

Welcome to the second edition of our Careers Bulletin!

It's been a busy couple of weeks in the Careers Department as we have been making plans for National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week (more about this in the bulletin). In addition, Year 12 students enjoyed a day's virtual work experience placement with insurance company Covea. We are rolling out a new Careers Platform for students over the next couple of weeks – look out for news about Unifrog! There are so many opportunities for students – please read the bulletin to find out more.

Many thanks,

Miss Mitchelmore

It's National Apprenticeship week



All students have been emailed a resource pack to have a go at completing an activity. Teachers have shared resources linked to their subjects and form tutors have shared relevant clips and quizzes with students.

For parents and all students

- Watch the recorded presentation about apprenticeships – which was made for our students and parents <https://vimeo.com/479834947/dea822aaa0#> 13minutes
- Watch a short clip about stereotypes around apprenticeships - 1min - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5KlruseEnVI>
- Lots of live events and on demand – <https://gmacs.co.uk/news/national-apprenticeship-week-2021>
- Watch our apprenticeship case study film, **The A-Z of female and male apprentices**, to discover more about real apprentices, their job roles, the companies they work for and their day to day lives! <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/naw2021-a-z-film-of-apprentices/> 7minutes
- **Search for Apprenticeship Vacancies** <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- Lots of quizzes to complete <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/quizzes/>
- 20 films - Meet real apprentices in their workplace. These films will help to build an understanding of day-to-day responsibilities and the range of apprenticeships available.
 - www.amazingapprenticeships.com/apprentices

To celebrate National Careers Week 2021

Altrincham College presents

Live career Q&A sessions with employees from a wide range of careers!

Focussing on sectors students highlighted in a recent survey!

Students - Look out for the event invites on MS Teams

Monday 22nd Feb – Fri 6th March

30minutes sessions – taking place most days between 1 and 2pm

The first one will be...



National Careers Week Talks

It's never too early to think about your career

Join us:

Monday 22 February, 1pm-1.30pm

Check MS Teams for your invite! Hear from our guest speakers:

Strategy Director of a Marketing Agency

Clinical Academic Surgeon

Communications Director, AstraZeneca



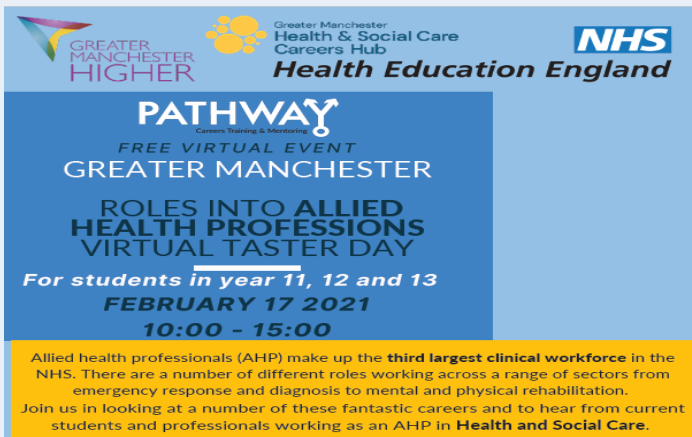
For parents and Y11-13 students only When – 17th February 10-3pm




NHS taster day Apply ASAP - only 100 places available

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/greater-manchester-virtual-taster-day-roles-into-allied-health-professions-tickets-136299029065>

Click here to find out more about [Allied Health Professional careers](#)

Eg. Dieticians, physios, podiatrist, paramedic, drama therapist, occupational therapist, speech and language therapists, radiographers






PATHWAY
 CAREERS TRAINING & MENTORING
 FREE VIRTUAL EVENT
 GREATER MANCHESTER
 ROLES INTO ALLIED
 HEALTH PROFESSIONS
 VIRTUAL TASTER DAY
 For students in year 11, 12 and 13
 FEBRUARY 17 2021
 10:00 - 15:00
 Allied health professionals (AHP) make up the **third largest clinical workforce** in the NHS. There are a number of different roles working across a range of sectors from emergency response and diagnosis to mental and physical rehabilitation. Join us in looking at a number of these fantastic careers and to hear from current students and professionals working as an AHP in **Health and Social Care**.

AGENDA

- 10:00-10:30 Welcome and Introduction to AHP Professions Session
- 10:30-10:40 Routes into AHP Session
- 10:40-11:00 NHS Values Session
- 11:10-12:00 Speed-Meet Session with Different AHP Specialists
- 13:00-13:50 Speed-Meet Session with Different AHP Specialists
- 13:50-14:40 Q+A Panel
- 14:40-15:00 Wrap Up & Next Steps

Y11-13 students only –NHS virtual work experience

NHS: NextGen Nurse - Meet the people behind the masks: North West <http://www.s4snextgen.org/students/Opportunities/View/id/1012>

25th March 10am-2.30pm – apply ASAP, be informed if you are successful – if you are, we can discuss this with your teachers for that day. You first need to register on their application portal at <https://www.s4snextgen.org/>.

For parents and all students only **When – 12th February 10-3pm**



APPRENTICESHIPS WEEK VIRTUAL TALK 12th FEBRUARY

What does it mean to do an apprenticeship in the Army? How do you apply? How will it help your career? Join us for a live, interactive webinar at 11:30AM on 12th February. Suitable for careers leaders and students. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Army Foundation College Harrogate

A college experience like no other for 16 & 17 year olds starting their leadership role. career in the British Army.

[MORE INFO HERE](#)

Army Officer Scholarship Scheme

Receive sponsorship through sixth form and university, before joining the Army in a leadership role.

[MORE INFO HERE](#)

Army Apprenticeships

Did you know that nearly all apprenticeship schemes from

For parents and **Y13** students

KPMG 2021 apprenticeship programmes – starting this Autumn



Find out more and how to apply here kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprentice/
APPLY ASAP

Please note: **Audit** and **Software Engineering** apprenticeships are currently open.

Further programme launches will follow later this month. Those interested can sign up to our [Talent Community](#) to be one of the first to hear when these become available

For parents



Invitation For Parents: Success Beyond School

Free expert advice on guiding your child to a successful career



We are delighted to announce our "Success Beyond School" events for this term: **free-of-charge** interactive 'Live Online' seminars designed to help parents supercharge their children's career potential.

Wednesday 24th February: The Skills Surgery

How to break into careers in medicine, dentistry and veterinary science

Wednesday 3rd March: The Power of Networks

How your child can build a powerful professional network

These events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and free to attend. We kindly ask you to forward this email to relevant parents; either directly or via students.

For parents and Y11-13 students only

UCAS are hosting a week of dedicated live sessions, information, and advice about everything to do with apprenticeships! Each day, students will discover something new about what's on offer and what's involved in studying while working.



Register here - <https://www.ucas.com/events/discover-apprenticeships-387366>

When – 8-12th February – live sessions taking place during these times

Monday 14:00 - 15:00 / Tuesday 12:00 - 18:00 / Wednesday 12:15 - 14:45 / Thursday 17:00 - 18:00 / Friday On-demand from 12:15

Virtual tour of Trafford Skills Centre in Trafford Park**For parents and any students**

Virtual tour: <https://youtu.be/5z37j92o2NI>

Application forms and course info

Construction: [Course search \(gceducationandskills.ac.uk\)](https://www.gceducationandskills.ac.uk/course-search)

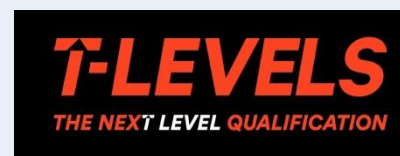
Automotive: [Course search \(gceducationandskills.ac.uk\)](https://www.gceducationandskills.ac.uk/course-search)



T Levels are a new, 2-year qualification designed to give you a head start towards the career you want.

The government has developed T Levels to deliver world-class technical education and give you a new choice after GCSEs.

Find out more here - <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students>



For parents and Y13 students – Apprenticeship Vacancies

Search here- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

New vacancies below - searched on 19/1/21 – using a 10 mile radius from WA15, degree & higher apprenticeships. You may consider searching further afield & I also recommend searching advanced opportunities too.

[2021 Civil Engineering Degree Level Apprenticeship - Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](#)

[Commercial \(Quantity Surveyor and Estimator\) Apprenticeship - Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](#)

[Civil Engineering Manchester Highways - Degree Apprenticeship - Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](#)

[Civil Engineering Manchester Development Infrastructure - Degree Apprenticeship - Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](#)

[2021 Civil Engineering Degree Level Apprenticeship - Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](#)

[Project Management Manchester Bridges - Degree Apprenticeship - Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](#)

For parents and Y13 students - Marks & Spencer's Management Apprenticeship Program

- **Year 13's** - September 2021 start
- **Application Link** ---> <https://ad.doubleclick.net/ddm/clk/484660330;291464781;l>
- When you apply, select Young Professionals in the where did you hear about us section to get extra support in the process! £18,400 - £21,000 starting salary

Spotlight on retail careers For parents and all students**What does the retail sector look like in the UK?**

There's more to working in the retail industry than you might think. The sector offers a range of jobs and impressive graduate opportunities

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/retail>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/retail/retail-apprenticeships>

assistant buyer / assistant merchandiser / digital marketer/ retail manager/ retail team leader / senior sales assistant / style adviser / supply chain operative / travel consultant /vehicle salesperson.

Hear from an apprentice working in the retail sector, the forgotten key workers of the pandemic.

Watch here: <https://careermap.co.uk/video/apprenticeships-at-aldi/>

Virtual Work Experience Opportunities (VWEX)

Work experience coordinator - Miss Mitchelmore Email - careers@altrinchamcollege.com



Speakers for schools VWEX – age 14+ - **lots of different opportunities** with a wide range of companies – students will need to apply for specific work experience opportunities and then wait to see if they are accepted

Create an account here <https://www.s4snextgen.org/> - to view and be alerted to specific opportunities based on your interests **parental permission is required**

For example:

Green Skills in the Construction and Engineering Industry

- Dates: 6th -9th April 2021.
- Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds interested in the ‘green’ plans for the construction and engineering industry.
- **Application Deadline: 7^h March 2021**

East West Railway Company - Building a New Railway

- Dates: 6th -9th April 2021.
- Eligibility: 16 – 19 year olds interested in Technology, Engineering, Planning, Business Studies, Design and/or Customer Services
- **Application Deadline: 28^h February 2021**

Construction - Robertson

- Dates 1-3rd March
- Age 15+
- **Application Deadline: 12^h February 2021**

Insight day - [Green digital transformation project - technology](#)

- Date 7th April
- Year 10s
- **Application Deadline: 12^h March 2021**

Virtual Work Experience Opportunities (VWEX)

Marketing – all students 4 videos to watch about 50 minutes in total viewing time plus time needed to complete the activities – can be watched and paused to suit your timetable
<https://resources.careersandenterprise.co.uk/resources/my-week-work-wednesday>

Law – Kennedy’s Law firm – Y12/13 students

It will take about 5-6 hours in your own time at own pace – even over a number of weeks

Register here- <https://www.theforage.com/virtual-internships/prototype/4MkD3QfC96ybnpH4C/Kennedys-Virtual-Experience-Programme>



Springpod – lots of different sector work experience placements here – Search and apply here – **parental permission is required**
<https://www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes>

We already have a few students who have been successful in applying to these and secured a placement!

April Easter holidays virtual work experience:

Between the 6th and the 16th of April we’ll be running virtual work experience programmes in [engineering](#), [hospitality](#), [dentistry](#), [veterinary](#) and [more](#).

Virtual Work Experience Opportunities (VWEX)

Forensic science and fingerprints - Open University Course - Age 14+

About 10 of study to complete - <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/health-sports-psychology/health/forensic-science-and-fingerprints/content-section-0>

Biology related career / medicine

– Brighton and Sussex Medical School – Age 14+ – free VWEX modules

The content is delivered through presentations, videos, quizzes and interactivity activities.

You can take as few or as many hours as you like complete the course. No deadline! As a guide, it may take between 7-9 hours to complete. Awarded a certificate of completion.

Click here to make an account very easily and get started

<https://bsmsoutreach.thinkific.com/courses/VWE>

Social Work – Click here - [Interview with a Social Worker](#) Open University Course **all students**

Explore the role of a support worker. A real life Social worker talks about their job and role and what is involved in becoming a Social Worker.

Architecture – click here - [Halliday Fraser Munroe](#) - Year 10, 11 or 12 students

This is a real company, who are running a fantastic work experience programme online. You will complete 2 tasks including designing a house for a celebrity.

Considering a degree in veterinary medicine and science -

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/vet-school-application-support>

Journalism workshops – February half term <https://schoolofjournalism.co.uk/free-journalism-masterclasses/>

Virtual Work Experience / course opportunities (VWEX)

[Software engineering](#) - about 5 hours of study to complete **Age 14+**

The opportunity to explore what life is like as a JPMorgan Chase software engineer with our Software Engineering Virtual Internship. They work on solutions that include strategic technology initiatives, big data, mobile, electronic payments, machine learning, cybersecurity.

[KPMG](#) **Age 14+** Online program, you will get to complete similar work that our Graduates do at KPMG. You will learn what it is like working at one of the world's best data analytics team, and build skills required to excel as a analytics consultant.

Plumbing [Introduction to Plumbing](#)

Great way of gaining some basic Plumbing knowledge if you are considering a career in this industry.

Carpentry [Introduction to Carpentry](#)

If you are considering a career as a carpenter, then this course will introduce to the basic principles of structures and what is involved in being a carpenter.

Electrical trade [Introduction to the Electrical trade](#)

This online course will give you a free introduction to the electrical trade, electrical safety, and electrical theory.

Masonry [Introduction to Masonry](#)

This free online masonry course will teach you about essential masonry tasks, such as the spreading of mortar, furrowing, buttering, and bricklaying

Teaching –about 8 hours of study

[The World of the Primary School](#) Considering becoming a Primary Teacher? This will be a great introductory course about the profession.

Policing – about 4 hours of study

[Sure, I Know How to Talk to People](#) A great introduction to the Police Force using one of the most important skills, communication.

Hair & Beauty - [Eco Hair and Beauty](#)

The online 'salon' is for hairdressers and trainees to explore. By clicking on different areas of the salon you will learn about eco-friendly/sustainable techniques and products

Altrincham College Sixth form – planned live career events

- **Tuesday 9th Feb** – Year 12 – Virtual work experience day – Covea Insurance and Manchester Digital
- **Wednesday 10th Feb** - Apprenticeship Future Talent Programme – Y12 and Y13 students – 1pm
- **22nd Feb – 5th March** – Live Career talks between 1 and 2pm – look out for timetable
- **Early March** – Unifrog launch assembly



Virtual work experience day – Year 12's – Covea Insurance



A massive thank you to Manchester Digital and Covea Insurance – with their help we managed to run our own virtual work experience event with a digital focus.

Trafford College Virtual Open Event on Thursday 18th March from 4.30-7.30pm

Useful websites

<https://www.herts.ac.uk/about-us/school-and-college-liaison/getting-ready-for-university/gaining-experience-during-a-lockdown>

<https://www.altrinchamcollege.com/careers/websites>

[https://mcusercontent.com/f0c6997f9844e10f115781610/files/f7238149-2d2d-41c1-b6de-f53feb7956b5/Careers advice for parents useful links.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/f0c6997f9844e10f115781610/files/f7238149-2d2d-41c1-b6de-f53feb7956b5/Careers_advice_for_parents_useful_links.pdf)

Evidence of VWEX/courses

Please ensure you/they save the completion **certificate or a screenshot** of any work completed as evidence and send it to careers@altrinchamcollege.com

