form/university
- A pen
- Your phone (we're sure your family will want to hear about how you did!)
- A drink

If you're picking up A Level or BTEC results and are waiting on your university place, here's some things it's worth having as well!

- Your personal statement
- Conditional offers
- UCAS Track number and Clearing number

**Remember!**

If your results weren't what you were hoping for, then don't panic. It's what you do now that matters! There are lots of options out there, including resits if you and your school/college feel this is the right option for you.

There are lots of different options if you're looking to go down a vocational path too, including apprenticeships!

We wish you the best of luck, whatever results you're waiting for!

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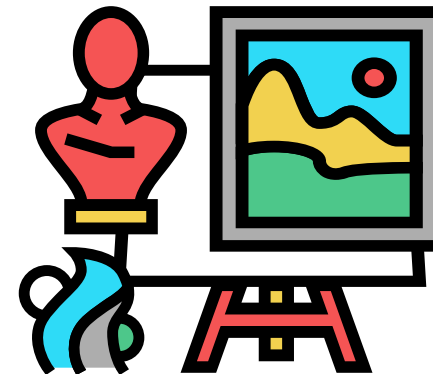
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# Art, Geography and PE: What Careers Do I Link To?

Geography, Art and PE might not seem like they have anything to do with each other. However, one thing they have in common is a great career they can lead to! If one of these is your favourite subject at school, make sure you keep reading. **Your dream job could be just round the corner (or on the next page!) ...**



## Conversation starter:

### Baker

Growth: **63%**  
by 2027

Job openings: **25,500**  
by 2027

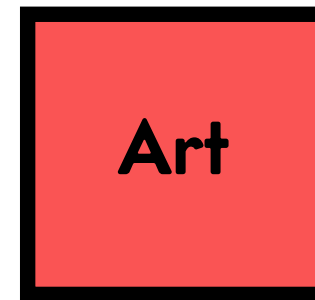
You might be wondering what being a baker has to do with art? Baking can require you to be extremely creative with your designs to get customers to buy your products. Coming up with new cake designs for things like weddings could be a great skill to have, and show your creative side all at the same time!

## Photographer

Growth: **58.5%**  
by 2027

Job openings: **59,800**  
by 2027

As a photographer, you'll need to have a good eye and be comfortable with technology and editing software. You could work as a freelance photographer, for an agency or even with a particular organisation. Photographers can have particular specialisms, for example, occasions like weddings, or work in industries like fashion.



## Art Teacher

Growth: **68.4%**  
by 2027

Job openings: **292,700**  
by 2027

Teaching is one of the most in demand jobs right now, with lots of secondary school teachers needed in the next ten years. If you've got a passion for art, why not pass this on to the next generation of students? If you've got any questions, you could ask your art teacher why they chose to get into teaching!

## Art Therapist

Growth: **57.4%**  
by 2027

Job openings: **26,400**  
by 2027

If you decide you want to be an art therapist, you'll likely need to go to university or undertake an apprenticeship to gain a degree. You'll need to be empathetic as you help people with their problems, and also be really passionate about art. Being creative is also a really important skill for an art therapist, so if you feel like this is one of your strengths then keep it in mind.

## Illustrator

Growth: **58.5%**  
by 2027

Job openings: **36,400**  
by 2027

Illustrators create drawings and paintings that can be used in things like books, or for other commercial reasons like advertising. Similarly to photographers, illustrators can be employed by a company, but most are freelance. If art is one of your favourite subjects at school, it might be worth trying to find out what you enjoy drawing to find a specialism.

## Graphic Designer

Growth: **58.5%**  
by 2027

Job openings: **59,100**  
by 2027

Graphic designers use technology to create visual pieces of art for a range of different products and services. This can include posters, packaging for products and websites, but there are many more! You'll need to be creative and have good IT skills to be a graphic designer, but it can be extremely rewarding seeing the results of your work on display.

# The energy and utilities sector needs up to 67,000 engineers, technicians, and craftspeople over the next decade.

This International Women in Engineering Day (INWED) we are actively encouraging women into these roles to create a more diverse and inclusive engineering workforce.

Find your role at [careers.energyutilitiesjobs.co.uk](https://careers.energyutilitiesjobs.co.uk)



## Conversation starter: Flight Attendant

Growth: **68.2%** by 2027  
Job openings: **36,200** by 2027

As a flight attendant, you'll get to travel the world with your work. If you love learning about new countries and their geography, a career as a flight attendant can take you to all of these places. Having a good understanding of different countries - particularly where they are! - is a great attribute to have as a flight attendant.

## Town Planner

Growth: **58.1%** by 2027  
Job openings: **15,700** by 2027

Town planners help to develop the makeup of towns, cities and the countryside on a national and local level. A key part of this job is to balance the needs of the population living and working in the area with the effect this will have upon the environment. A strong grounding in geography is needed for this.

## Pollution Analyst

Growth: **58.1%** by 2027  
Job openings: **8,100** by 2027

If you're interested in the air quality in your local area, then a job as a pollution analyst might be for you. Monitoring the air quality is just one thing a pollution analyst could be doing. Other things could include taking samples of things like water to ensure that it is safe for people to drink. Your main job will be to ensure that pollution levels are meeting the standards set by the law.

## Architect

Growth: **58.1%** by 2027  
Job openings: **37,700** by 2027

An architect's main job is to create plans for buildings. These can be plans for new buildings, but can also involve plans to either restore or maintain older buildings. It can even involve larger projects like landscapes, or smaller projects like houses compared to industrial level buildings.

## Policy Officer

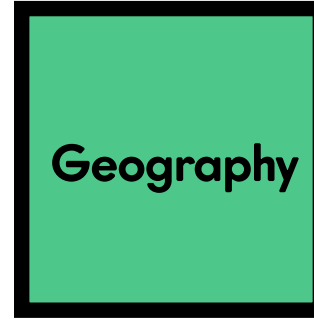
Growth: **58.1%** by 2027  
Job openings: **25,400** by 2027

Policy officers research and analyse different courses of action that the government can take to try and find the best one. You might also be conducting your own research and creating reports into ways the government can reduce its environmental impact. This is an extremely important topic right now, and needed to combat the effects of climate change.

## Environmental Consultant

Growth: **53.1%** by 2027  
Job openings: **5,200** by 2027

Working as an environmental consultant, you'll advise organisations like the government or businesses on things that affect the environment. This can include things like sustainability and how they can reduce things like their carbon footprint. One of your main functions will be to advise how to limit the effects of climate change. You could work freelance or as part of a larger organisation.





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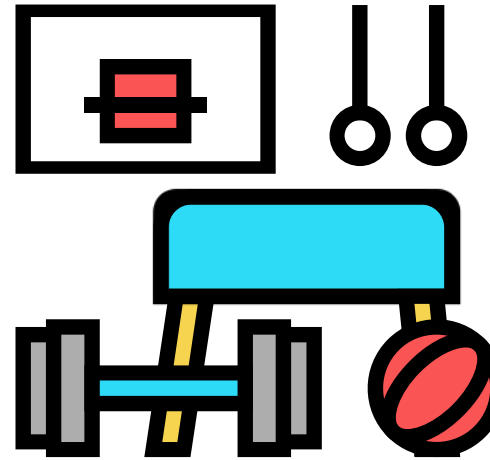


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### Conversation starter: Farmer

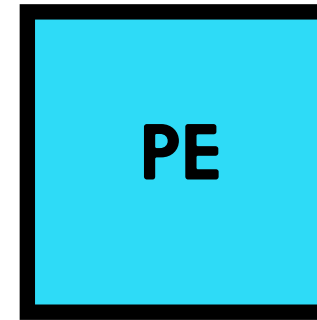
Growth: **99.9%** by 2027  
 Job openings: **138,000** by 2027

Like some of the other jobs on our list, being a farmer means you'll be on your feet for most of the day. If you enjoy being outside, this might be the perfect career for you. You'll also need to have teamworking skills, which you'll have if you enjoy PE, so it's definitely worth considering!

### Personal Trainer

Growth: **58.5%** by 2027  
 Job openings: **39,000** by 2027

As a personal trainer, your job is to help people improve their fitness levels through personal sessions. You can do this through national gyms, or you can go freelance. However, you will need to get your qualifications first. You'll need to be a good motivator and committed to your job, skills you'll learn in PE.



### Journalist

Growth: **58.1%** by 2027  
 Job openings: **49,900** by 2027

You can become a sports journalist in a few different ways. For instance, you could look to write for a newspaper, either on a local or national level. You could also look to get into the content creation scene, which is becoming increasingly popular on social media. A good place to start might be to create your own blog, where you can practise your writing skills.

### Paramedic

Growth: **54.2%** by 2027  
 Job openings: **16,000** by 2027

Having a good level of fitness and stamina is a good thing to have as a paramedic, as you'll be on the move for most of your working day (or night). If you enjoy the fitness side of PE and are good under pressure, training as a paramedic might be the right career path for you. You'll be helping people every day in your role, so if this kind of job satisfaction matters to you, then definitely consider it.

### Sports coach

Growth: **58.5%** by 2027  
 Job openings: **66,900** by 2027

If you enjoy sport, training to become a coach or manager after you leave school could be the next logical step for you. This could be for a range of different age groups or sports, depending on the type of coaching you want to get into. If you want to get into a coaching career, it might be worth doing it on a voluntary basis first, you can even do this while still at school!

### Police Officer

Growth: **38.1%** by 2027  
 Job openings: **65,100** by 2027

Police officers are responsible for upholding the law, investigating crimes and taking actions to prevent future crimes from being committed. Being in the police means being part of a team, which is an important skill you'll learn at PE at school. You'll also need to have a good level of fitness, as you'll be on the move for much of your working life. Having an interest in your local community is also a valuable attribute to have as a police officer.

Source: [careermap.co.uk/careerometer/](https://careermap.co.uk/careerometer/)



# University Celebrity Profiles



## Emma Watson

**University:** Brown University (US)  
**Degree:** English literature  
**Net Worth:** \$85M

Imagine studying English at university and seeing a star of one of the world's biggest book adaptations being in your class. Emma Watson is most well-known for playing Hermione Granger in the Harry Potter films.

She actually started studying at Brown University in Rhode Island while she was still acting in Harry Potter, but took a year out to finish filming the final movies - that's commitment to your studies in action! As part of her degree, she did also spend some time studying at Worcester College at the University of Oxford.

She graduated in 2014 with a degree in English literature. When asked why she chose to go to university, she cited the importance of her parents in her decision to go into higher education.

*P.S. Have you heard about the Harry Potter TV reboot coming soon? We wonder if Emma Watson will be making a cameo at some point...*



## John Legend

**University:** University of Pennsylvania (US)  
**Degree:** English  
**Net Worth:** \$100M

Like Emma Watson, John Legend also studied English at university. He focused on African-American literature as part of his degree and graduated in 1999.

Although he ended up studying at the University of Pennsylvania, he was also offered a place at Harvard too! While at university, he also became president and musical director of the jazz a capella group.

You'll probably know him from some of his world-famous songs like 'All of Me' and 'Love Me Now'. He also collaborated with Ariana Grande for the soundtrack in the Beauty and the Beast remake (funnily enough starring Emma Watson).

He has won numerous awards throughout his musical career, including an Oscar for Best Original Song, a Golden Globe and multiple Grammy awards.

It's that time of year. You've finished - or nearly finished! - your exams and are wondering what you're going to do next. You might have already decided to do an apprenticeship, go to university or take a year out.

If you haven't though, don't worry. There's loads of people in the same position as you. If you are considering the university route but just aren't quite sure yet, this might help you make your mind up.

Here are some well-known celebrities who went to university!



## Malala Yousafzai

**University:** University of Oxford  
**Degree:** Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)

Malala Yousafzai is a world-renowned education activist who became well-known for her stance against the Taliban in Pakistan. When education for girls was banned, she spoke out publicly and became a target.

In 2012, she was the subject of an assassination attempt when a gunman shot her in the head. However, she survived and subsequently moved to the UK where she became a figurehead for the fight for the right to education for girls.

With her father, she founded the Malala Fund, a charity working to improve opportunities for girls. She later received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014, becoming the youngest Nobel laureate in history aged 17.

In 2018, she began studying at the University of Oxford and later graduated in 2020!



## David Tennant

**University:** Royal Conservatoire of Scotland  
**Degree:** Acting/Performance  
**Net Worth:** \$9M

David Tennant attended the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and graduated in the early 1990s.

*P.S. A conservatoire provides performance-based higher education, including music, drama, screen and production courses. They have them in Birmingham, Leeds and Wales too!*

He is known for playing The Doctor in Doctor Who, as well as other popular TV shows like Broadchurch and Marvel's Jessica Jones. Funnily enough, he also appeared in Harry Potter too!

He attended lessons on Saturdays at the conservatoire before passing an audition aged 16 years old. That made him one of their youngest ever students when he started his programme at the age of 17!

In 2016, he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the conservatoire for his work.

He's also returning to Doctor Who this year for the show's 60th Anniversary in a number of special episodes!

# Queer of the Year inspires students to 'fight for matters to them the most'

King's College London student Taj Donville-Outerbridge has been awarded 'Queer of the Year' at the 2023 Queer Student Awards, in association with ACCA.

A panel of LGBTQ+ youth judges selected Taj from a list of 6 other youth winners celebrated at the third annual awards ceremony hosted by trans ambassador Katie Neeves on Wednesday 14th June in Manchester.

Over 60 LGBTQ+ youths, community groups, student employers and universities were shortlisted across 13 categories.

Judged by a panel of educators, employers, queer influencers, and recruitment experts the 2023 Queer Student Awards (QSA), held each year during Pride month, provide a safe and inclusive space for schools, colleges, universities, employers, and young LGBTQ+ people to proudly celebrate the stories that lie behind the rainbow. 13 category winners - including 'Queer of the Year' Taj Donville-Outerbridge from King's College London - were announced during a hybrid event held at Victoria Warehouse in Manchester on Wednesday 14th June. They had been jointly awarded 'Role Model of the Year: LGBTQ+ Youth' earlier in the evening.

Newly crowned 'Queer of the Year' Taj Danville-Outerbridge, said: "I am extremely honoured and humbled to have been awarded both the Role Model of the Year: LGBTQ+ Youth and Queer of the Year awards. This is a huge win, not only for me, but for every black, queer, and nonbinary person because despite what society tells us, I represent that it is possible to thrive unapologetically as our true selves. With all of the hate, homophobic rhetoric, and horrific anti-LGBTQ+ legislation currently making its way around the globe, me and all my fellow winners, finalists, and nominees act as a reminder that it is still possible to showcase, celebrate, and experience queer joy. I want to thank my grandma for always loving me unconditionally. I want to thank my closest friends (you know who you are!) for always encouraging me. I want to thank KCLSU, and especially, Louiza, for always supporting my work and nominating me for these awards. And lastly, I want to thank Steve and the QSA judges and family for creating the opportunity for queer students around the UK to be recognised and celebrated for the often tireless and thankless work that we do everyday. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!"

Youth panel head judge Arina Stelmokaitis said: "Taj is evidently a true LGBTQ+ role model and trailblazer whose dedication to LGBTQ+ activism has led to a significant number of achievements. The LGBTQ+ leadership roles Taj has achieved have positioned them as a true change-maker, and Taj has used these opportunities to increase visibility and empowerment for LGBTQ+ peers."



"Taj is an incredible role model for LGBTQ+ youths inspiring them to fight for the things that matter the most. It was clear from their nomination that they are focused on tangible change for queer people that impacts and has international reach. They have an acute awareness of the importance of intersectionality in the LGBTQ+ community."

The third annual final took place at the Victoria Warehouse in Manchester on Wednesday 14th June hosted by award-winning trans ambassador Katie Neeves, with performances by international drag superstar The Beyoncé Experience and 'queer artist on the rise' Smashby. Head judge and activist Eva Echo delivered an important speech, sharing a new global campaign 'Trans People Are Loved'. Guests who attended at the venue were welcomed by Gaydio breakfast host Paris Munro on the pink carpet. The evening was live-streamed for finalists who were unable to celebrate in-person by event partner Not Going To Uni.

Headline sponsor ACCA attended the evening. Their UK head of marketing, Karen Smith said: "First of all ACCA would like to congratulate all the QSA winners. They all have fantastic stories, as indeed do all those who were shortlisted. The vibrancy and passion has to be seen to be believed. Steve has done an amazing job giving voice to this important community and bringing together young people, community groups, employers and universities. ACCA is so pleased to be associated with QSA and the richness in innovation and diversity it represents."

Category sponsors who presented awards on the evening included Allen & Overy, AstraZeneca, Clyde & Co, Enterprise, Kellogg's, Pearson, The Royal Navy, Trans In The City, University of West London, Middlesex University London and WTW. £10 from the sale of each ticket will be donated to LGBTQ+ inclusion charity, Diversity Role Models.



**About:** The Queer Student Awards (QSAs) are an annual celebration of talented young LGBTQ+ people in the U.K. who are proudly leading in their lives and the communities around them. Created in 2021, by ED&I consultant Steve Keith, the awards also recognise the work that allies, schools, colleges, universities and employers are doing towards creating inclusive spaces that support and reassure them that their sexuality and gender identity will not act as a barrier to their future success.

**Contact:** Steve Keith, QSA Founder and Event Director, [info@thequeerstudentawards.co.uk](mailto:info@thequeerstudentawards.co.uk)

A full list of winners can be found at [thequeerstudentawards.co.uk](http://thequeerstudentawards.co.uk)





# Build your future with a construction apprenticeship

If you're finishing school but you're not sure what to do next, a career in construction could be perfect for you. There are 100s of diverse, rewarding construction apprenticeships to choose from.

Most people have heard of carpenters, bricklayers and architects, but there are also lots of apprenticeships for roles you might not have considered. Ever thought of becoming a steeplejack, a conservation expert, an archaeologist, or a tunnelling engineer? You can train for these roles and many more, as a construction apprentice.

### What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a paid job where you learn and gain experience while working. 80% of your time will be in the workplace with around 20% in training at a college or training provider.

Apprenticeships are a highly valued entry route into the industry and are available for hundreds of different jobs. This includes both on and off-site jobs, as well as degree apprenticeships which help you gain a university degree with none of the cost.

### Where do I find an apprenticeship?

There are lots of places to search online for an apprenticeship. Job boards like Indeed often list apprenticeships, but you can also check for vacancies on Talentview Construction ([talentview.org/construction](https://talentview.org/construction)).

Talentview Construction is the place for talented people like you to find a job in construction, so visit their website and see what opportunities are available near you.

It's also worth contacting businesses directly to register your interest in working for them, many will have apprenticeship schemes available.

### How do I apply for an apprenticeship?

Before you apply, you'll need to be 16 or over and find an employer who will take you on and train you on the job.

Guides on how to find an employer, how to write a CV/cover letter and how to prepare for an interview can be found on [goconstruct.org](https://goconstruct.org) to help get you started.



### How much could I earn?

As an apprentice you'll earn as you learn, so there are no tuition fees and you're on a wage throughout the course. Your employer also covers your training costs – win, win.

It's worth noting many employers will pay more than the minimum wage so speak to them before starting to clarify.

### Minimum apprentice wage rates (per hour)

Aged 16 to 18	Aged 19 or over and in your first year	Aged 19 or over and have completed your first year
£5.28	£5.28	The National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage rate for your age £7.49 - £10.42

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If you want to learn more, Go Construct has a huge amount of information to help you start a career in construction.

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# Exploring the World of Animal Care

As you embark on your journey towards a fulfilling career, have you ever considered the fascinating and heartwarming field of animal care? From working with furry companions to aiding wildlife conservation efforts, the realm of animal care offers a multitude of exciting opportunities.



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In this sector spotlight, we will delve into the diverse careers available in the field, share some fun facts, highlight essential skills, and provide valuable insights into entering the workforce through various pathways, including apprenticeships, university, A Levels, and other qualifications. Additionally, we'll explore the current job market in the UK, shedding light on salaries and projected growth. So, let's embark on this adventure together!

## FUN FACTS:

Before we plunge into the world of animal care careers, let's kick things off with some fun facts about our fellow creatures:

**Did you know that a group of flamingos is called a "flamboyance"?** These elegant birds, known for their vibrant pink plumage and unique curved beaks, gather in large groups to create a mesmerizing spectacle.

**Cows have best friends!** These gentle giants form deep and lasting bonds with their companions, displaying emotions and empathy towards each other.

**The mimic octopus is a true master of disguise.** It can imitate the appearance and movement of various marine creatures, including flounders, lionfish, and even sea snakes.

**The intelligence of dolphins is truly remarkable.** They are known to communicate through a series of clicks, whistles, and body language, displaying a complex social structure.

## UK Job Market Data:

Let's take a closer look at the current job market in the UK for animal care professionals, including salaries and projected growth:

**Veterinary Assistants:** Veterinary practices and animal hospitals often employ veterinary assistants to support veterinarians in providing care for animals. Salaries for veterinary assistants typically range from £16,000 to £25,000 per year. The demand for veterinary assistants is expected to grow steadily due to the increasing pet ownership and awareness of animal health.

**Animal Welfare Officers:** Animal welfare organisations and local authorities employ animal welfare officers to ensure the well-being and protection of animals in various settings. Salaries for animal welfare officers can range from £18,000 to £25,000 per year. The demand for animal welfare officers is projected to grow as more emphasis is placed on animal welfare regulations and enforcement.

**Wildlife Conservationists:** Conservation organisations and national parks hire wildlife conservationists to work towards preserving and protecting endangered species and their habitats. Salaries for wildlife conservationists can vary widely, depending on the organisation and role, ranging from £20,000 to £35,000 per year. The demand for wildlife conservationists is expected to increase as efforts to conserve biodiversity intensify.

**Animal Behaviorists:** Animal behaviorists study and analyse animal behavior, helping pet owners and professionals understand and address behavioral issues in animals. Salaries for animal behaviorists can range from £20,000 to £40,000 per year, depending on experience and specialisation. The demand for animal behaviorists is expected to grow as people become more invested in understanding and improving the lives of their animal companions.

**TASK:** What other skills can you think of that link to animal care?



## Skills Required

Embarking on a career in animal care requires a unique set of skills and qualities. Here are some of the essential traits that will help you succeed in this rewarding field:

**Passion for Animals:** A genuine love and respect for animals is the foundation of a successful animal care career. Caring for the wellbeing and welfare of animals should be at the core of your motivation.

**Patience and Empathy:** Animals may require time and understanding to build trust. Patience and empathy will allow you to handle animals with care and compassion, even in challenging situations.

**Communication Skills:** Working with animals often involves collaborating with fellow professionals and educating pet owners or visitors. Strong communication skills will enable you to convey information effectively and build relationships.

**Physical Fitness:** Animal care careers can be physically demanding. Being in good physical condition will help you handle the physical aspects of the job, such as lifting, bending, and walking long distances.

**TASK: Can you think of any skills you already possess? Give examples of how you show these skills.**

## Entering the Workforce

Now that we've explored the exciting world of animal care, let's discuss the various pathways that can lead you to a fulfilling career in the field:

**Apprenticeships:** Apprenticeships provide an excellent opportunity to gain hands-on experience while earning a wage. A number of employers offer apprenticeships in animal care such as the RSPCA, Blue Cross, Vets4Pets, where you can learn on the job and receive valuable mentorship.

**A Levels and Further Qualifications:** A-levels in biology, chemistry, or other science subjects can be advantageous for pursuing higher education in animal care. Additionally, gaining qualifications such as the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management or similar courses can provide a solid foundation for a career in the field.

**T Levels:** From Sept 2024 and onwards, T Levels in Animal Care & Management will be available, providing a comprehensive approach to education and training, blending classroom learning with valuable industry placements. By offering a balance of theoretical knowledge and practical experience, T Levels equip students with the skills and expertise needed to thrive in the animal care industry. To learn more visit: [www.tlevels.gov.uk/students/subjects/animal-care-management](http://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students/subjects/animal-care-management)

**University Degrees:** Pursuing a degree in animal science, zoology, veterinary science, or a related field can open doors to a wide range of animal care careers. Universities in the UK, such as the Royal Veterinary College, offer comprehensive programmes that blend theoretical knowledge with practical experience.

**TASK: Think about which route you would like to go down? Remember, there is no right or wrong pathway, it's all about doing what is best for you!**

## Decided animal care is the career path for you?

Embarking on a career in animal care is not only an opportunity to work closely with our furry, feathered, or scaly friends but also a chance to make a positive impact on their lives. Whether you choose to pursue an apprenticeship, a university degree, or gain relevant qualifications, the field of animal care offers an exciting and fulfilling career path. Remember, your passion, patience, and dedication will be the keys to unlocking a rewarding future in this ever evolving field. So, take a leap, embrace the adventure, and get ready to make a difference in the lives of animals!

# Explore Your Next Steps

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# Lori French

## Software Engineer in the Client Engineering Team

### What made you decide to come to IBM as a school leaver?

I applied to IBM because of its history of innovation. It has obtained more patents than any other company for the past 28 consecutive years. I wanted to work with cutting edge technology, developing cognitive software, and so thought IBM would be the best place. I knew an apprenticeship was right for me as I wanted to continue my academic studies while also gaining invaluable work experience – getting the best experiences from both work and education. They are fantastic opportunities that challenge you not only professionally, but academically. By the end of my scheme, I will have five years IT consultancy experience at a Global Technology firm, as well as a Software Engineering degree from a UK Russell Group University, helping to differentiate my CV from other graduates.

### What hints or tips would you pass to those who are interested in applying to IBM as a school leaver?

My advice for people interested in applying to the IBM apprenticeship would be to just go for it! The recruitment process can take up to a year, which gives you time to consider your options as IBM assesses your suitability for the scheme. Personally, joining the IBM apprenticeship scheme was one of the best decisions I have ever made and I can't recommend it enough!



When it comes to advice for the recruitment process, I'd recommend trying to differentiate yourself from other applicants. A great way to do this is through considering why you want to join IBM - what projects have they done that interest you? If you can demonstrate a real excitement for the company, and the solutions they build, it will reflect very well in interviews. This can even influence the later projects that you are assigned to! For example, due to my enthusiasm for Watson, I was chosen to be placed on a Cognitive project for my first role!

### What's the best thing about your current role?

The best thing about being a Software Engineer is I get to create new things every day, that challenge and excite me. No two days are ever the same and I love the variety and endless challenges that IBM provides. For example, I am currently building a Machine Learning Natural Language Classifier from scratch; Getting the opportunity to create this, shaping it

to fit client's needs to deliver industry value is a very rewarding experience that makes me excited to go to work each day.

### What support was available to you when starting at IBM?

Joining as an IBM apprentice, you get a Foundation Manager who supports you throughout your apprenticeship. This is invaluable as it allows you to raise any personal or professional concerns with someone who sits outside of your project team, who puts you and your apprenticeship first and is always there to fight your corner. Even after four years, I am still using this support network regularly and it made the transition from School to Work far easier - they offer immense value to apprentices throughout their programs.

### What's the best thing about being at IBM?

As I mentioned previously, I am very passionate about IBM's inventing culture. IBMers work on exciting, cutting-edge technology that changes the world. It makes the work we do very exciting, the culture we live in agile and dynamic, and pushes us to think outside of the box and challenge ourselves. In fact, I got my own first patent recently which I am incredibly proud of, as well as have had the privilege to work at Wimbledon and had my Chatbots showcased at THINK in San Francisco – all thanks to this innovative culture which makes working IBM such an interesting place to work!

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# Unlocking the Secrets to Landing Your Dream Job: Discover the Work Experience You Need to Get Ahead!

You might already have an idea of what you want to do when you leave school or college. However, you might not know which sort of work experience you need to help you get there. Don't worry though! In this guide we'll give you an idea of what you should pick to get into these jobs and industries.



## POLICING

To become a police officer in the future, these different types of work experience could be very useful. The world of policing involves meeting the public regularly, so work experience where you can develop your people skills is really important. You will also need to be disciplined and a team player, so a work experience where you can evidence this could be really valuable.

- Volunteering for youth organisations/groups, e.g. Scouts, local sports teams
- Join the **Volunteer Police Cadets** – for young people aged 13-18
- Experience where you can evidence a leadership role



## PSYCHOLOGY

To become a psychologist, you'll need to show empathy and the ability to listen and understand others. Getting experience in a medical or social setting will likely be very important depending on the type of psychology route you want to go down. These types of work experience could be extremely useful to have as a psychologist, although you will need to have the relevant degree alongside it.

- Volunteering or working as an assistant in a mental health or social care setting, like a mental health clinic, care home, or community centre
- Shadowing a mental health professional
- Volunteering in a social service, school or prison setting



## MIDWIFERY

To get into midwifery, any work experience that deals with patients is bound to be useful. If this can be in a medical setting, then great! If not though, there are plenty of other ways you can meet expectant parents and experience life as a midwife.

- Volunteer at hospitals – there are programmes like **Premed Projects** that let you live with other students and shadow midwives at prominent hospitals
- Placements – some **NHS trusts offer work experience placements**, these could be temporary short-term, or could be on a regular basis depending on the arrangement you have with the hospital or trust

**Supported internships** – these involve a blend of college study and work placements, they are only available for those over the age of 16 though



## DENTISTRY

Having work experience is an extremely useful addition to your application if you are applying to university to study dentistry, or if you are looking to become a dental assistant. Like medicine, any experience which improves your people and communication skills will always be useful as you may be meeting the public regularly. Any clinical work experience could also be a big help when applying.

- Apply to your local practices – it is always worth enquiring with your local dentist to see if they have any work experience opportunities available. Don't be discouraged if not though, as their confidentiality regulations may not let them
- Shadowing – some dentists may allow you to shadow them for a brief period of time and understand what exactly it is that they do
- Clinical settings – any research that improves your clinical knowledge will always be useful when applying for a role in the future



## LAW

There are lots of **different career paths in law**, it isn't just about becoming a lawyer. There are some key skills you need to evidence though in any law career, such as attention to detail and clear communication. Therefore, any of these work experience opportunities would be useful to you in the future.

- Work shadowing – you are limited without a legally recognised qualification in what you can contribute, but learning from professionals shows your interest in the field
- Vacation schemes – these short-term placements (usually between 1 week and 1 month) give you a view into how law firms operate
- Pro bono work – volunteering to give free legal advice to those who can't afford it



## MEDICINE

Similarly to pharmacy, any work experience you can get in a medical setting will benefit you in the long-term. If you do a medicine degree at university, you will have plenty of placement experience in your later years. However, having some experience before you start university will increase your chance of being accepted, and will increase your confidence around future patients.

- Healthcare volunteering – this could be in any appropriate medical setting, like a hospital, care home or clinic
- Research – this could be in a laboratory setting, or you could be working as an assistant to a qualified doctor or other medical professional
- Shadow a doctor – some hospitals and trusts offer the chance to shadow a doctor to understand exactly what their day-to-day role involves
- Apprenticeships – did you know that you can now do a **Medical Doctor Degree Apprenticeship**? It offers a new path to becoming a doctor, and you'll also earn a salary while completing your training!



## PHARMACY

Although you don't necessarily need work experience to get into pharmacy – this will come through your university course or an apprenticeship – it could be very useful for your future career and to help you secure a job/training.

- Paid experience in local pharmacies – these can be found in retail shops like Boots
- Volunteer at hospitals – some trusts offer voluntary work experience positions, e.g. **Manchester University Foundation Trust**
- Local healthcare charities might have voluntary roles for different skills levels or interests



## CRIMINOLOGY

There are lots of different jobs you can do in the world of criminology, and various work experience roles on offer too! This can involve researcher roles, probation workers and many more. You can get some great practical experience from a young age too.

- Volunteer with the police – you'll get experience of what law enforcement is like, and you might be able to get involved with minor tasks and build relationships with the local community
- Work as a researcher – working as a research assistant can help to build your analytical skills, which will be needed to do criminology

Prison placements – some prisons offer placements for students at university for those wanting to gain experience in the criminal justice sector, such as **HMI Prisons**



## ART

You might be wondering what kind of work experience you could get in art. Well, you'd be surprised! There are lots of ways you can gain experience, either creating your own pieces of art or learning more about the art world. Read on to find out more!

- Volunteer at an art gallery – this is a great way to learn about renowned artists and important pieces of art, you'll also get the chance to meet experts
- Summer programmes – you can do these online or in person, and often last around a week although they can be longer. **Art UK also organise their own online placement scheme!**
- Online courses – there are lots of online courses available where you can learn about creating digital art, some are free and you can usually get some form of certification upon completion



## ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

There are a range of different work experience opportunities you can do to help get into economics and finance. Having a head for numbers is a key skill, and if your work experience can help you with this further then all the better!

- Placements with accounting firms – get in touch with local firms to see if they have any short-term placements available, this is very useful if you're still at school. You can look further afield though, as many firms offer virtual placements now too!
- Apprenticeship programmes – you can now study for a qualification in finance and accounting while also working. You'll spend 80% of your time working, and the other 20% studying for your qualification

Internships – if you're currently studying at university – or plan to in the future – an internship is a very useful way to gain experience, either during the summer or taking a year out at a company

## SPORT

Having work experience where you can evidence teamwork and leadership skills would be great for a career in sport. You can do work experience in sport from around the age of 14, even being part of a sports team at school or outside school is a great way to show some of these skills.

- Sports coaching – there might be opportunities to coach younger age groups at your school, or as part of extra curricular activities, like a local football or rugby team
- Personal training – this demonstrates your commitment to fitness and also leadership skills, as you'll be coaching others and motivating them to achieve their goals
- Sports journalism – not all careers in sport need to be actually playing! There are lots of opportunities where you can write about sports. If you're not sure where to begin, why not start writing your own blog or seeing if you can contribute to a local sports column?

## AVIATION

The first career that probably springs to mind is a pilot. You're not on your own! There are lots of other careers in aviation too, including stewards and stewardesses, engineers and airport staff, as well as many more. They all have a passion for aviation though, and share some common skills that are needed to work in the industry. Here are some useful work experience opportunities to help you!

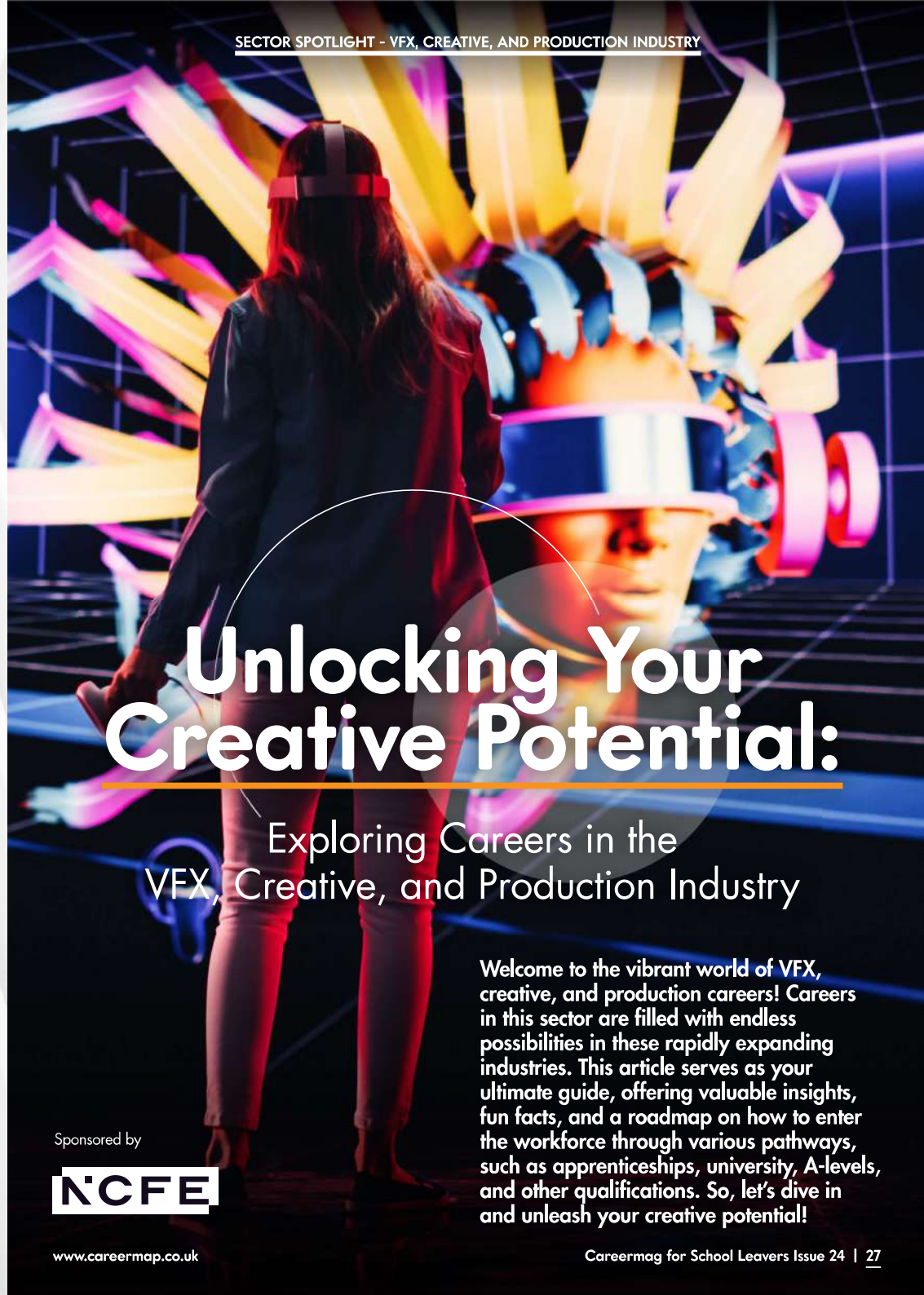
- Airport programmes – some of the UK's leading airports offer work experience programmes for aerospace careers and even retail, including **Manchester Airport** and **London City Airport**.
- Airline placements – airlines like **British Airways** offer lots of different programmes for the different careers you can go into in aviation
- RAF placements – the Royal Air Force offer placements for students who are still at secondary school, where you can learn all about aviation and life in the RAF

## ANIMAL CARE

Animal care is one of the most in demand work experience areas, with lots of people applying. Don't worry though, there are still lots of opportunities out there! Work experience will usually involve working directly with the animals, lots of them cute and cuddly. Some can be a bit more on the dangerous side if that's more your thing though.

- Volunteer at animal charities – these can be animal shelters or rescues, and can involve animals that have been neglected or abused. Therefore, you need to be caring and kind to volunteer at these kinds of places. Charities like the **Blue Cross** offer trainee placements to those looking for more experience
- Zoos/aquariums – BIAZA (British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums) can help to organise work placements across the UK, where you can help to look after a wide range of different animals
- Pet sitting/dog walking – it might not be quite as exotic as working with lions or tigers, but our domestic pets still need someone to look after them! Looking after other people's pets shows you are reliable and caring, and can be a great way to show you're good with animals

**We hope you found this guide useful, and good luck with finding your future work experience!**



# Unlocking Your Creative Potential:

## Exploring Careers in the VFX, Creative, and Production Industry

Welcome to the vibrant world of VFX, creative, and production careers! Careers in this sector are filled with endless possibilities in these rapidly expanding industries. This article serves as your ultimate guide, offering valuable insights, fun facts, and a roadmap on how to enter the workforce through various pathways, such as apprenticeships, university, A-levels, and other qualifications. So, let's dive in and unleash your creative potential!

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# The Ever Evolving VFX Industry



The world of visual effects (VFX) is a captivating blend of technology, artistry, and imagination. From the movies on Netflix to video games, VFX plays a pivotal role in creating immersive and awe-inspiring experiences. Here are some fascinating facts about the VFX industry:

Did you know that the first use of VFX dates back to the late 19th century? Filmmakers employed techniques like matte paintings and stop-motion animation to bring their visions to life.

Today, VFX has become an integral part of the film industry. Major studios invest heavily in visual effects, pushing the boundaries of what is possible on the screen.

VFX is not limited to movies; it extends to advertising, television shows, virtual reality, and even architectural visualisation.

**TASK:** Think about which skills you already have and provide an example for each one you possess

## Pathways to Enter the Workforce

There are several routes you can take to enter the VFX, creative, and production industry. Let's explore some of the most popular options available to UK students:

### A Levels and Other Qualifications:

A Levels in subjects like Art, Design, Media Studies, or Computer Science can open doors to further education or entry-level positions in the industry. Additionally, consider exploring vocational qualifications, such as BTECs, T Levels or HNDs, which provide practical training and a direct pathway to employment.

**Apprenticeships:** Apprenticeships offer a practical and hands-on approach to learning. Many VFX studios and creative agencies offer apprenticeship programmes where you can gain valuable industry experience while earning a wage.

**University Degrees:** Pursuing a degree in fields like Animation, VFX, Graphic Design, or Film Production can provide you with a solid foundation. Universities often collaborate with industry professionals, giving you access to cutting-edge resources and networking opportunities.

## Skills for Success

To thrive in the VFX, creative, and production industry, honing specific skills is essential. Here are some key abilities that employers seek:

**Creativity:** A vivid imagination, coupled with the ability to think outside the box, is crucial in these industries. Embrace your creativity and explore innovative ideas.

**Technical Proficiency:** Familiarise yourself with industry-standard software tools such as Autodesk Maya, Adobe After Effects, or Nuke. Developing proficiency in these tools will give you a competitive edge.

**Attention to Detail:** Paying meticulous attention to detail ensures that every aspect of your work is flawless and realistic.

**Collaboration:** Teamwork is vital in these industries. Embrace collaboration and learn to communicate effectively with your peers.

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## UK Job Market and Salary Outlook

The VFX industry in the UK is flourishing, offering a wealth of employment opportunities. According to industry reports, the VFX sector is expected to witness substantial growth by 2030, creating a high demand for skilled professionals. Here's a glimpse into the UK job market:

### Job Roles

The industry offers a wide range of roles, including VFX artist, 3D animator, motion graphics designer, concept artist, storyboard artist, production assistant, and more.

**VFX Artist:** As a VFX artist, you have the power to create mind-blowing visual effects that transport audiences to fantastical worlds. Your canvas is the screen, and your brush is cutting-edge software. Whether it's conjuring explosive action sequences, breathing life into mythical creatures, or shaping awe-inspiring environments, your imagination knows no bounds. With a blend of technical prowess, artistic vision, and attention to detail, you craft visual magic that enhances films, TV shows, and advertisements, captivating viewers and leaving them in awe.

**3D Animator:** Step into the realm of virtual life! As a 3D animator, you bring characters and objects to life through the art of movement. With software tools at your fingertips, you give form and personality to digital creations. Whether it's the graceful flight of a dragon, the comedic antics of a cartoon character, or the lifelike motion of a CGI creature, your skills in timing, posing, and expression make the unreal feel real. Your work breathes soul into the pixels, immersing audiences in stories that captivate and resonate.

**Motion Graphics Designer:** Unleash your creativity in motion! As a motion graphics designer, you blend graphic design, animation, and visual storytelling to create dynamic and eye-catching visuals. From title sequences and explainer videos to animated infographics and advertisements, your work injects energy and vibrancy into every frame. You possess a keen eye for aesthetics, typography, and composition, utilising software tools and techniques to craft captivating visuals that engage and inform audiences in a visually compelling way.

**TASK:** Can you think of any more job roles?

**Concept Artist:** Step into the realm of imagination! As a concept artist, you have the ability to bring ideas to life through visual storytelling. Your illustrations and designs lay the foundation for characters, creatures, environments, and props in movies, video games, and other creative projects. With a deep understanding of form, color, and mood, you create captivating visuals that capture the essence of the project's vision. Your concept art serves as a guiding light, providing a visual roadmap for the entire production team, and igniting the imaginations of viewers.

**Storyboard Artist:** Become the visual architect of stories! As a storyboard artist, you possess the power to translate scripts and ideas into a series of illustrated frames, bringing narratives to life visually. Your drawings depict key moments, camera angles, and character expressions, helping directors, producers, and animators visualise scenes before they are filmed or animated. With a combination of artistic skill, storytelling ability, and understanding of cinematic language, you set the stage for the storytelling process, ensuring that every shot evokes the desired emotions and serves the narrative purpose.

### Production Assistant:

The behind-the-scenes heroes! As a production assistant, you are the backbone of the creative process, supporting the production team in various administrative and logistical tasks. Your role involves coordinating schedules, managing paperwork, liaising with suppliers and vendors, and ensuring that everything runs smoothly on set or in the studio. Your attention to detail, organisational skills, and ability to juggle multiple responsibilities make you an invaluable asset to the production team, contributing to the seamless execution of creative projects.



### Salaries

Entry-level positions in the VFX industry can start at around £18,000 to £25,000 per year. With experience and expertise, salaries can rise significantly, ranging from £30,000 to £60,000 or more annually.

### Growth Opportunities

The industry's growth is driven by advancements in technology, the rise of streaming platforms, and increased demand for immersive visual experiences. This growth translates into a wealth of opportunities for talented individuals like you.

## Decided a career in VFX, creative or production is for you?

The VFX, creative, and production industry offers an enchanting playground for those with a passion for artistic expression and technology. By developing your creative skills and exploring various educational pathways such as apprenticeships, university degrees, A-levels, and vocational qualifications, you can pave the way for a successful career in this ever-evolving field.

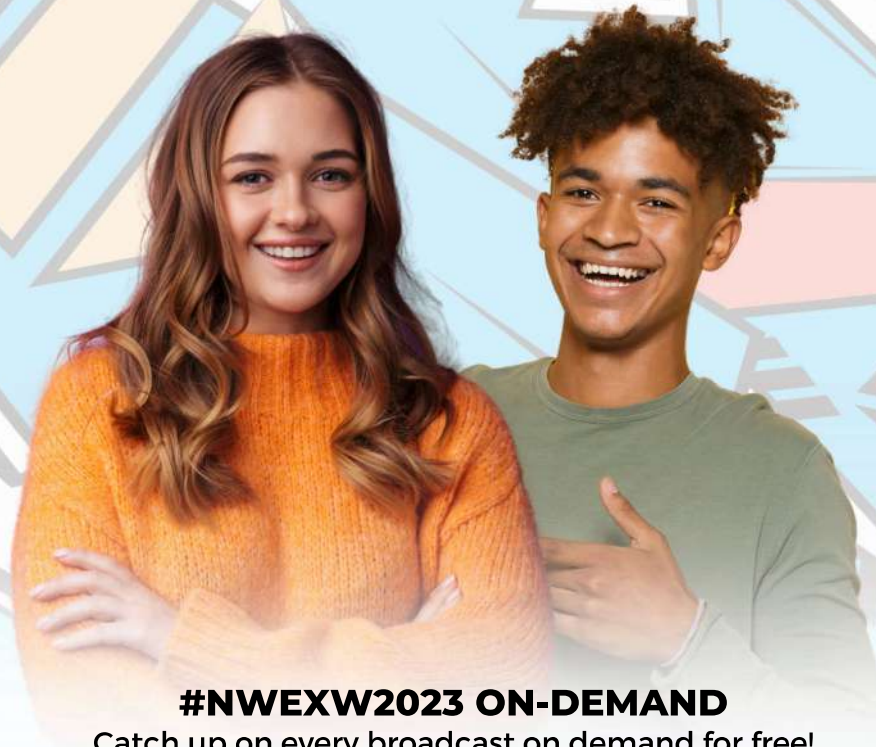
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## Exploring the Cosmos:



### A World of Opportunities in the UK Space Industry

If you've ever gazed up at the night sky and wondered about the mysteries of the universe, then a career in the space industry might just be the perfect fit for you. The space industry offers a wide range of exciting opportunities, from designing and building rockets to studying distant galaxies and exploring the possibility of life beyond Earth.

In this spotlight, we'll take you on a journey through the cosmos, highlighting some fascinating career options, sharing fun facts, discussing essential skills, and providing guidance on how you can enter the workforce through apprenticeships, university programmes, A-levels, and other qualifications. So buckle up and get ready to embark on an astronomical adventure!

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# About the UK Space Industry



## Shooting for the Stars

Now, let's explore a few of the exciting career paths available in the UK space industry. Remember, this is just a glimpse into some of the opportunities, and there are many more possibilities awaiting you!

**Aerospace Engineer:** Are you fascinated by the mechanics and design of spacecraft? As an aerospace engineer, you'll contribute to the development of cutting-edge rockets, satellites, and space exploration vehicles. This role requires a strong grasp of physics, mathematics, and engineering principles, making A-levels in these subjects or an apprenticeship a great starting point. Pursuing a degree in aerospace engineering is another option too!

**Space Scientist:** If unraveling the mysteries of the universe and conducting groundbreaking research sound like your cup of tea, consider a career as a space scientist. From studying distant galaxies and black holes to investigating the potential for life on other planets, you'll be at the forefront of astronomical discoveries. A-levels in physics and mathematics will lay a solid foundation, and pursuing a degree in astrophysics, planetary science, or a related field will provide the necessary specialised knowledge.

**Satellite Engineer:** Satellites play a vital role in modern life, enabling communication, navigation, weather forecasting, and much more. As a satellite engineer, you'll be involved in designing, building, and testing these incredible technological marvels. Apprenticeships with leading satellite manufacturing companies, such as Airbus or Surrey Satellite Technology Limited, can provide valuable hands-on experience. Pursuing a degree in electrical engineering or aerospace systems engineering is another option to enhance your skills.

**TASK:** Can you think of anymore?

## FUN FACTS: Discovering the Extraordinary

Before we delve into the different careers available, let's start with some mind-blowing fun facts about the space industry. Did you know that the UK is home to more than 130 space companies? From satellite manufacturers to spaceports, our country is buzzing with cutting-edge innovation. Additionally, did you know that the first British astronaut was Helen Sharman, who traveled to the Mir space station in 1991? Since then, British astronauts, such as Tim Peake, have continued to make their mark on the international space stage.

**The UK space industry is thriving, and there's never been a better time to get involved!**

## Skills for Success: The Launchpad to Your Future

Now that we've explored some exciting career options, let's discuss the essential skills that will help you soar in the space industry:

**Strong Mathematical and Scientific Aptitude:** Mathematics and science form the foundation of many space-related careers. Developing a solid understanding of these subjects will give you a significant advantage when pursuing higher education or entering the industry.

**Problem-Solving and Critical Thinking:** The space industry is all about overcoming challenges and finding innovative solutions. Cultivate your problem-solving and critical thinking skills by engaging in puzzles, logical reasoning exercises, and scientific experiments.

**Attention to Detail:** Precision is crucial when working with spacecraft, satellites, and scientific data. Developing an eye for detail and a meticulous approach will serve you well in this industry.

**Communication and Teamwork:** Collaboration is key in the space industry. Effective communication skills and the ability to work well in teams will enable you to contribute to larger projects and bring your ideas to life.

**TASK:** Which skills do you already possess? Can you think of examples of where you might be able to use these skills in a space role?



## The Sky's the Limit! (Literally)

As you can see, the UK space industry offers an exciting and diverse range of career options. Whether you aspire to design spacecraft, explore distant galaxies, or contribute to groundbreaking research, the cosmos is yours to explore.

Remember to nurture your scientific and mathematical skills, cultivate problem-solving abilities, and embrace opportunities for hands-on experience through apprenticeships, university programmes, or A-levels.

## Entering the Workforce

So, how can you launch your career in the UK space industry? Here are some pathways to consider:

**Apprenticeships:** Apprenticeships provide a unique opportunity to gain practical experience while earning a wage. Several aerospace and satellite manufacturing companies offer apprenticeship schemes, allowing you to learn on the job and acquire valuable skills. Check out companies like BAE Systems, Rolls-Royce, Airbus and the National Space Academy for apprenticeship opportunities.

**University Programmes:** Pursuing a degree in a space-related field will equip you with in-depth knowledge and open doors to a variety of careers. Many universities in the UK offer relevant programmes, such as astrophysics, aerospace engineering, and satellite technology. Research the entry requirements and consider applying to institutions renowned for their contributions to the space industry.

**A-levels and Further Education:** A-levels serve as stepping stones to higher education. Choosing subjects like physics, mathematics, and computer science will provide a strong academic foundation for a space-related career. Explore colleges and sixth form schools that offer these subjects and have a track record of supporting students interested in the space industry.

## The UK Job Market: Reaching for the Stars

Now, let's take a closer look at the UK job market in the space industry. According to the UK Space Agency, the sector has been growing at an average rate of 7.7% per year since 2010, and it is estimated that it will be worth over £40 billion by 2030. This growth translates into a wealth of employment opportunities, ranging from engineering and scientific research to satellite operations and data analysis. Furthermore, with the UK government's commitment to developing a domestic spaceport, the demand for skilled professionals is set to increase further in the coming years.

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## UCAS Clearing in 2023

If you're planning to go to university in September, it's worth doing a bit of research on clearing just in case you need to use it.

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Clearing allocates unfilled university places to students who don't have offers. This can happen if you didn't get the grades needed to get into your first or insurance choice university. However, you can also apply for clearing if you decline your first place through UCAS too.

If a university has places available on a course, you can get in touch through clearing to see if you can be accepted onto it with your results.

### How does it work?

On results day, universities will post a list of their courses with places still available on the UCAS website.

At that point, you can call the universities with course details of interest to see if they still have places left. It doesn't have to be anything to do with your previous choices, but we would advise taking a step back and considering your options before making a hasty decision on the day. If you're worried you might not have achieved the grades beforehand, it might be worth doing some extra research before results day.

**Top Tip:** Make sure you have your clearing number ready when calling universities about clearing places.

### What if I haven't applied to university already?

If you haven't applied to university already then you'll need to submit an application first. Once you've done this, UCAS will send you a starter pack which will include details of how you can log on to Track. You'll also receive a Clearing number as well as advice, searching for vacancies, how to contact universities and how to add the course in Track.

### When does Clearing open?

Clearing officially opens on Wednesday 5th July 2023 for people who already have their results. If not, you'll be able to enter Clearing on A Level results day (17th August in England and Wales), if you decide it's for you. For students, in Scotland, the Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA) results day is Tuesday 8th August 2023.

### Remember

If you're worried about results day, don't be! We understand that this is easier said than done but there are plenty of options out there for you. Lots of people use clearing every single year, there's no stigma surrounding it.

No matter your results, results day is still an achievement and a milestone in your life. Try and enjoy it regardless of the outcome!

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## "Other-Worldly" The Mind Behind the Makeup

**Bolton University** student **Ryan Beaumont** shone in British television series *Glow Up* in 2022. Ryan is a creative artist, monster maker, character creator, sculptor, artist, and designer, who describes his makeup as *"an extension of myself"*.

**Ryan was selected from thousands of applicants to be one of 10 makeup artists (MUAs) on the BBC3 show's fourth series, having studied at Bolton University on the Special Make-up Effects for Film and TV (SMUFX) course.**

The BDes (Hons) Special Effects equips students like Ryan with skills in design, physical model-making, and special prosthetic make-up effects. Cutting-edge 2D and 3D computer modelling and prototyping are also used by students in the creation of special effects for different media platforms.

Ryan said: "I applied for SMUFX because it's a passion I've always had. With special effects and prosthetics, you have an extra element to bring something new to life. You can create something otherworldly. I grew up reading fantasy books and watching Harry Potter, Doctor Who, and Lord of the Rings. I fell in love with movie make-up."

Week after week, *Glow Up* viewers saw Ryan's design and problem-solving skills put to the test, but it was episode 3 where the evidence of his studies and exceptional talent with special effects makeup really stood out. As part of a Doctor Who theme, Ryan was asked to create a new alien character - precisely the type of challenge his degree course had prepared him for.

Guest judging Ryan's alien design was Doctor Who prosthetics designer Danny Marie Elias. Danny Marie specified that the prosthetics must have a flawless application and promised whichever MUA created the winning work would have the opportunity to work with her again in the future.

Danny Marie admired the fact that Ryan used the entire colour palette to create his alien. She said: "There was one makeup artist whose work really stood out, and I can see them working well with me on set - Ryan".

Ryan went on to win the professional assignment in episode 3, and impressed the judges again when he was asked to create a mutated monster. He designed a human-rat hybrid from a dystopian future and received the very highest praise as well as the nickname "pocket rocket" due to the speed with which he can apply makeup (and prosthetics, false lashes, hair and gemstones!)

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- They include a substantial 'industry placement' that lasts at least 45 days to help young people develop essential workplace skills
- They provide a structured route into higher education and work
- There are 16 T Levels available now at selected further education providers, with another 7 T Levels set to launch this September.

### Who is NCFE?

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**Studying the Education and Childcare T Level has been what I expected and more! It's allowed me to grow not just as a person, but as a future education professional."**

**Ellie Hearn**, T Level Student



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# How to choose a bank account as a student

Chances are, your time as a student won't be the most luxurious. Seeing your bank balance in the black is a rare privilege, and you probably find yourself teetering on the edge of your overdraft allowance more often than you'd like.

But that doesn't mean you shouldn't spend time choosing the right bank account for you. In fact, if anything, it's all the more reason to do so. At this stage of your life, the very best accounts are the ones that offer extra security and support when you need it the most – whether that's between Student Loan instalments, or before you've secured a graduate job.

**So with that in mind, here's what you need to consider when you're picking a bank account.**

### Don't get distracted by the bank account freebies

**All too often, students pick their bank account based on the sign-up bonus on offer. This could be a free Railcard, a shopping voucher or even cold, hard cash.**

For some, this makes sense. A Railcard can lead to massive savings on train journeys, and who doesn't want a free shopping voucher?

But in reality, a Railcard only costs £30 to buy yourself, while the shopping vouchers and cash rewards are rarely worth more than £100. That's not nothing, but compared to what you could be getting with your bank account, it's small fry.

### Focus on the overdraft allowance

For most of your adult life, it's best to stay out of your overdraft when you can. Usually, you'll be charged interest for dipping into this emergency supply – however, this isn't the case when you're at university.

The overdraft on your **student bank account** has a 0% interest rate, meaning there's no charge for using this money. This makes it one of the safest and most easily accessible forms of extra cash while you're at uni.

That said, not all student overdrafts are born equal. Some student bank accounts only have a 0% overdraft up to £1,500, while others offer up to £3,000. Clearly, if you're struggling to make ends meet, an extra £1,500 of low-risk cash is better than a £100 sign-up bonus.

Be wary of the bank's use of "up to", though, as you're unlikely to get the maximum 0% overdraft straight away. Instead, the allowance is usually tapered, so more is available the longer you've been at uni.

Also bear in mind that even if you're in your final year, you still might not get the full amount. Other factors, including your credit score, will be taken into consideration. So, always do your research before assuming you're about to get access to a £3,000 0% overdraft.

**SAVE THE STUDENT!**

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"Student bank accounts come with generous 0% overdrafts – but not forever"

## Check the repayment conditions

Student bank accounts come with generous 0% overdrafts – but not forever. Once you've finished university, the end of this perk is suddenly on the horizon.

That's not to say you shouldn't use your 0% overdraft, or that you should be excessively worried about going over a certain amount. What it does mean is that you shouldn't blindly go into your overdraft without knowing how, and when, you'll pay it off. And this is where graduates (and soon-to-be graduates) really need to pay attention.

Fortunately, your access to a 0% overdraft isn't cut off the day you don your robes and receive your degree. That's because your student bank account will usually become a graduate account which, thankfully, comes with an interest-free buffer too. This gives you a little longer to climb out of your overdraft without incurring any extra costs.

"As a graduate, the maximum 0% overdraft on offer will shrink year-on-year"

SAVE THE STUDENT!

But unlike while you were at uni, when the overdraft allowance grew each year, the opposite is now true. As a graduate, the maximum 0% overdraft on offer will shrink year-on-year, eventually disappearing altogether. Although some accounts retain this perk for three whole years after graduation, others cut you off after just one.

As you're approaching the end of your time at uni, take a look at what the repayment terms of your graduate account will be. If your bank will only give you another year interest-free, switch to one with a better offer – and do it soon, as some graduate accounts don't accept newcomers who have already left uni.

And don't just assume that things will suddenly be rosy once you've left student life behind. It can take a while before you find a graduate job and start to **make money**, so it's definitely better to be safe than sorry.

So what are you waiting for?  
It's time to start looking for your next bank account!

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# FOCUS on your goals

We caught up with Nick Staab, founder of the Elite Sales Academy, the UK's fastest-growing sales coaching network which hosts training events to help entrepreneurs close more sales in their businesses with confidence and conviction. A multi award-winning entrepreneur, Nick is one of the UK's leading speakers on developing sales strategies, online training and coaching. Nick has closed over £10 million pounds in sales deals and entered the Expert Speaker Hall of Fame as Speaker of the Year 2022 and for closing over £1m in stage sales last year.

## What inspired you to develop your idea and what would you have done differently?

A few years ago, I got pneumonia which left me in hospital with quite severe lung damage. I just had the news after a CT scan that my lungs were the worst on the ward and so was put on a ventilator. I was 29 years old at the time, a fit, healthy, non-smoker. As I lay there, the overwhelming feeling I had was that even though I had huge success closing deals for some of the biggest businesses in the UK, I hadn't done enough with the skills that I had. I wasn't fulfilled. I made a promise to myself that if I pulled through, I would start my own coaching business to teach other people my system and skills. I always had a love of sales and helping people and had great mentors who had helped me at the start of my career and realised that I could become a mentor to others who need to learn these important skills and be the very best they can be.

## What advice would you give to someone who is trying to become an entrepreneur?

Whether it's a job, your own business or training, you have to do something which lights you up and puts that fire in your belly. If you're trying to start your own business, you don't need to feel like you need to figure it all out on your own. There's an awful lot of noise out there – just keep things simple, be disciplined, FOCUS on your goals (Follow One Course Until Success) and surround yourself with inspiring and successful people which will give you a greater chance to become successful yourself.

## Can you give us one really important lesson you've learnt in business?

We each have our own barriers we must break through. To progress everyone needs to be aware of their comfort zone if it's suppressing how you develop – it's a beautiful place but nothing grows there. You need to get comfortable being uncomfortable. Seek out successful people, put in the right level of time and energy and say 'yes' to opportunities.

## How do you get the confidence to step into the right career?

This can be so different for everyone. For me, I was bullied in school and spent too much time trying to get people to



like me by playing the class clown. Even early on in my career I lacked confidence and was far too worried about what other people thought of me which stemmed from my school years.

With mentoring and support I learnt that most of my fears were self-developed. I discovered that in order to get something different, I had to do something different. I did my research and followed the top people in the sales industry – once I'd got some clarity and refocused my energy, I got myself on a clear path to success.

## What qualities do I need to implement to develop?

There's many but if you're driven, self-disciplined enough to keep a high level of consistency and demonstrate the right level of energy, you can thrive in whatever you chose to do. And don't think of these individually – always try to keep these attributes working together as much as possible for maximum success.

## Any final thoughts?

There's a famous quote which goes: "You are the average of the five people you spend the most time with." Think about that for a second. Are you supported by 'radiators' who encourage and motivate you, or are they drains who hold you back and stifle creativity and confidence. Your network and community are everything to how you will grow and develop into your career and life, so be smart with your choices.

# Discover your impact and unlock your potential

Are you a school leaver who's feeling a little uncertain about your next steps? Perhaps you're not quite sure what your particular strengths are, or maybe you're feeling a bit nervous about interviews and talking about yourself in a positive way. That's not unusual at all!

The truth is that the future is unpredictable which can be both scary and exciting at the same time. One aspect you can certainly take charge of though is awareness of yourself, of your potential and the fact that you can and will make a valuable contribution.

Developing self-awareness and understanding your unique impact can also boost your self-esteem, motivation, and engagement with learning. And when it comes to interviews, having a clear sense of your strengths and how you can contribute to a team can set you apart from other candidates.

To help you discover your personal impact and contribution within a team, there is an innovative tool called the Young People Index®. A bespoke report that can help guide you towards a career path where you will thrive, based on your individual strengths and interests. These insights that you gain help you to prepare for whatever your next step might be by empowering you, so that you feel confident talking about yourself in a positive and authentic way.

So, what can you expect from your personalised report? The Young People Index® identifies five different "roles" that individuals can play within a team: Strategist, Game Changer, Play Maker, Implementer, and Polisher. Each role has its own specific strengths and contributions, and understanding to which role you are most suited can help you make more informed plans for your future.

Whether you're thinking about further education, an apprenticeship, or entering the workforce, the Young People Index® can help you discover your unique strengths and contributions.

When you start to understand yourself, you can begin to make better-informed choices and set realistic but ambitious goals. This isn't about surviving but thriving and being your best possible self.

## Your Profile Results



## So, where could your future take you?



**Jon Crocker** is the founder of ICENI Mastermind CIC which supports young people in raising self-awareness and belief in their ability to make a positive impact. He is happy to have an informal chat with schools and colleges to see if this could help their students.

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# Career Development Institute: Get careers ideas for when you leave school

## Have you visited a Careers Adviser at school?

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A Careers Adviser's role is to help broaden your knowledge of the options available and to support you as you decide what you want to do, and work with you to move forwards. Having a careers guidance interview has lots of benefits, such as:

- increased motivation and self-confidence
- greater self-awareness
- identification of more achievable ambitions
- improved decision making skills
- increased awareness of opportunities

If a qualified Careers Adviser is not available as your school, then ask your school to put you in touch with one.

There is also a lot of information on the National Careers Service's website, and you may be able to get additional support from them. Please visit: [nationalcareers.service.gov.uk](http://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk).

Alternatively, with your parents' permission, you can find a private practitioner on the UK Register for Career Development Practitioners: [the CDI.net/find-a-professional](http://the CDI.net/find-a-professional).



## Who are we?

The Career Development Institute (CDI) is the professional body for career development across the UK. Our aim, through the work of qualified Careers Adviser, is to help you explore as many job and career opportunities as possible, so that you can make an informed decision about your future, whether that's further study, an apprenticeship or vocational route, or a job.

## What do we do?

We provide training and support to our member Careers Advisers who work at schools, colleges and beyond, so that they are professionally qualified to give you the best advice and guidance.

## Why is this important?

We want to help improve the lives of future generations! By helping young people discover new career opportunities, and jobs in which they can be successful, we can help elevate the next generation's workforce.

This has lots of positive impacts for the economy, society and even for sustainability. For example, you may speak with a Careers Adviser and find yourself on a career pathway to becoming a river restoration manager... or a wind turbine engineer!

To access the CDI's UK Register for Career Development Practitioners, please visit: [the CDI.net/find-a-professional](http://the CDI.net/find-a-professional)

For job profiles, information and resources, please visit the National Careers Service: [nationalcareers.service.gov.uk](http://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)

## Promoting inclusion, diversity and equity

We support Careers Advisers to help break barriers! Many careers have long been gender-defined or are not considered 'a practical choice' by parents or 'not possible' for someone with physical disabilities. We do not believe that people are defined by their diverse qualities and Careers Advisers can help give the encouragement, support and direction to help people on their chosen career paths.

Here are some steps to help you move forwards:

1. Speak to your teacher and find out who your Careers Adviser is and how to make an appointment.
2. Have a think about the careers that you are interested in and the qualities, skills and qualifications you may need for that role – you will want to make the most of your time with your adviser.
3. Meet with the Careers Adviser, here you can discuss the roles or courses that you are interested in. The advisor may also introduce you to some new ideas as they will have accurate and up-to-date information for you. You will find out about what you would need to achieve to get there and whether you feel that this is the right option for you.
4. The Career Interview: your Careers Adviser could set up a mock interview for a job so that you can gain insight and experience and showcase all that you have to offer!
5. Progression plan: your Careers Adviser will provide you with a progression plan based on your work together so that you can move forwards with your education and career pathway, whichever route you decide to go.

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# Lesson Plan: Exploring Careers - Pathways to a Bright Future

## Objectives:

- To introduce students to the concept of careers and the importance of exploring different career options.
- To familiarise students with various pathways available to pursue different careers.
- To encourage students to reflect on their interests, skills, and aspirations to make informed career choices.
- To provide students with resources and tools for further career exploration.

## Materials Needed:

- Presentation slides or whiteboard
- Career exploration worksheets
- Pens or pencils
- Access to computers or devices with internet connectivity



## Introduction (10 minutes)

- Begin the lesson by engaging students in a discussion about careers. Ask them what careers they are familiar with and what they understand about choosing a career path.
- Explain the importance of exploring different career options, highlighting that it helps students make informed decisions about their future.

## Careers Education

**Level:** Secondary School (Key Stage 3 or 4) **Duration:** 60 minutes

## Pathways to Careers

(15 minutes)

- Present an overview of different pathways available to pursue careers, such as:
  - Apprenticeships
  - University degrees
  - College or vocational training
  - T Levels
  - A-levels
- Discuss the advantages and considerations of each pathway, including the duration of study, practical experience, and potential career prospects.
- Share examples of careers that can be pursued through each pathway, such as healthcare professions, engineering, creative arts, and business.



## Reflecting on Interests and Skills

(15 minutes)

- Ask students to reflect on their interests, hobbies, strengths, and skills.
- Help them consider how their personal attributes align with different career paths.
- Allow students to work individually or in pairs.
- Discuss their responses as a class, emphasising the importance of self-awareness in making career choices.



## Career Exploration Resources

(15 minutes)

- Introduce students to various online resources and tools they can use to explore careers further. Examples include:
  - Careermap ([www.careermap.co.uk](http://www.careermap.co.uk))
  - National Careers Service website ([nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/](http://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/))
  - Industry-specific websites and professional associations. For example: [neonfutures.org.uk/](http://neonfutures.org.uk/) and [www.goconstruct.org/](http://www.goconstruct.org/)
- Demonstrate how to navigate these resources and encourage students to explore careers that align with their interests and skills.
- Provide time for students to explore the resources independently or in small groups.



## Reflection and Closure

(5 minutes)

- Facilitate a brief class discussion on the importance of career exploration and how it can positively impact students' future.
- Encourage students to continue exploring careers and to discuss their findings and aspirations with parents, teachers, or career advisors.
- Summarise the main points covered in the lesson and address any final questions or concerns.



## Optional extras

Invite guest speakers from different professions to share their career journeys and insights with the students.

You can also book school and college event talks for free via Careermap. Contact [info@careermap.co.uk](mailto:info@careermap.co.uk)

Assign a follow-up project where students research and present on a specific career of their choice.

## Note

Adjust the lesson duration and activities as per the time available and the specific needs of your students.

## Assessment

Informal assessment can be conducted through class discussions, student participation, completion of worksheets, and the quality of reflections and career exploration.

## Teacher resources

### Career Development Institute [www.thecdi.net/Home](http://www.thecdi.net/Home)

The Career Development Institute is the professional body for career development professionals in the UK. It aims to promote and improve the quality of career guidance and development services. The CDI provides resources and support for career development practitioners, including those working in schools.

### Careermap [careermap.co.uk](http://careermap.co.uk)

Access a wealth of resources, guidance, and information to support students career exploration and planning. Careermap enables them to make informed decisions about their future pathways and equips them with the tools and knowledge needed for successful transitions into the workforce. Resources include:

CareermapTV: [www.youtube.com/@careermaptv](http://www.youtube.com/@careermaptv)

National Work Experience Week: [nationalworkexperienceweek.co.uk](http://nationalworkexperienceweek.co.uk)

National Apprenticeship Week: [nationalapprenticeshipweek.co.uk](http://nationalapprenticeshipweek.co.uk)

National University Week: [nationaluniversityweek.co.uk](http://nationaluniversityweek.co.uk)

Careermap for School Leavers & Parents/Guardians: [careermap.co.uk/careermag](http://careermap.co.uk/careermag)

Gatsby Benchmark posters: contact [info@careermap.co.uk](mailto:info@careermap.co.uk)

School / College Career Talks: contact [info@careermap.co.uk](mailto:info@careermap.co.uk)

### National Careers Service [nationalcareers.service.gov.uk](http://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)

A comprehensive website offering information on various careers, job profiles, and guidance on education and training pathways.

### PiXL (Partners in Excellence) [www.pixl.org.uk](http://www.pixl.org.uk)

PiXL is a network of schools in the UK that aims to improve educational outcomes and provide support for students. PiXL offers a range of resources and programs to help schools enhance teaching, learning, and student achievement.

### The Black Curriculum [theblackcurriculum.com](http://theblackcurriculum.com)

is a social enterprise that aims to address the lack of Black history and culture in the UK curriculum through Black History Education, Student Workshops and Talks, Teacher Training and Support. They advocate for a more diverse and inclusive education system that reflects the contributions and experiences of Black people throughout history.

### The Careers and Enterprise Company [www.careersandenterprise.co.uk](http://www.careersandenterprise.co.uk)

The Careers and Enterprise Company is a national network that works with schools and colleges to provide young people with encounters and experiences of the world of work. Their website offers a range of resources and tools for students, teachers, and career leaders, including lesson plans, career guidance, and information about work-related learning opportunities.

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